

# CSS Episode 8 Outline

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## Intro - 5 min

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## Main Headline Block - 15 min

*Segment devoted to the biggest news story of the day.*

# John McCain Dies

"He served his country. And not always right. Made a lot of mistakes. Made a lot of errors, but served his country. And I hope we could add honorably," McCain to [CNN](http://CNN) in 2017 on how he wanted to be remembered.

"My fellow Americans, whom I have gratefully served for sixty years, and especially my fellow Arizonans,

Thank you for the privilege of serving you and for the rewarding life that service in uniform and in public office has allowed me to

lead. I have tried to serve our country honorably. I have made mistakes, but I hope my love for America will be weighed favorably against them.

I have often observed that I am the luckiest person on earth. I feel that way even now as I prepare for the end of my life. I have loved my life, all of it. I have had experiences, adventures and friendships enough for ten satisfying lives, and I am so thankful. Like most people, I have regrets. But I would not trade a day of my life, in good or bad times, for the best day of anyone else's. I owe that satisfaction to the love of my family. No man ever had a more loving wife or children he was prouder of than I am of mine. And I owe it to America. To be connected to America's causes — liberty, equal justice, respect for the dignity of all people — brings happiness more sublime than life's fleeting pleasures. Our identities and sense of worth are not circumscribed but enlarged by serving good causes bigger than ourselves.

'Fellow Americans' — that association has meant more to me than any other. I lived and died a proud American. We are citizens of the world's greatest republic, a nation of ideals, not blood and soil. We are blessed and are a blessing to humanity when we uphold and advance those ideals at home and in the world. We have helped liberate more people from tyranny and poverty than ever before in history. We have acquired great wealth and power in the process.

We weaken our greatness when we confuse our patriotism with tribal rivalries that have sown resentment and hatred and violence in all the corners of the globe. We weaken it when we hide behind walls, rather than tear them down, when we doubt the power of our ideals, rather than trust them to be the great force for change they have always been.

We are three-hundred-and-twenty-five million opinionated, vociferous individuals. We argue and compete and sometimes even vilify each other in our raucous public debates. But we have always had so much more in common with each other than in disagreement. If only we remember that and give each other the benefit of the presumption that we all love our country we will get through these challenging times. We will come through them stronger than before. We always do.

Ten years ago, I had the privilege to concede defeat in the election for president. I want to end my farewell to you with the heartfelt faith in Americans that I felt so powerfully that evening. I feel it powerfully still.

Do not despair of our present difficulties but believe always in the promise and greatness of America, because nothing is inevitable here. Americans never quit. We never surrender. We never hide from history. We make history.  
Farewell, fellow Americans. God bless you, and God bless America"

The mourning of John McCain is more about the powerful in Washington mourning the way it used to be as much as it is about McCain. The tributes mostly contain a person imploring us to return to a time that is never coming back. Reagan and Tip getting a drink isn't returning. The government doing big things to help people isn't coming back. Their decisions to consolidate power, overspend and send troops overseas needlessly ensured it. Platitudes and hollow pronouncements of loyalty and service to the country have no effect on Americans anymore because we no longer believe in our government. We may root for our teams, but we don't actually believe they can fix anything. No matter how well-intentioned they may have been, squandering what made America great will be the legacy of the last 40 years-worth of politicians in Washington.

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# The Story: Jacksonville Landing Shooting

## What:

“A shooter opened fire at Jacksonville Landing, a marketplace and entertainment area in downtown Jacksonville, during a video game tournament there, police said. At least three people, including the shooter, were killed, and 11 others were injured.” - Vox

## Who:

Shooter- ~~David “Bread” Katz~~ “The shooter was a gamer who was competing in the tournament and lost.” -Inquisitr. The day before EA had a small blurb about him on Twitter in which they said, “He’s not here to make friends.” but they kinda made it sound like every gamer there was a tough guy.

Victims- Eli “Trueboy” Clayton and Taylor “SpotMePlzzz”

Robertson, both fellow gamers. Trueboy can be seen in the video I linked in the sources, the feed fades from him to the screen less than 1 second before you can hear the shots that kill him. The fade was not done for privacy; that’s just how the video went.

## When:

8/26/2018 “Around 1:30 pm, there were 911 calls reporting a shooting at the Chicago Pizza in Jacksonville Landing” -Vox

## Where:

“The shooting reportedly took place at the Chicago Pizza in Jacksonville Landing, next to the GLHF Game Bar, which was hosting a Madden NFL video game tournament at the time.” -Vox

**Why:**

There's a video that gained little attention where "Trueboy" can be seen yelling back and forth with someone at the end of the tournament day on 8/25. I cannot confirm that this is Katz he is yelling with, but if it is, there may have been a previous confrontation between the two. The Inquisitr article and eyewitnesses seem to offer little other explanation aside from the fact that he lost. I'm sure somebody will begin a psychological profile for him now, but that will not be complete by today's show.

**How:**

Jacksonville Landing's website states, under the Rules of Conduct / Section E. Violations of the Law / Part b. "Possession of a weapon, even if legally carried (except by law enforcement officers) is absolutely prohibited on Landing property" so it is a Gun-Free zone. Inquisitr does not cite any sources on this, but they also add "a number of professional gamers had complained about a lack of security at events, which were often crowded and chaotic."

The Twitter account for the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office states that it is "the official source of information for #TheLandingMassShooting" and said they are not planning on giving out any new info tonight, so what we have is what we got on the "how."

**Summary:**

The events are pretty well detailed above. The Jacksonville PD Twitter account told people to stay away as they briefly looked for a second shooter, but quickly found this was a single shooter. The initially reported 4 deaths, but 3 is the final count, a number

which includes the assailant, who killed himself.

**Policy Proposal:**

The calls for policy change are plentiful but vague as of now, I will detail the specifics under the 'arguments' section.

**Central Principle:**

The right to defend yourself/2nd Amendment.

**Prevailing Arguments****By those involved:**

Those involved have yet to go full "David Hogg" yet, but they are being debriefed and I haven't seen anything as of now. A few popular gamers tweeted that they were alive and made a few comments about what they saw, but nothing political yet, from what I can see.

**By Government entities:**

As of now, no entity has come out and made an argument yet.

**By the mob/social media:**

A pretty good angle here. Social media, unsurprisingly, has called for action and, as always, demonized "thoughts and prayers." But there's a very specific example this time of a guy who fell into that trap: "Tampa Rep. Sean Shaw, the Democratic front-runner for Attorney General, opted to go with the "thoughts and prayers" approach usually favored by Republicans."-Tampa Bay Times It looks to me like his Twitter was tame, but he almost immediately got called out for offering his "thoughts and prayers" (which is the equivalent of using a racial slur these days) and, within an hour, issues a retraction and clarification on his Twitter

account, which included saying, “thoughts and prayers alone will not solve this problem, only action will.”

You can find the social media mob on Twitter by searching for either #AnotherFLShooting or #GunshineState (the latter of which I find pretty creative).

### **By the media:**

While most media outlets know to wait before providing opinion, CNN (article linked in the show notes) couldn't resist. Technically, the piece is only highlighting opinions by other people and organizations, but they decided to give this media microphone to mostly left-leaning sources. Here's the ones they highlight-  
March For Our Lives- “We should not have to experience #AnotherFLShooting. We must #StopGunViolence.”

David Hogg who tweet Marco Rubio- ““How many mass shootings in your state will it take for you to do something?”

Gabrielle Giffords- “The nation once again looks to Florida with grief and heavy hearts. The massacre in Jacksonville is yet another devastating indictment of this country's inability to keep our kids safe.”

Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America- "This horrible news is a deadly reminder that we must do more to prevent gun violence in our communities."

### **By the right:**

“Dana Loesch, a NRA spokeswoman tweeted that shooting was a "horrible tragedy" and she blamed gun-free zones. "End gun free zones or have the security in place to keep people safe in them," her tweet said.” -CNN

### **By the left:**

Obviously there are a LOT of leftists commenting on this

shooting. But I've got an angle here you might get a laugh or a cry out of. The Tampa Bay Times, if you read the article, is CLEARLY a left-leaning publication, so they compiled a list of tweets from politicians urging change. But, if you look at the time stamp for these tweets, they are mostly urging change even before they had access to any details. We do not know, at this moment, if the gun illegally sold or modified. We do not know if Katz would have passed a background check yet. Yet these politicians are responding about actions they would have taken before the details had even been released.

-Gwen Graham, running for Governor (1 hour 18 minutes after the shooting began): "I am tired of hearing 'when is enough going to be enough.' I am tired of hearing 'thoughts and prayers' from those who do nothing. We need to end these mass shootings — and the only way to do that is to vote out the politicians complicit in this cycle of death."

-Chris King, running for Governor (1 hour 29 minutes after the shooting began): "There's been a terrible tragedy in Jacksonville. We have to keep fighting for a future free of gun violence, whether it's mass shootings or the everyday gun violence that doesn't make the front pages. Not one more."

-Philip Levine, running for Governor (1 hour 45 minutes after the shooting began): "Twitter doesn't allow me to voice my feelings fully on this tragedy. I am horrified and I am furious. The shootings are too many to count—in our schools, neighborhoods and nightclubs. Too many lives are destroyed, while leaders take no action. It's time for new leaders."

-Jeff Greene, running for Governor (2 hours 19 minutes after the shooting began): "No more. These are our kids. Our friends. Our neighbors. We MUST stand up to the [@NRA](#), & the politicians whose negligence has led to lives being lost."

-Nikki Fried, running for Commissioner of Agriculture (2 hours 31



minutes after the shooting began): “I used to work across the street from scene of today’s Jacksonville shooting- this truly hits home. Inaction is no longer acceptable. Republicans have been asleep at their jobs and it’s costing lives. Background checks need to be performed on every sale in Florida.”

-Bob Buckhorn, running for Mayor of Tampa Bay (1 hour 23 minutes after the shooting began) “We must act immediately enact common sense gun safety measures, condolences are not enough.”

-Janet Cruz, running for state Senate (1 hour 30 minutes after the shooting began): “Today we are grieving again at the violence of another mass shooting in Jacksonville. The time is now for common sense gun safety reforms to prevent more of these tragedies.”

### **By various libertarians:**

This is breaking news, so there’s not really anything I’ve heard specifically. But the usual libertarian talking point here is extremely effective. Law enforcement could not possibly react before the damage had been done. In the audio, the gunshots start at 15 seconds in and go until 32 seconds in. No agency is prepared to respond that quickly. Any good guy with a gun there could have easily stopped the barrage during that 17 second gap. All of the good guys here, sadly, were all following the law. This may sound cold, but only difference between the low death total here and the high death total in the Pulse nightclub shooting is that this guy only had one gun and only cared to kill a few people. Had he decided, as the Pulse shooter did, to kill more people, nobody could have stopped him.

We are NOT preaching inaction or the status quo as Libertarians. We have ideas that involve hiring veterans, armed security,

personal training, and those ideas are not being practiced currently. If anything, Democrats have tried it their way in many places to the tune of abysmal failure and Republicans have kept us in the same place with equal disastrous results. The Libertarian solution is one that is the opposite of the status quo.

### **Historical arguments:**

We're not other countries. Their gun free zones are more effective because they have never had guns go public in their country. The cat's out of the bag for guns here in America. It takes little to no effort to smuggle a gun into places like Chicago, which, even this very weekend, had 23 people get shot (see the Chicago Sun-Times article linked at the end). Chicago has enacted many of the reforms these politicians promote, and yet they struggle with gun violence.

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## Uncovered News - 10 Min

*Segment devoted to minor headlines.*

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**Macron Says Europe Can No Longer Count on U.S.**

<https://politicalwire.com/2018/08/27/macron-says-europe-can-no-longer-count-on-u-s/>

French President Emmanuel Macron said “that he would put forward new proposals for the European Union to boost its security, saying the bloc must stop depending on American might,” AFP reports.

Said Macron: “Europe can no longer rely on the United States for its security. It is up to us to guarantee European security.”

### **Democrats strip superdelegates of power, reform caucuses**

<https://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/democrats-vs-trump/democrats-strip-super-delegates-power-reform-caucuses-historic-move-n903866>

“The Democratic National Committee voted Saturday to significantly curtail the power of superdelegates and make presidential caucuses more accessible, overcoming objections from a vocal minority of its membership. The reform package, pushed by DNC Chairman Tom Perez and allies of Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, among others, passed overwhelmingly by voice vote at the DNC’s summer meeting here — two years after the process started. Perez and others hailed the outcome as momentous, saying the reforms will help welcome new people into the party by reassuring them that their vote will never be overruled by the party leaders who can vote for whomever they want for the presidential nomination. ... The change will prohibit superdelegates from voting for president at the party’s 2020 convention, unless the outcome is already assured or it deadlocks, which hasn’t happened in decades. The vast majority of superdelegates sided with Hillary Clinton over Sanders in their primary fight two years ago.” (08/25/18)

### **Republicans Secretly Prepare for Their Coming Hell**

<https://politicalwire.com/2018/08/26/republicans-secretly-prepare-for-their-coming-hell/>

Jonathan Swan: “Congressional Republicans are getting ready for hell. Axios has obtained a spreadsheet that’s circulated through Republican circles on and off Capitol Hill — including at least one leadership office — that meticulously previews the investigations Democrats will likely launch if they flip the House.”

“Publicly, House Republicans are putting on a brave face about the midterms. But privately, they are scrambling to prepare for the worst. This document, which catalogs requests Democrats have already made, is part of that effort.”

“The spreadsheet — which I’m told originated in a senior House Republican office — catalogs more than 100 formal requests from House Democrats this Congress, spanning nearly every committee... These demands would turn the Trump White House into a 24/7 legal defense operation.”

**John McCain’s former Vietnamese jailer gives him the heartfelt tribute that Trump has refused to offer**

<https://www.rawstory.com/2018/08/john-mccains-former-vietcong-jailer-gives-heartfelt-tribute-trump-refused-offer/>

Via the Daily Beast, Vietnam News spoke with Colonel Trần Trọng Duyệt, the man who ran the Hỏa Lò Prison where McCain was held.

In addition to praising McCain for his bravery and toughness as a soldier, Duyệt also gave credit to McCain for working to normalize relations between the United States and Vietnam after America’s eventual defeat in the war.

“At that time I liked him personally for his toughness and strong stance,” he said. “Later on, when he became a US Senator, he and Senator John Kerry greatly contributed to promote Vietnam-U.S. relations so I was very fond of him. When I learnt about his death early this morning, I feel very sad. I would like to send

condolences to his family. I think it's the same feeling for all Vietnamese people as he has greatly contributed to the development of Vietnam-U.S. relations."

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what you say, but you seem honest and willing to call libertarians on our bullshit. It isn't irregular for Libertarian commentators to have one or both of these characteristics, but I enjoy seeing them from someone who I would say is genuinely a "media personality" and not a would-be philosopher or economist. I hope that descriptor is fair and not off-putting in any way. I hope to continue to hear from you on a daily basis with news updates and that you know your work is appreciated.

Best Regards,

Shane Owens

**Thanks for joining us, and we will see you tomorrow.**