

Washington State Domestic Extremism & Mass Violence Task Force – March 13, 2026
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<p>Concerned Citizen</p>	<p>To the members of this task force and the Washington public, I write to you today to inform you that one of your task force members is a domestic extremist, or at the very least openly associates with domestic extremists that seek to subvert the rule of law. That member is Walla Walla Sheriff Mark Crider. In 2024, Mr. Crider was invited to join the Claremont Institute’s Sheriffs Fellowship. I will provide several links to the work of the Claremont Institute that are publicly available. If Mr. Crider was the professional he so often boasts to be, he would have done his due diligence of looking into the Claremont Institute before partaking in an all-expenses-paid trip and education seminar. The Claremont Institute has been one of, if not the, leading think tanks of the ‘illiberal democracy’. The Claremont Institute was also a major player in the attempted law fare that sought to overturn the 2020 election results. Several senior fellows were involved with and supported the January 6th attack on the capitol to overturn a free and fair election for which they did not accept the result. Senior fellow, John Eastman, played a pivotal role in pressuring Vice President Mike Pence and state legislators to overturn the will of the people. Claremont president emeritus, Brian Kennedy, wrote on January 5 2021 via his personal Twitter that “...We are in a constitutional crisis and also in a revolutionary moment. We must embrace the spirit of the American Revolution to stop this communist revolution.” Along with support for one of the most consequential attacks on our democracy, Claremont has frequently favorably reviewed (through their Claremont Review of Books) and supported several works and people that are known violent extremists, such as Charles Haywood, as well as Nazis (Carl Schmidt) and Neo-Nazis (Raw Egg Nationalist). Raw Egg Nationalist publishes his drivel through the Neo-Nazi publishing house Antelope Hill, which has published countless English translations of fascist writings. The support for fascists is not new to the Claremont Institute. In 2019, Claremont awarded fellowship to the Neo-Nazi provocateur, Jack Posobiec. At the Conservative Political Action Conference of 2024, Posobiec gleefully declared from the stage “...welcome to the end of democracy. We are here to overthrow it completely. We didn’t get there all the way on January 6th, but we will endeavor to get rid of it and replace it with this right here.” as he held up a cross necklace. Jack Posobiec frequently celebrates “Franco Friday” on his social media pages, which is in admiration of the Spanish fascist dictator Fransisco Franco. With this new information, I urge the task force members and the public to watch the September 26th task force meeting in which the sheriff moans about how people have differing views on what extremism is. He then</p>
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	<p>equates the struggle for women’s bodily autonomy with the anti-abortion terror campaign, at its height in the 1990s and ongoing, of intimidation, property damage, and murder. My belief is that the sheriff fears a definition of domestic extremism that includes anti-democracy, racist, and xenophobic beliefs that CAN and DO lead to real world violence, beliefs which he openly associates with. By his statements, you could surmise that attempting to overthrow a free and fair election through the judiciary would not qualify as domestic extremism under the strict, personal definition the sheriff operates under. In conclusion, if these are SOME of the public associations the sheriff has and is paid to be a part of, I worry what lingers in the privacy of the sheriff’s mind. Any reasonable person would see that including the sheriff in further task force meetings would be a dereliction of their duty. I call on the powers that have the ability to remove task force members, to revoke Mr. Crider’s membership. Thank you Links: Mark’s Claremont page: https://www.claremont.org/alumni/sheriff-mark-crider/ Who is Claremont? https://www.vice.com/en/article/john-eastman-claremont-institute-supporting-jan-6-trumpism/ https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2024/mar/11/claremont-institute-society-for-american-civic-renewal-links https://x.com/briantkennedy1/status/1346605640945438720?s=46 Charles Haywood: https://www.theguardian.com/world/2023/aug/22/charles-haywood-claremont-institute-sacr-far-right Raw Egg Nationalist & Antelope Hill https://www.thebulwark.com/p/the-decay-at-the-claremont-institute-continues?amp= Claremont 2019 Fellows https://www.nationalreview.com/2019/07/claremont-would-make-its-founders-weep/ Sheriff Crider’s Comments Sept 26th 2025 Task Force Meeting [1:33:48] https://tvw.org/video/domestic-extremism-and-mass-violence-task-force-2025091040/</p>
Laurie Layne	Hi I believe our public would be served better being both seen and heard. And 2 constitutions both our state constitution and the US constitution mention not abridging freedom of speech. that is becoming a disturbing pattern lately that needs to cease!
Lisa Templeton, Informed Choice Washington	
Marc Lein	Every member involved in this would make the East German Stasi proud. American's not so much.