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If Christian pro-lifers do the same thing in front of the satanically "hallowed" [*sic*] doors of a child-murder-by-"abortion" center in the United States of America, we could be charged with a Federal misdemeanor crime under the so-called "Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act" (F.A.C.E.) and up to six months in prison. For a second sit-in blocking the front of the doors of a child-murder-by-"abortion" center satanic shrine, we could be charged with a Federal felony charge, and up to 18 months in prison. [Note: Under normal State trespass charges in South Carolina, the maximum jail time is 30 days !].

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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Freedom_of_Access_to_Clinic_Entrances_Act

Are Satan's child-murder-by-"abortion" center shrines more hallowed by the United

States Congress
than the chamber of the US House of Representatives ? ...

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FACE provides for both civil remedies and criminal penalties.

The criminal penalties vary according to the severity of the offense and the defendant's prior record of FACE violations. Generally, a first-time offender cannot be sentenced to more than 1 year in prison and a \$100,000 fine. For a second or subsequent violation after a prior FACE conviction, a defendant may be imprisoned for no more than 3 years and fined \$250,000. _See_ 18 U.S.C. secs. 3559 & 3571 (setting forth applicable fines for different categories of federal offenses).

However, more lenient limits apply in cases of exclusively nonviolent physical obstruction. A first-time "blockader" faces no more than 6 months and a \$10,000 fine; for subsequent violations, the maximum penalty is 18 months and \$25,000.

On the other hand, if the offense results in bodily injury, the maximum sentence increases to 10 years, regardless of whether it is a first offense. If death results from the offense, the maximum sentence is life imprisonment.

Note that all of the above figures represent *maximum* sentences. (FACE imposes no mandatory minimum sentences.) Offenders are sentenced according to the separate United States Sentencing Guidelines, which require a sentencing calculation based on the severity of the offense and the defendant's prior convictions (whether for FACE violations or for other crimes). Except for career criminals with lengthy records, the Guidelines seldom impose a sentence near the statutory maximum. A first-time nonviolent FACE offender with little or no criminal past would normally be eligible for home detention, "supervised release" (probation), or other alternatives to full incarceration.

Photos - Democrats stage gun-control House sit-in

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Rep. John Lewis, second from left, walks down the steps of the Capitol after House Republicans forced votes as House Democrats staged a sit-in on the House floor June 22, 2016, on Capitol Hill in Washington. (Alex Wong/Getty Images)

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In this frame grab taken from AP video, Georgia Rep. John Lewis, center, leads a sit-in of more than 200 Democrats in demanding a vote on measures to expand background checks and block gun purchases by some suspected terrorists. The protest came in the aftermath of last week's massacre at a gay nightclub in Orlando, Fla., that killed 49 people. (AP Photo)



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This photo provided by Rep. Chellie Pingree shows Democrat members of Congress, including, front row, from left, Rep. Steve Cohen, Rep. Joe Courtney, and Rep. Rosa DeLauro, participate in sit-in protest seeking a a vote on gun control measures, Wednesday, June 22, 2016, on the floor of the House on Capitol Hill in Washington. (Rep. Chellie Pingree via AP)



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This photo provided by Rep. John Yarmuth shows Democrat members of Congress, including Rep. John Lewis, center, and Rep. Joe Courtney, left, participating in a sit-in protest seeking a vote on gun control measures on June 22, 2016, on the floor of the House on Capitol Hill in Washington. (Rep. John Yarmuth via AP)

Democrats Continue Sit-in Demanding Gun Control

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/democrats-protest-republican-leader-tries-023858589.html?nhp=1>

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[Note: Photo omitted - Apparent Congresswoman immodestly dressed]

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“Just because they cut and run in the dark of night, just because they have left doesn’t mean we are taking no for an answer,” said Pelosi, D-Calif.

Republicans fiercely resisted the Democratic pressure, saying their colleagues had accomplished nothing other than disrupting the business of the House to score political points. House Speaker

Paul Ryan called it “a publicity stunt.”

Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., who had participated in the civil rights sit-ins in the South in the 1960s, said Democrats had “crossed one bridge.” He added, “We have other bridges to cross.” He said Democrats “made a down payment on ending gun violence” in America.

At one point overnight, the two sides nearly came to blows after Republican Rep. Louie Gohmert of Texas approached the Democrats and yelled, “Radical Islam!” Rep. Corrine Brown, D-Fla., started yelling back. The two came within inches of each other, both yelling, and were separated by colleagues.

Pressure had been building on both sides of the Capitol in the wake of the shooting rampage at a Florida gay nightclub earlier this month that killed 49 people and injured 53 others. The assailant also died in the incident. The mass shooting followed similar tragic incidents over the past years including the school shooting in Newtown, Connecticut.

The agitation for action caused a Senate filibuster last week and led to the chaos on the House floor that lasted well into Thursday.

The spectacle captured the attention of a Washington gridlocked on guns despite the slaughter in Orlando. Senate Democrats undertook a nearly 15-hour filibuster last week in fighting for the same cause.

House Republicans used their prerogatives as the majority party to muscle through a partisan bill funding the Zika crisis with no time for debate, overruling Democrat’s objections and then moving to adjourn the House into next month as Democrats cried “Shame, Shame!”

Republicans shut off the cameras in the House gallery throughout most of the protest, but Democrats used their cellphones to capture the action, and C-SPAN carried the feeds live in an unprecedented move.

Ryan, R-Wisc., said the bills pushed by Democrats, to expand background checks and keep people on the no-fly list from getting guns, would take away people’s constitutional rights and deprive them of due process, and he noted similar legislation was already rejected in the Senate earlier in the week.

The protest began around 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, unfolding on the House floor with little advance warning from the Democrats.

By evening, 168 House Democrats out of 188 and 34 Senate Democrats joined the protest, according to the House minority leader’s office.

Scattered around the House floor were signs reading “Disarm Hate.” A crowd of several hundred gun control advocates gathered outside the Capitol and cheered as Democrats addressed them.

The sit-in in which Lewis played a leading role had the look of a 1960s-style protest, as some lawmakers sat on the floor, others in their seats.

Republicans had staged a similar protest in 2008. Democrats controlling the House at the time turned off the cameras amid a GOP push for a vote to expand oil and gas drilling. Republicans occupied the floor, delivering speech after speech after Pelosi, then the House speaker, sent

lawmakers bolting to their August recess. Pelosi at that time had ordered the cameras turned off.

C-SPAN, a cable and satellite network that provides continual coverage of House and Senate floor proceedings, does not control the cameras. They're run on authorization by legislative leaders. Although the cameras were turned off Wednesday, lawmakers relied on social media to transmit video, using [Facebook](#), Twitter and Periscope.

C-SPAN broadcast live video streamed on Periscope and Facebook from lawmakers' accounts. Democrats posted the Capitol's main telephone number, which was overwhelmed, and urged constituents to call and request a vote. They also encouraged tweeting under the hashtag #NoBillNoBreak.

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Democrats end sit-in on gun control

<http://thehill.com/blogs/floor-action/house/284635-house-dems-end-sit-in>

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Democrats ended their sit-in on the House floor shortly after 1 p.m. on Thursday afternoon, after more than 24 hours of stalling proceedings to call for action on gun-control legislation.

Rep. John Lewis (D-Ga.) spoke while surrounded by his Democratic colleagues to close the protest, which lasted through the night after beginning shortly after 11:30 a.m. Wednesday.

"We must come back on July 5 more determined than ever before," Lewis declared in anticipation of the House's return date after the Independence Day recess.

Democrats planned to hold a rally on the Capitol steps after ending the sit-in, but what their next move is remains unclear.

Dozens of leaders and senior party members spilled out of a whip meeting on Thursday afternoon saying they intend to press for gun reform votes, but there did not seem to be a definitive plan for doing so.

Rep. [Xavier Becerra](#) (Calif.), chairman of the caucus, said Democrats will continue the push "in whatever way we can here [and] back home in our districts."

"We're going to do everything we can to try to get a vote," he said.

House Speaker [Paul Ryan](#) (R-Wis.) on Thursday dismissed the sit-in as "a political stunt" and "a fundraising scheme" designed to churn up campaign cash for Democrats during a high-stakes election year.

"If this is not a political stunt, then why are they trying to raise money off of this off of a tragedy?" he asked reporters during a press briefing in the Capitol.

The protest has put Ryan in a pickle. The Speaker has built a reputation as a stickler for the rules, insisting that lawmakers vote within allotted timelines and more generally adhere to House decorum. Infractions, he's warned, will have consequences.

But on Wednesday night, Ryan presided over a House chamber in utter chaos and bit his tongue and did nothing about it.

It wasn't that he didn't have the power to tame the chamber.

But he opted not to involve the sergeant at arms, which might have led to the made-for-YouTube spectacle of congressional lawmakers including Lewis, the civil rights icon who was almost killed by police in the 1960s being physically removed from their own chamber's floor.

Many Democrats expressed reluctance in breaking the rules of the House to mount their insurrection. But invoking advice from Lewis, they said there also comes a time to make "good trouble."

Inaction on gun reform, in their eyes, was such a time.

Party leaders are framing the sit-in and the attention it attracted as a turning point, both in the gun debate and in the manner that House business is conducted.

"There is a breaking point, and I think that this Orlando was a breaking point," said Rep. Sandy Levin (D-Mich.), referring to the mass shooting at an Orlando gay nightclub last week that left 49 dead and 53 wounded.

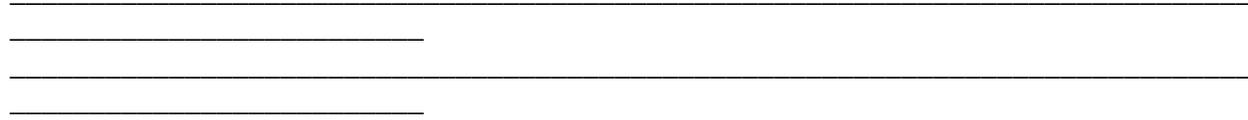
Rep. Joe Crowley (N.Y.), vice chairman of the Democratic Caucus, echoed that message and warned of similar tactics to come.

"A fire's been lit across out nation," Crowley said. "It's a new day in Washington, it's a new way to fight, as well. We're not going to sit back and do nothing anymore."

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