

Emergency Alert

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The mushrooming incidents of deranged violence threaten the future security of American society and must be addressed urgently, if we hope to preserve any semblance of domestic stability. Three more frequently occurring types of clinically insane behavior that must be defended against are: 1) homicidal assaults on our schools; 2) horrific abductions, torture and murder of young girls; 3) spurned husbands, fiancées, or boyfriends murdering the women who rejected them. There are many other criminal aberrations that erode the fabric of our culture, but the three examples are related for their unique, long-term debilitating effects on our citizenry.

When juvenile students go on a shooting spree in their schools to avenge grievances, real or imagined, they are telling us that the system failed them, and consequently, their teachers and peers. There appears to be a developing occurrence of fellow students alerting the authorities to potential attacks, which is laudable. However, that is insufficient to insure deterrence and does not address the cause. The loss of life in an incident and the traumatic consequences of the aftermath, warrant vital prevention programs to avert tragic events. Prevention is economically cheaper than the cost of disasters with their resultant loss and emotional trauma, and should be among the highest priorities considered by the educational system.

A rampaging loner, later characterized by friends and family as 'a nice, quiet person who they couldn't imagine doing that', who storms a school, terrifies, then executes his captives, is among a nation's worst nightmares. Recent events have demonstrated that this can happen in any community, small or large. While post-mortems and conferences take place, there is an urgent need to take action before the spread of the virus that will produce copycats. Every school in America that does not have entrance security must recruit retired senior citizen volunteers, preferably ex-military or law enforcement, who will become guardians of the vulnerable portals that shelter our children, until another, long-term solution is achieved.

A nation's youth is its most precious commodity, although self-serving oligarchs who can afford security for their offspring may disagree. Our schools are the construction sites of our future, despite the neglect of science for indulgence in the liberal arts. It is preferable that we not turn our learning institutions into armed fortresses under siege. Yet we must protect our youth from demented attack in what should be the safety of their educational environments. This is a vital national issue because it

transcends state boundaries and, as we have recently seen, can erupt anywhere. Therefore we must recognize these acts as domestic terrorism, which require urgent preventive measures.

Conspiracy theorists cite these events as another motivational pressure to further isolate the individual, who is already withdrawing into the cocoon of the internet, use of which is invariably a solitary activity practiced at home. Whether their suppositions are fantasy, foolishness, or fact, one condition of human life is self-evident. It is a cooperative venture. If everyone, in a traditional science fiction scenario, is ensconced in the automated isolation of home, the community of our society will be terminated. The conclusion is obvious. We must protect our schools and better nurture and educate our students.

The abduction of children who are sexually abused, tortured, then murdered is a primal violation of the child, the family and the society. Our young, unlike most in nature, are not born capable of soon looking out for themselves. We have devised innumerable conventions to nurture slow developers. Fundamental, however, must always be the first law, physical protection from harm. When twisted individuals abduct a child in the most heinous of crimes, it destroys the innocent victim, shatters the family and dissolves a society's belief in the aegis of law and morality.

If human nature has once again reached the stage of homo hominis lupus, drastic measures are called for to stem the rising evil tide of aberration. It may be far-fetched to suggest that these terrible crimes are by-products of a failed state and occur as Noam Chomsky asserts, when: "it becomes necessary to divert and control the public in some fashion". However, is it beyond the realm of possibility that the privileged elite who permit millions of Americans to go hungry while they feast on ever-diminishing resources, allow these dreadful events? Are the only options to securing the safety of our children tolerating a police state, or home isolation? We must develop a system to identify and locate individuals who are a direct threat to our vulnerable youth, then correct, incarcerate or execute them, before they murder our innocents.

In another form of the virulent disease that attacks our schools and children we have a growing plague of rejectionism backlash. With increasing frequency, a woman is not being allowed to reject her suitor. This is not merely a violation of the individual's rights, it is another assault on the customs, mores and mating rituals of our society. If a woman does not dare say no, she will either accept the intolerable burden of oppression and pass it on to others by exposure, or reject dating, courtship, or mating out of fear of violence. The consequences of either situation are fraught with negatives and further fray the fabric of a society that still aspires to prevent chaos and lawlessness.

Whether we are entering a period of human nature gone astray, or we are under assault by manipulative forces. We must find a cure for the developing cancers of insane violence that will otherwise destroy our public confidence and erode the trust in the day to day functioning of our society. Intrusions into individual and collective civil rights are always to be regarded with fear and suspicion. Yet the intrusive assaults on our way of life must be prevented, if we are to retain any semblance of public order and stability. Short term security can be improved by increased implementation of standard procedures and volunteerism. Longer term solutions require innovative changes. One possible option is to create a crime prevention academy, on the lines of the military service academies, inculcating the highest levels of training in the skills of law enforcement, science and morality in dedicated public servants. The warning is clear. We are required to take action or further abet our evolutionary descent.

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