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Tensions rise in U.S. cities after police shot; Trump pushes crackdown

WASHINGTON/NEW YORK (Reuters) - President Donald Trump on Tuesday taunted state governors for not embracing his proposal to send in the U.S. military to quell unrest, hours after five officers were shot and wounded in an escalation of tensions between law enforcement and crowds protesting the killing of a black man in po- lice custody.

Demonstrators smashed windows and looted stores in New York City late on Monday, including luxury retailers on Fifth Avenue, and set fire to a Los Angeles strip mall. Four officers were shot and wounded in St. Louis and one in Las Vegas who was critically wounded, authorities said.

Trump has threatened to use the military to crack down on the unrest, now in a second week, and has derided local authorities, including U.S. governors, for their response to the violent protests.

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"New York was lost to the looters, thugs, Radical Left, and all others forms of Lowlife & Scum. The Governor refuses to accept my offer of a dominating National Guard. NYC was ripped to pieces," tweeted Trump, a Republican, in a reference to New York Democratic Governor Andrew Cuomo.

Trump has provided no evidence that leftists are behind the violence that has engulfed U.S. cities.

Cuomo said he was outraged by the violence and looting in New York City on Monday, and that the city's mayor and police force "did not do their job last night." He said he believed Mayor Bill de Blasio underestimated the scope of the problem.

The governor said he had offered the state's mayors support from state police or 13,000 National Guard who are on standby and said that with a 38,000-strong police force, New York City should be able to address its unrest on its own. He said the president sought to blur the line between protesters with a legitimate cause and looters.

De Blasio poured cold water on the idea of bringing the National Guard to America's largest city. He said when forces not trained to handle New York City crowds intervene, "still with loaded weapons and under stress, horrible things happen."

The head of the National Guard, General Joseph Lengyel, said violence had decreased across the United States on Monday night, even as protest activity was sustained or increased. He said no Guard members were injured overnight.

Lengyel said 18,000 Guard members were assisting local law enforcement in 29 states, a figure that was increasing.

The violent U.S. protests were triggered by the death of George Floyd, a 46-year-old African American who died after a white policeman pinned his neck under a knee for nearly nine minutes in Minneapolis on May 25.

Derek Chauvin, the 44-year-old Minneapolis police officer who planted his knee on Floyd's neck, has been charged with third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter. Three other officers involved have not been charged.

Floyd's death has reignited the explosive issue of excessive police force, especially against African Americans, and raised tensions on the front lines where officers have faced off against sometimes hostile crowds.

Four officers in St. Louis were shot late on Monday and taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. An emotional St. Louis police commissioner, John Hayden, said about 200 protesters were looting and hurling fireworks and rocks at officers.

"They had officers with gas poured on them. What is going on? How can this be? Mr Floyd was killed somewhere else and they are tearing up cities all across the country," he told reporters.

A police officer was shot during protests in Las Vegas, police there said in a statement. Officers were injured in clashes elsewhere, including one who was in critical condition after being hit by a car in the Bronx, police said.

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The People's Cry Of Pain

The body of George Floyd will be flown back to his hometown of Houston, Texas. His funeral will be held next week on June 8. The pain of all people is still spread around the whole nation. This afternoon Houston will host another demonstration downtown. The police are advising businesses to close their stores to avoid any possible unrest.

President Trump walked to St. John's Church in Washington DC this morning holding a Bible for a photo op. He also suggested that, "If the cities or states refuse to take the actions that are necessary to defend the life and property of their residences, then I will deploy the United States military and quickly solve the problem for them."

In the past week, at least 40 cities imposed curfews and members of the National Guard have been activated in at least 23 states and Washington DC. Atlanta Mayor Keisha Bottoms said she feels helpless and angry.

Today, the United States of America is really facing the biggest challenge in the modern time. We already have lost more than one hundred thousand lives in the coronavirus pandemic and forty million people have lost their jobs. Most of them are working class people, especially African and minority groups. This is such a sad time. All of the state and community leaders need to work together to rescue our nation.

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Trump Says He May Use The Insurrection Act To Quell Protests

President Donald Trump walks from the White House through Lafayette Park to visit St. John's Church in Washington DC.

Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor

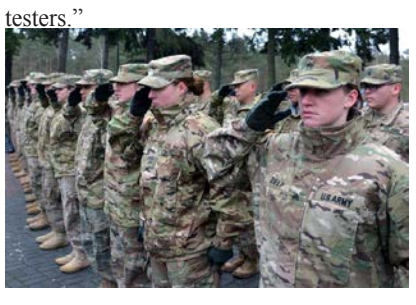
WASHINGTON — As sirens wailed and flash-bang grenades popped across the street, President Donald Trump announced from the Rose Garden that he would use the U.S. military to stop the riots across the country that have been sparked by the death of George Floyd.

"I am mobilizing all available federal resources, civilian and military, to stop the rioting and looting, to end the destruction and arson and to protect the rights of law-abiding Americans, including your Second Amendment rights," Trump said in the extraordinary address, which was delivered as police fired smoke devices outside to push protesters back from the White House.

"We are ending the riots and lawlessness that has spread throughout our country. We will end it now," Trump said.

Trump said that governors should deploy the National Guard in great numbers so that they "dominate the streets."

"If a city or state refuses to take the actions necessary to defend the life and property of their residents, then I will deploy the United States military and quickly solve the problem for them," Trump said, referring to himself as "your president of law and order and an ally of all peaceful protesters."



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The Insurrection Act of 1807

The Insurrection Act of 1807 is a United States federal law (10 U.S.C. §§ 251–255; prior to 2016, 10 U.S.C. §§ 331–335) that empowers the president of the United States to deploy military troops within the United States in particular circumstances, such as to suppress civil disorder, insurrection and rebellion.

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The act provides the "major exception" to the Posse Comitatus Act, which otherwise limits the use of the U.S. military for law enforcement within the United States.[1]

Purpose and content

The Act empowers the U.S. president to call into service the armed forces and the National Guard:

• when requested by a state's legislature, or governor if the legislature cannot be convened, to address an insurrection against that state (§ 251),

• to address an insurrection, in any state, which makes it impracticable to enforce the law (§ 252), or

• to address an insurrection, domestic violence, unlawful combination or conspiracy, in any state, which results in the deprivation of Constitutionally-secured rights, and where the state is unable, fails, or refuses to protect said rights

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He said he was already dispatching "thousands and thousands of heavily armed soldiers, military personnel and law enforcement officers" to Washington to stop the violence that has been a feature of the protests here.

Shortly before he started to speak — about 20 minutes before Washington's 7 p.m. ET curfew — U.S. Park Police and the National Guard had started using smoke and flash-bangs to push away the large crowd of peaceful protesters outside. D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser complained on Twitter that the move would "make the job of @DCPoliceDept officers more difficult."

It soon became clear why the authorities had forcibly cleared Lafayette Square and its surrounding streets of peaceful protesters. Concluding his remarks, Trump said he was going to "pay my respects to a very, very special place." Then, surrounded by many of his West Wing aides, he walked across the street that had been cleared in order to stand outside St. John's Episcopal Church, which suffered fire damage in protests Sunday night.

Trump says he will deploy military if state officials can't contain protest violence.

The president said he was an "ally of all peaceful protesters" as police and the National Guard forced protesters away from the White House.As protests sparked by the death of George Floyd entered their seventh night, President Trump made a Rose Garden address Monday in which he vowed to end "the riots and lawlessness" and said he would deploy the U.S. military to states if they can't manage it on their own. That could be accomplished with a centuries-old law called the Insurrection Act.

The Act was last used to suppress the 1992 Los Angeles riots, which took place after the acquittal of four white police officers in the savage beating of Rodney King, a black man, that was caught on video.

Governors have the ability to ask the federal government to send in troops to assist with squashing civil unrest, NBC News reported, but none have done so, opting instead to rely on local law enforcement and National Guard troops (which are Army and Air Force reserves).

A section of the act states that a president can deploy troops without a direct request in cases of rebellion or "unlawful assemblages" that make it impractical to enforce the law in a normal fashion.

Another law that works in tandem with the Insurrection Act, called the Posse Comitatus Act of 1878, prohibits active-duty troops from being deployed to U.S. states for routine use as police forces.

Trump held up a Bible outside the church, posed for pictures and then returned to the White House. He did not go in the church or express any religious sentiments there.

In order to deploy troops without a gover nor's go-ahead, Trump would have to issue a proclamation ordering "insurgents" to disperse and go home within a limited timeframe, according to NBC.

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New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo told CNN that he would say "thanks, but no thanks" to the federal government's offer to send in troops, while Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker told the network, "I reject the notion that the federal government can send troops into the state of Illinois."

KEY BACKGROUND

Other previous uses of the Insurrection Act occurred during the 1968 riots sparked by the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., and to protect the Little Rock Nine in 1957. In an earlier press briefing with reporters Monday, White House Press Secretary Kayleigh McEnany left open the possibility of Trump invoking the Act, saying "it's one of the tools available, whether the president decides to pursue that, that's his prerogative." Trump's Rose Garden address took place while protesters were being cleared by military police with tear gas and flash-bangs from the vicinity of nearby St. John's Church, church where presidents attend services. After his address, Trump, along with an entourage that included Attorney General William Barr, McEnany and daughter Ivanka Trump, walked outside the White House gates and across Lafayette Park to visit St. John's. Once there, he posed for pictures outside holding up a Bible, and departed shortly thereafter. (Courtesy https://www.forbes.com/)

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Editor's Choice

Officers kneel with protesters during a protest against the death of George Floyd, in Atlanta, Georgia. REUTERS/Dustin Chambers

Terrence Floyd, the brother of George Floyd, reacts at a makeshift memorial honoring his brother at the spot where he was taken into custody, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. REUTERS/Lucas Jackson

A member of the Popular Mobilization Forces, who volunteered to work in a cemetery, wears a protective suit as he burns clothes they used for burial, near the new Wadi Al-Salam cemetery, dedicated to those who died of the coronavirus

Riot police chase a man as they rush protesters to clear Lafayette Park and the area around it across from the White House for President Trump to be able to walk through for a photo opportunity in front of St. John's Episcopal Church, near the White House. REUTERS/Ken Cedeno

Mannequins placed between tables to make customers sit according to social distancing rules in a bar that reopened in Istanbul, Turkey. REUTERS/Umit Bektas

A brick thrown by a demonstrator hits a sheriff van during a protest against the death of George Floyd, in St Louis, Missouri REUTERS/Lawrence Bryant

A man walks past a damaged window display of a business during nationwide unrest following the death of George Floyd, in Atlanta. REUTERS/Shannon Stapleton

President Trump walks past graffiti during a to visit St. John's Episcopal Church across from the White House. REUTERS/Tom Brenner

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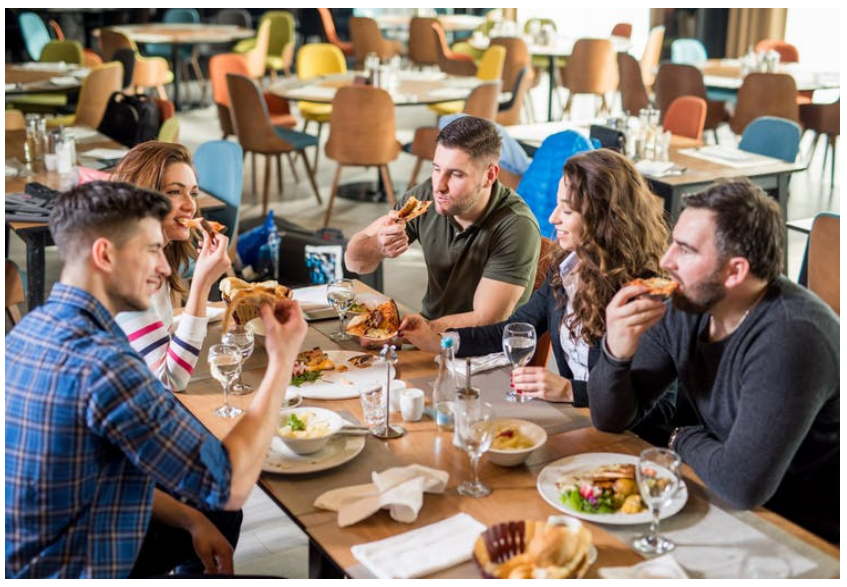
As States Gradually Reopen, The U.S. Economy Is Showing Signs Of Life After One Of The Most Significant Downturns In History

Recent Economic Trends Could Signal A Potential Recovery



People congregate outside a restaurant in the upper east side during the coronavirus pandemic on May 2, 2020 in New York City. (Photo/Getty Images)

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Though the U.S. economy suffered a significant downturn amid the coronavirus pandemic, recent data across multiple business sectors indicates that things are beginning to look a little bit brighter. As states gradually reopen, the U.S. economy is showing signs of life after one of the most significant downturns in history. Though many restrictions remain in place across the country, Americans are gaining a greater sense of normalcy as they venture out to restaurants, increase travel and buy new homes.

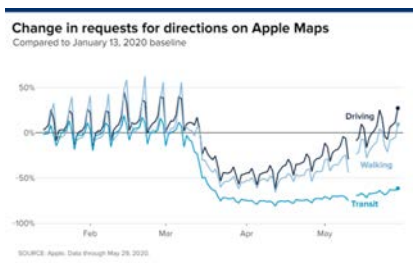
As states move forward in their reopening progress, more Americans are traveling, buying homes and eating out at restaurants, indicating that some of the hardest-hit industries are starting to revive.

With consumers returning to familiar routines, it could be a sign that the economy is beginning to recover from the outbreak's devastating impact.

The charts below track five key indicators that signal a growing revival of the economy as consumers resume familiar routines and move forward from lockdown measures and business closures.

Americans are starting to drive and walk again, though transit use is lagging

As states began to ease travel restrictions, data shows an increase in requests for walking and driving directions. With retailers, beaches, parks and other places reopening, travelers have had more places to visit these past few weeks. However, requests for transit directions still remain at less than half of their previous levels. As employees continue to work from home and travelers remain fearful of catching the virus in crowded subway cars, buses and trains, public transportation may not be an ideal option yet for many commuters.



Diners are returning to restaurants

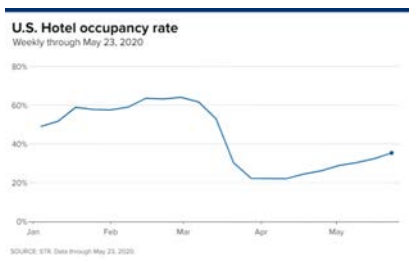
The restaurant industry was hit hard by the coronavirus as most states restricted their business to takeout, delivery and curbside pickup. Data from the OpenTable network shows that restaurant bookings plummeted as these regulations were put in place, and were down 100% in the last weeks of March and most of April when compared to last year.

However, several states have allowed restaurants to reopen dining and there was a recent uptick in bookings in May, indicating that the worst of the pandemic could be over for the food service industry. These restaurants are often required to operate under new health guidelines such as capacity limitations and having to space tables six feet apart.

Hotel occupancy rates are coming back

The pandemic dealt a serious blow to the hotel industry and the broader travel sector, as restrictions were put in place both within the U.S. and abroad. During the initial stages of the outbreak, global hospitality research company STR reported that the occupancy rate for U.S. hotels was at just over 20% in April, a steep drop from their more than 60% occupancy in February. The pandemic also prompted major hotel chains and resorts to temporarily close properties as travelers put their plans on hold.

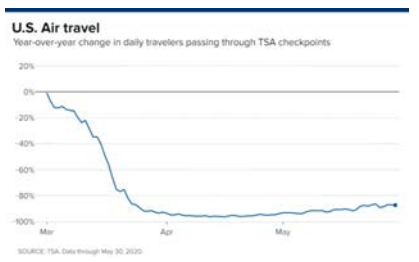
However, occupancy rates began to increase in April and May as people resumed travel for business and leisure, and more hotels reopened. To help keep guests safe, major hotels have enhanced their cleaning procedures and put new health protocol in place, such as requiring employees to wear masks and putting plexiglass barriers at the front desk.



Air travel is picking up, but still down significantly

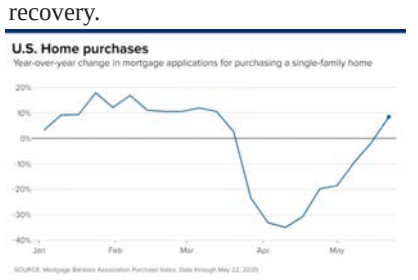
With airlines clamoring for government bailouts to stay afloat, the air travel industry has been one of the most visible parts of the economy impacted by the coronavirus. The daily number of travelers passing through Transportation Security Administration checkpoints fell almost 100% year-over-year in March and April and has picked up only slightly in May, according to data from TSA screenings.

However, as travel has increased, airlines have had to adjust booking policies in order to ease customers' fears of contracting the coronavirus. Companies like American Airlines and United Airlines are alerting passengers when planes are full and are making it easier for them to switch flights.



Home purchases are up vs. last year

As coronavirus-related restrictions ease, potential homebuyers have been able to tour open houses and resume their search for a new home. Though the singly-family home mortgage purchase index saw a more than 30% drop in April when compared to last year, it has since reversed its course, according to data from the Mortgage Bankers Association. The index is now up almost 10% compared to the same period last year, indicating that the home purchase market could be on its way to a quick recovery.



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美南新聞追蹤報導：專家釋疑：佛洛伊德屍檢報告羅生門，是否能呈堂證供？

【美南新聞記者蕭永群報導】美國明州警察跪殺黑人案鬧得滿城風雨，最近的兩份屍檢報告對死因描述說法不一，本台獨家專訪到華府刑事辯護權威律師程紹銘，對此次案情進行深度分析.

兩份驗屍報告各說各話

官方法醫認為被害者的死因是因外力壓制、疑似觸發心臟病而「心肺停止」；然而家屬委任的調查機構、由紐約市前首席法醫巴登(Michael Baden)所領軍的獨立驗屍報告指出，卻指出佛洛伊德是因頸部、背部與腹腔分別受到多重強壓，先「窒息死亡」才導致心肺停止．兩種說法矛盾不一，到底哪方該被採用？

肇事警方被控叁級謀殺，下周出庭情勢預估

程紹銘也分享聯邦刑事司法審判的程序，下周的第一次出庭時間很短，將針對指控罪名、權利、取保、律師指派事宜進行說明．此外，還會確定下次預審的時間．程紹銘指出，這名白人警方很有可能可以取保，而通常謀殺罪名的的保金落在50萬至200萬不等.

談屍檢報告的法律效力

程紹銘指出，在美國的刑事司法制度中，如果要把屍檢報告變成證據，則必須要有專家證人，通常情況下是驗屍官要出庭作證．每個驗屍官需要向法院提交資質證明，以及作出屍檢結論的依據.

在美國法律中，屍檢報告屬于傳來證據，每個專家可以根據自己的分析判斷做出結論，結論也不一定要一致，不同的專家證人可以得出完全不同的結論，這在美國的司法體系裏是允許的.

此外，屍檢報告只是整個刑事證據鏈中的一環，會和其他證據結合起來考慮．比如網上瘋傳的錄像、和被擡上救護車以後的脈搏的記錄，這些事實都可能被采納爲證據，屍檢報告則需要與其他證據相結合，然後由陪審團推斷他死亡的最終原因.

所以，屍檢報告只是其中一個證據，並不一定會起決定性的作用．陪審團會根據屍檢報告和其他相應的證據，來最終確定弗洛伊德的死因.

所謂「高一等」的執法手段

程紹銘指出，據悉明州已經因為「勒脖」手段導致44人昏厥，可以看的出來這是明州警方慣用的手法．根據明州執法守則，有一條「高一等」的執法守則，也就是當嫌犯拒絕、反抗警方命令，警方有權使用「高一等」的暴力來對其進行制伏.

然而，這個案子存在叁點問題：第一，對佛洛伊德的壓制時間時間過長．第二，是由叁個警方壓制一個人，明顯作法過度．第叁，佛洛伊德上了救護車時已經死亡．因此總歸而言，警方使用的方法屬於明顯的執法過當.

美國警察執法過當，已成系統性問題，如何因應？

有鑒於此次佛洛伊德案，程紹銘分析，美國警察執法過當的問題．若當民眾遇到了警方不當執法的情況，程紹銘也為我們提出了叁點應對策略.

他表示雖然警察在執法過程中自己違法的情況並不多，而且大部分警察都會秉公執法，但是民眾還是需要有足夠多的自我保護的意識．第一，千萬不要跟警察發生直接沖突．如果被警察攔截，馬上打電話給家人和律師，電話不要挂斷，並且可以放在一個隱藏的地方，或者把電話的錄音功能打開，盡可能保留你和警察交流的證據．他以此次佛洛伊德案為例，事發當時的錄像就很有利地替受害者發生.

第二，一定要遵從警察的指令，不要跟警察爭執，更不能在任何情況下「觸摸」警察．在弗吉尼亞州和其他很多州，襲擊警察是刑事重罪．一個女生和男朋友吵架，警察試圖把他們分開，女孩踢了警察一腳，女孩隨即被抓到監獄，並被判刑坐牢叁個月.

第叁，好漢不吃眼前虧，如果你發覺警察在執法當中有違法的行爲，你唯一需要做的是保留證據，千萬不要以任何方式「激怒」警察．人都是有情緒的，千萬不要讓你自己成爲警察發泄不滿情緒的對象．他也指出，此次白人警察跪殺黑人的行爲，已經遠遠超出了正當執法的範圍，嚴重侵害了黑人的個人權利，他應該會爲黑人死亡承擔相應的法律責任.

威懾抗議新招 軍用直升機華府低飛

（綜合報導）明尼亞波利斯白人警察執法過當，以膝蓋大力壓頸，導致46歲非裔男子死亡，引發全美各地示威抗議不斷。爲了平息暴力示威，美國總統川普已下令，不惜動用軍隊。

據《動力》（The Drive）網2日報導，如今在華盛頓特區上空，可以看到軍用直升機飛得極低，似乎在秀拳頭，迫使抗議者退散。分析指出，軍方用這種方式威懾民衆，顯然是種新戰術。

美國陸軍UH–72拉科塔式（Lakota）直升機，還有UH–60「黑鷹」（Black Hawk）直升機都以極低的方式盤旋。其中部份直升機甚至就在抗議群衆頭上，刮起陣陣強風，加上震耳欲聾的螺旋槳和發動機轉動聲，以迫使他們離開。

然而，領有直升機飛行執照的鄧格勒（Steven Dengler）說，起碼就美國聯邦航空總署（Federal Aviation Administration，FAA）的規範而言，這麼做是違法的。此外，這樣做也異常危險。萬一直升機出了問題，就會掉落群衆間，而殘骸碎片也會四射，讓他們幾乎沒有機會逃命。分析指出，直升機飛得這麼低，其實已經無法發揮偵察價值。

有目擊者說，若不是身歷其境，絕對想不到美國會出現這種場景。不過，分析指出，要說這種行動是史無前例的，那還眞是輕描淡寫了。

顯然這秀武力的戰術並不僅限於華府，網路上出現的錄影顯示，紐約警察局的貝爾（Bell）429型直升機也在曼哈頓（Manhattan）以同樣的手法對付抗議者。美軍參謀首長聯席會議（JCS）主席米利（Mark Milley）拖著疲累身軀，不斷在華府四處觀察，評估增兵的狀況。

美愈亂愈好？川普幕僚曝 關鍵選民將歸隊

（綜合報導）非裔男子遭白人警察壓頸喪命，引爆全美各地示威抗議，正當川普宣布動用軍隊終結暴力示威之際，匿名幕僚透露，大規模動盪反而有助於川普選情，幫助他吸引女性選民。

明尼蘇達州非裔男子佛洛伊德（George Floyd）遭白人警察蕭文（Derek Chauvin）以膝蓋壓頸後喪命，全美各地示威抗議步入第7天，多個城市爆發警民衝突，部分民衆在宵禁命令實施後仍不願散去。美國總統川普昨（1）日發表電視演說時自稱是「法律與秩序的總統」，揚言會動用成千上萬軍力終結暴力示威。

《紐約時報》（New York Times）報導，針對各地衝突不斷，川普核心圈認爲，衝突升級有助於川普選情，就像1968年民權鬥士金恩博士（Martin Luther King Jr.）遇刺引爆全美動盪，當年尼克森（Richard Nixon）就高舉「法律與秩序」口號贏得美國總統大選。

匿名川普幕僚透露核心圈的私下對話，指出全美各地大規模破壞的景象，能夠幫助彰顯川普2016年選戰中就拋出的「法律與秩序」（law–and–order）口號。他們預期，這個口號對年長女性特別有吸引力，正好川普在新冠肺炎疫情中失去了不少年長選票。

不過《紐約時報》認爲，實際情況恐不如幕僚群樂觀，尤其尼克森當年是作爲卸任總統再參選，川普則是現任總統，加上另一部分幕僚認爲，上周他在推特放話「有劫掠就開槍」，讓民衆更加反感，目前還無法確定川普是否能利用此次全美動盪，改善和郊區婦女選民及獨立選民之間的關係。

美國駐北京大使館正式公告：暫停陸生與研究員入境

（綜合報導）美國駐北京大使館的網站公布，將暫時禁止中國大陸的非移民學生與研究人員進入美國，理由是國家安全。禁令由美國總統川普直接下達。

公告稱，中華人民共和國爲獲取美國的敏感技術與知識產權，動用了各種資源，已造成美國經濟與安全保障的威脅...其中一種手段就是利用留學生來蒐集資料，比如研究生和博士後研究人員。鑑於以上情況，川普認定大陸國民持F簽證(留學簽證)或J簽證(交流訪問學者簽證)入境美國，在美國從事學習或研究，會對美國的利益造成傷害。

主要的禁止對象是「接受中華人民共和國“軍民融合戰略”的相關留學生與研究生」，另一則以國務卿龐佩奧爲名義的公告表示「我們關注的是中國共產黨及某些特定人員的惡意行爲，不是中國(大陸)人民....排除的留學生在申請赴美簽證的中國(大陸)學生和研究人員中，只佔一小部分。」

言下之意似乎是，與敏感科技無關、沒有與大陸軍方合作的大陸留學生，仍可以取得入境資格。

禁令公告時間在美國東部夏令時間2020年6月1日下午12時生效。

美國憲兵前往陳抗區 參議員主張派實戰部隊

（綜合報導）五角大樓已下令北卡羅來納州布拉格堡(Fort Bragg)的憲兵大隊，部署到華盛頓特區，作爲防衛該市更多暴力示威活動的預備力量。

美國有線電視新聞網（CNN）首先報導布拉格堡的200~250 憲兵已前往華府，之後五角大廈一位官員向軍事網(Military.com)確認此事，並表示這是國會議員的要求，而憲兵來自第18空降軍。

在喬治‧佛洛伊德(George Floyd)不幸被警察過度壓制而致死後，美國許多城市都發動暴亂，抗議警察的示威者，與主要城市的執法單位(也就是警察)發生衝突，到了周末，各州已派出數千名國民警衛隊。

美國國防部長艾斯培（Mark Esper）和參謀長聯席會議主席米爾利上將（Mark Milley）在週一與美國總統川普（Donald Trump）會晤，並與州長們進行電話會談。據媒體報導，在電話會議中，川普敦促州長們必須對示威者「施加更大的壓力」。

川普稱抗議者是一群「無政府主義者」，應該逮捕並審判他們。他還告訴州長們，「你們大多數人都太過軟弱了。」

川普說：「他們會把你弄死，你會看起來會像個混蛋。」

艾斯培補充說：「我們必須要主導戰場。」

川普周一的推特，表示支持共和黨參議員科頓（Tom Cotton）的建議，科頓主張派出現役正規戰鬥部隊，例如第101空降師、第10山地師、第82空降師、第1騎兵師和第3步兵師，都是美軍最精銳的王牌部隊。

不過與此同時，國民警衛隊局長倫吉爾將軍(Joseph L. Lengyel)談話沒那麼激進，他表示「我們是爲了保護生命、財產，維護和平、秩序和公共安全。」

《長相守》展現女性力量另壹面

由於小彤、關智斌、毛曉慧、楷旋領銜主演的勵誌傳奇劇集《長相守》正在優酷、愛奇藝、騰訊視頻熱播。《長相守》改編自海飄雪所著的知名網絡小說《木槿花西月錦繡》，並請到了黃覺、林雨申、徐少強、米雪、黃海冰、杜寧林等實力派演員擔任配角。強大的陣容讓該劇自定檔以來就頗受關註。

與很多傳統的女性題材劇集不同，《長相守》在聚焦女性角色的情感關系之外，更是將視角延伸到女性自身的能力智慧，勇氣與成長。《長相守》劇中的女性角色，尤其女主角花木槿身上則展現了以往常被忽略的女性力量的另壹面。花木槿憑借個人能力與智慧贏得了大家的認可，又用寬容和大愛化解了亂世恩怨，成長為“六子之心”、團隊的領導者。

獨立頑強，靠能力贏得認可

《長相守》講述了千余年前，花木槿（毛曉慧飾）與孿生妹妹花錦繡（楷旋飾）家族遭遇滅門成為孤兒，卻壹直對未來心存向往，憑借父親傳授的智慧與自身的勇氣沖破命運的陰霾，並結識宋明磊、姚碧瑩、於飛燕等有誌少年，結成“小五義”，在群雄逐鹿的亂世中留下壹筆濃墨重彩的傳奇故事。

劇中，花木槿是“二聖”之壹花斌的女兒，原本從小與父母、妹妹以及族人生活在世外桃源壹般的花家塢，無憂無慮。當朝宰相竇英華覬覦花斌所擁有的兩大奇書——《商訓》《將苑》，想要占為己有，於是派兵屠戮花家塢。花斌身死，花木槿和妹妹隨母親流亡，隨後成了孤兒，不得不進入竇家的對頭原家，當下人以求生存。然而，不論是在流亡途中還是在原府的底層生活，花木槿都表現出了獨立頑強的品質，逆境中每每依靠自己的努力和能力贏得生存和發展和機會。

逃亡途中，母親丟失了錢袋，只能將父親送的發簪典當了為孩子們換取口糧。花木槿發現後，巧用狼毫筆換雨傘，而後在天降大雨之際高價賣出雨傘，替母親贖回發簪。小小年紀卻擁有靈活的商業頭腦，讓原府的女將軍刮目相看；“小五義”長大後原府給他們分配崗位，能力最出眾的花木槿被分到最辛苦也最沒地位的雜役房，還受到雜役房壹眾大媽的嘲笑打壓。夥伴們都為之不平，她卻沒有怨天尤人，反而用自己擅長的“魯班術”發明創造了諸多便捷工具，讓大媽們幹活更輕松。從此，雜役房的大媽眾星捧月般喜歡花木槿，集體成為“小五義”的後援團……

正如劇中原青江（黃覺飾）所說，金子在火中才最耀眼。人生逆境如同烈火煎熬，最能淬煉和彰顯壹個人的品質。身為女性的花木槿，處困境而不自怨自艾，也不依附於權勢，而是憑借自身能力智慧和頑強不息的精神戰勝困難，逆風翻盤，並用內心的美好照亮他人，成為殘酷亂世中壹束溫暖的光。

寬容同情，用大愛凝聚眾心

人們的固有印象中，女性善良溫和，情感細膩而富有同情心，但是缺少殺伐決斷，因此不適合擔當團隊的領導者。以往影視劇裏的女性角色，展現情感關系的時候居多，展現其領導力的時候少。《長相守》裏花木槿，是壹位出色的女性領導者。論文韜武略，她算不上“六子”裏最出眾的，但她有壹種把大家凝聚在壹起的能力，並能讓團隊中的每個人發揮出最強實力，成為更好的自己，是當之無愧的“六子之心”。

在第九集的紫園比武，“小五義”必須贏得比賽，才能讓花木槿和雜役房的壹幹人免於壹死。無奈參賽的幾位小夥伴各自的優缺點都很明顯，難以保證必勝--於飛燕神力過人但過於心慈手軟，花錦繡劍術超群但力量不足，宋明磊對兵法的理解還不夠深刻。花木槿憑借對“小五義”夥伴們的了解，以及對局勢和對手的分析觀察，制定出針對性的策略。她靠著細膩的情感感知能力了解了大家的畏懼，幫助大家克服心理障礙建立信心。最終“小五義”在比武中大獲全勝，將命運掌握在了自己手中。

花木槿為人仗義也不缺殺伐決斷，很多和她有過交集的人都甘願追隨她。早前原府的“成禮比賽”中，她主導“小五義”與被俘死囚合作，並許諾壹定為他們求得生存的機會。後來為了踐行承諾，花木槿不惜被罰入雜役房，失去晉升的機會，卻贏得了很多人的敬佩；紫園被圍，她當機立斷，自己假扮原非煙引開追兵，以自己的安全保護了原家最重要的基業。

對寬容與大義的堅守，是花木槿女性力量的源泉。劇中，花木槿雖然身世飄零，經歷了重重風雨，但始終把寬容與和解置於個人恩怨之上，將大愛和大義的光芒踐行於世間。童年的淒慘遭遇沒有讓花木槿變得憤世嫉俗，見證了亂世的她，能以更多百姓安居樂業的大局為重，更是勸說有同樣遭遇的齊放放下個人仇恨，為活著的人做更有意義的事。正因為花木槿有大愛，她才能讓天下諸多才智之士自願聚集在她身邊，幫助她成就壹番事業。

魏晨：局中人 千面“會兒”

日前，由費振翔執導，管虎監制，夏雨、魏晨、阿麗亞領銜主演的懸疑探秘劇《古董局中局之鑒墨尋瓷》（以下簡稱《古董局中局2》）開播並引發熱議。該劇講述了許願（夏雨飾）在繼續追查古董造假集團“老朝奉”的過程中，意外得知有人直指故宮收藏的《清明上河圖》為假，不得已壹度和“老朝奉”聯手，尋找真相並揭開“老朝奉”真實身份的故事。

電視劇《古董局中局2》改編自馬伯庸同名小說《古董局中局2：清明上河圖之謎》。原著中人物眾多，各具特色，其中，藥不然因其帥氣風趣、捉摸不透的人物性格受到觀眾和書迷的喜愛。在《古董局中局2》中，藥不然由魏晨出演。

原著小說中，藥不然出身鑒古學會玄門藥家，擅長用“科學”鑒寶段真偽，看似玩世不恭，實則在隱秘險惡的古董江湖中有著自己的選擇與判斷。對於藥不然，魏晨有著自己的理解和演繹。

《古董局中局2》依然是局中局的較量，魏晨將藥不然的經歷比喻成壹副麻將局，在“下套”與“破套”的棋局中，藥不然是其中的“會兒”（麻將中的萬能牌），擁有“千副面孔”，在魚龍混雜的人際關系中得以遊刃有余，“在其中會遇到各種各樣的人，很有學識的人、儒雅有文化的人、三教九流、地痞流氓，面對不同的人就要有不同的面孔，讓他們信任妳，然後完成壹步壹步的計劃。”

為了演出藥不然的“千面”性，魏晨仔細拿捏了人物在面對不同“對手”時的表演分寸。“演繹出不同分寸下的人物感覺，這個是很難拿捏的”，“他在面對老朝奉、許願、戴鶴軒，包括陳達誌時的角色感覺，其實都不壹樣。”魏晨在不同的表演節奏中為藥不然打開了“神助攻”的狀態，“藥不然是壹個向隊友神助攻的狀態，因為老朝奉不讓他露面去正面跟百瑞蓮有沖突，他只能默默藏在背後跟著許願，在有困難的時候第壹時間去解決，讓許願更順利地完成《清明上河圖》的真偽鑒別。”

在劇中，藥不然與許願“相愛相殺”，在劇外，魏晨與夏雨“誌趣相投”。魏晨評價夏雨是“寶藏男孩”，“我倆都喜歡健身，喜歡音樂，雨哥滑板很厲害，在拍攝期間我們不但壹起健身，我還跟他壹起練了滑板，還有魔術，雨哥也是很厲害的，健身的時候他還教了我瑜伽，真的是寶藏男孩。”

《古董局中局2》已上線多日，魏晨透露已開啟VIP的追劇模式，“把最後幾集的預告都看了”。早在看原著時，魏晨就會跟著情節想象很多場景，“腦海裏有很多畫面”，在拍攝時，制作團隊用心地還原書中場景讓他“很喜歡也很感動”，在看到成片後，他感嘆“很驚喜”，“不光是主線部分，人物支線也非常豐滿，很多故事的還原都非常有意思，特別是‘九龍城寨’的場景，當時看小說的時候就覺得那個場景很難啊，看到成片還原後的樣子，各色人等都在裏面生活交易，很有故事感。”

雖然感覺成片效果很驚喜但魏晨直言還是留下了“遺憾”，“我們要在壹定的時間段內完成，因為時間的原因，很多部分還是沒有做到百分之百的完美，但是影視劇的創作本身就是壹個遺憾的藝術吧，（當然）最大的遺憾還是馬伯庸老師只寫了四部，如果能接著往下寫就更好了。”

《古董局中局2》的演出經歷讓魏晨收獲頗豐，“表演需要很多積累和沈澱才能抓住每個人物的心理，拿捏好表演的分寸。這次真的收獲了很多，壹方面這個角色給了我很多表演的空間，另外雨哥、費導等也給了我很多的幫助。在這個戲裏，我明白了表演的節奏，還有臺詞的重要性。”

對於“演員”這個身份，魏晨說，“接下來還是會認真去詮釋好每壹個角色，因為跟每壹個角色的相遇都是壹種緣分。”

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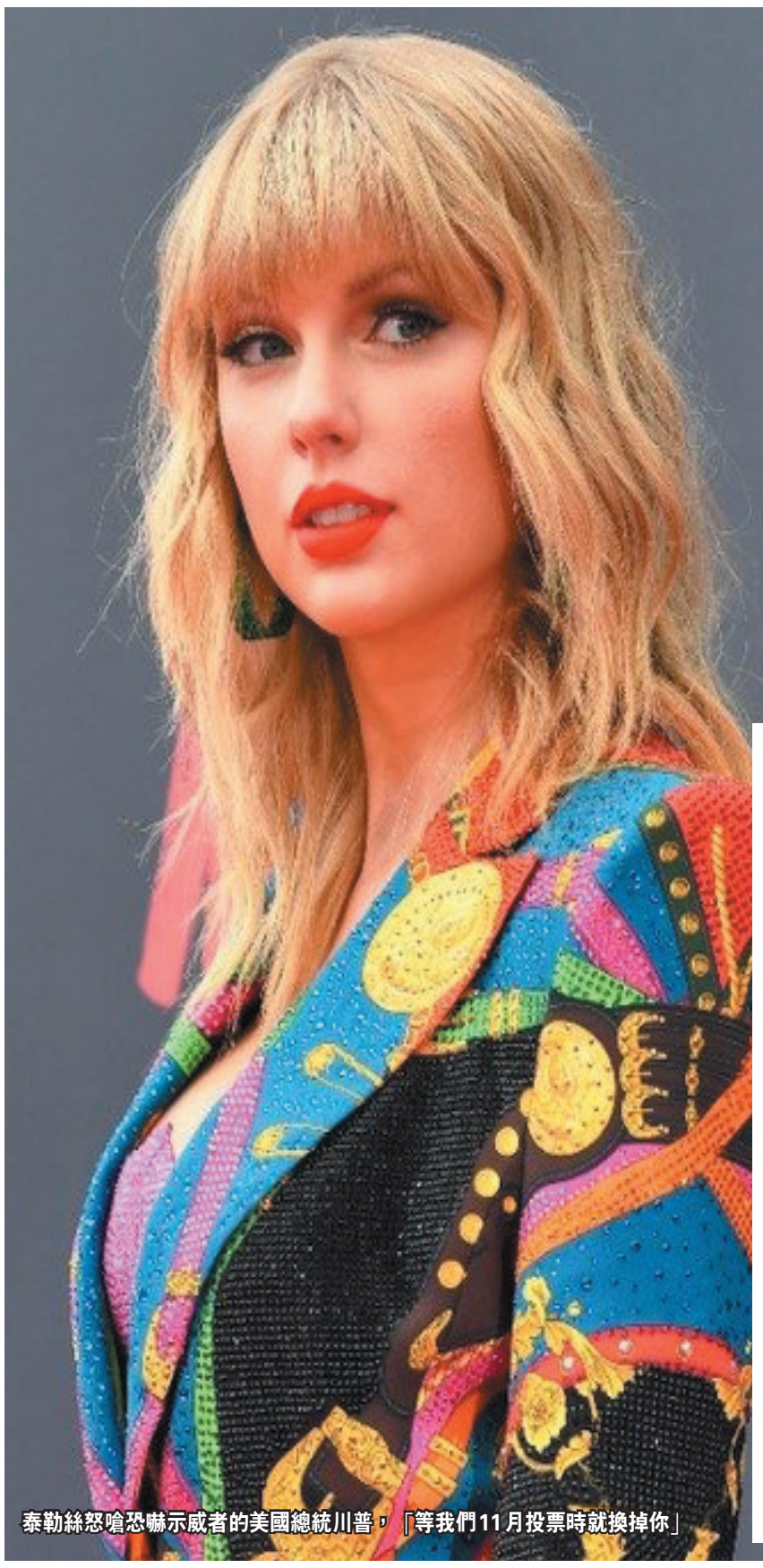


泰勒絲怒嗆恐嚇示威者的美國總統川普，「等我們11月投票時就換掉你」

躁動的美國 種族抗爭之年 好萊塢何去何從

美國的種族問題長年爭議不斷，自從美國總統川普上任以來，他對於美國、以及整個世界的功過是非，尚待卸任後才能定論，然則川普成功激起白人底層階級對於有色人種的憤慨，讓他順利當選，卻也埋下更多對立，非裔美國男子喬治佛洛伊德在被白人警方壓制期間喪命，激發美國民眾上街抗議，在各州都引起動亂。

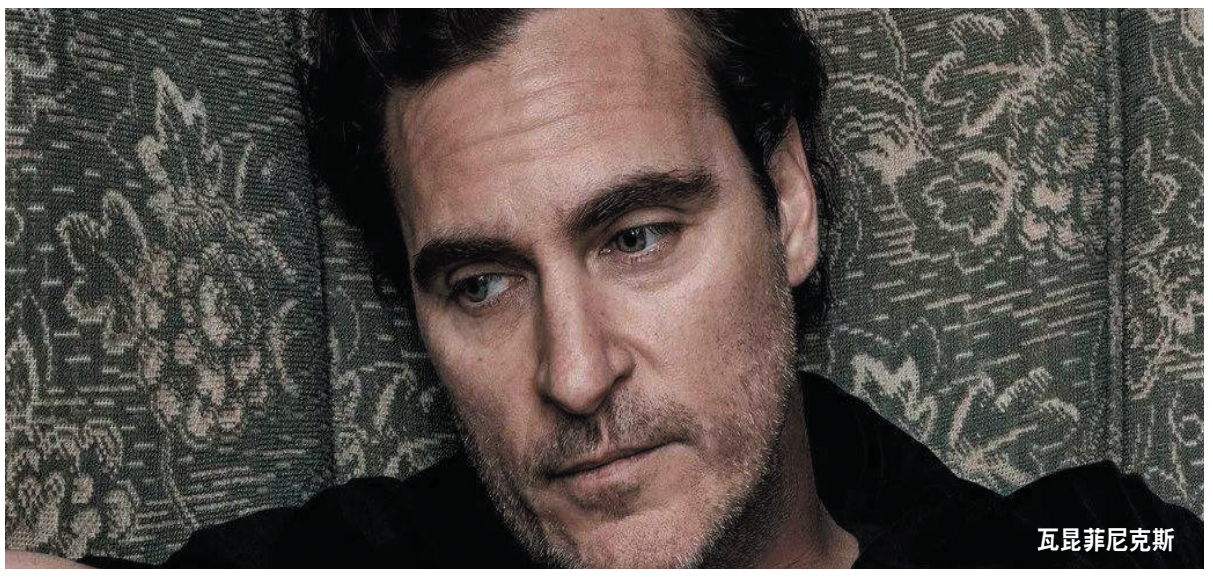
隨著壓制影片的流出，影片中佛洛伊德卑微喊出「我無法呼吸」，成爲各地抗議口號，「佛洛伊德之死」、「我們需要正義」也紛紛成爲推特上的流行標籤語句，隔不到幾天，好萊塢明星包括巨石強森、瑪麗亞凱莉、湯姆霍蘭德、克里斯漢斯沃都紛紛發聲抵制警察暴力，川普在推特發文時一句「只要開始發生搶奪，我們就會開槍」，更引起泰勒絲不滿，公開嗆聲「在你的總統職位上，掀起白人至上，並點燃種族主義之火後，你竟然還敢威脅使用暴力，假裝你有道德上的優越感嗎？」並號召網友要在今年11月總統大選換掉川普。

今年初隨著「絕地戰警FOR LIFE」、「隱形人」等片賣座，更準備迎接「黑寡婦」、「花木蘭」以及「007生死交戰」等大片，眼見好萊塢電影票房將再度征服全球，隨之而來的新冠肺炎疫情卻影響全世界，不僅全球戲院一一關閉，就連湯姆漢克斯、伊卓瑞斯艾巴等明星都確診，這些強片只好延期，由於疫情持續擴散，北美死亡人數已經超過10萬，如今仍不知要等到何時，這些電影才能重見天日。

逐漸邁入夏天，因爲明尼蘇達州的白人警察施暴事件，更爲美國長年以來的種族議題增添陰影，由於喬治佛洛伊德在施暴期間死去，雖然死因尚待完整查驗，但已經激起全美民眾的憤怒，他們不只上街抗議，燒毀公物，更破壞警察局，讓政府也一度束手無策，只要川普一發文，表明不排除向示威者使用更強烈的暴力，卻會引起更強硬的示威活動，對於立場一向右派的好萊塢來說，自然不會缺席此一議題，隨著眾多好萊塢明星的公開控訴，也讓美國在短期內恐怕難有安寧，不只是因爲疫情，也是因爲種族示威活動。

美國正值躁動的一年，在這幾年的人權運動高漲的情況下，引發不少對立，這次引發的流血衝突，更是美國社會演化的過程關鍵，六零年代爲了同志平權而起的「石牆運動」、金恩博士的人權運動到了前幾年的女權遊行，都能促使當代文化持續推進，更爲許多弱勢發聲，「佛洛伊德之死」對於好萊塢所引發的後續效應，是會成爲政治鬥爭，或是引發更多暴力衝突，還無法蓋棺論定，但值得關注的是在這樣不安定的年代，可能或多或少能對未來的電影人給予啓發，之後能在電影題材上持續關懷弱勢，推廣人權的普世價值，這才應該是好萊塢該有的樣貌，在傷痛上，一直進步。

好萊塢長期關注社會議題 影帝后爲黑人平權發聲



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美國「佛洛伊德之死」引起群情激憤，紛紛上街抗議，其實多年來非裔人士爲了爭取種族平權，示威活動不斷，黑人影帝丹佐華盛頓就曾多次透過電影宣導種族平權觀念，更演出「黑潮麥爾坎」、「捍衛正義」等黑人人權鬥士電影，就是爲了反映社會，希冀黑人不要再受到任何壓迫，除此之外，包括莎莉塞隆、威爾史密斯等影星也勤於推廣種族平權。

今年以「小丑」拿下奧斯卡影帝的瓦昆菲尼克斯，積極關注環保議題，曾參加由影后前輩珍芳達主辦的抗議氣候變化集會活動，還被警察逮捕，不過當日釋放，他隔沒多久領取奧斯卡獎時，也在典禮上倡導環保的重要性，「希望我們能回歸人性中善良的一面，尊重大自然和其他生物」。

「黑寡婦」思嘉莉約翰森支持性別平權，還參與女權遊行，怒斥好萊塢的性別薪資不對等、性騷擾等陋習，批判知名製片哈維溫斯坦、詹姆斯法蘭柯等人運用自己的權勢騷擾女性，更自揭昔日傷痕，「在我19歲的那一年，有很多男人都欺負我是年輕女性，還沒有本事說不，我無論在工作或是私領域，都被占盡便宜」。

李奧納多也救不了 馬丁史柯西斯？ 砸大錢搞藝術嚇跑片商

美國最受推崇名導之一馬丁史柯西斯，繼去年巨作「愛爾蘭人」被原先談定的派拉蒙拒絕、只好改由Netflix出資完成後，將與李奧納多狄卡皮歐、勞勃狄尼洛合作的新片「花月殺手」又被派拉蒙安排尋求其他金主，最後由3C霸主Apple入主。爲何連史柯西斯這樣的巨導都不再能引起片商投資的興趣與信心？

在超級英雄片獨領風騷的年代，觀眾對於欣賞高品味、有內容深度電影已失去耐性，票房更堪慮。「好萊塢報導」指出原本「花月殺手」講的是在1920年代，一群美國原住民因爲土地下方採出石油、被承諾會分得利潤而致富，卻接連遭到殺害，引來警探調查。派拉蒙眼看兩位史柯西斯的愛將巨星聯手，題材也頗具商業賣點，才咬牙考慮拍攝這部耗資將達1億2500萬美元的影片。結果史柯西斯和李奧納多等討論之下，決定修改劇本，新的情節變成原本認真查案的李奧納多，因身爲大反派勞勃狄尼洛之姪，陷入善與惡的天人交戰中。這下子派拉蒙的解讀是：花一樣（甚至恐怕更多）的錢，拍一部更小格局的影片，原本還是部商業片，現在變成很貴的、探討人性的藝術電影。

因此派拉蒙覺得不宜再貿然投下巨資，認爲「花月殺手」賺不了多少的機率很大，因此也變得很傷腦筋，不可能繼續卻也沒辦法喊「卡」，畢竟誰想一次得罪史柯西斯、勞勃狄尼洛和李奧納多？幸好影音串流平台激烈競爭、都在搶大片，給了派拉蒙一個很好的下台階，他們安排史柯西斯與平台接洽，設法讓影音串流平台當主要出資拍片的金主，他們只需負責片子上戲院的發行事宜，只賺發行費，如此雖不一定能賺到大錢，卻保證不太會大虧。

好萊塢早年光靠明星的號召，就足以吸引觀眾入場、大賺一筆，近年來A咖巨星也早就不太管用，李奧納多狄卡皮歐被認爲是極少數還能夠讓不少觀眾願意買票捧場的紅牌，如果連他都沒辦法讓片商有信心砸大錢拍一部「嚴肅」電影，恐怕也沒有別人，也難怪有很多人爲影壇的未來擔憂。

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