## The Predator and Politics – certain considerations by Phillip W. Weiss

Today in our society, predators are on the loose in the community; every person is a target. The predator can be a total stranger on the prowl or a family member residing inside a home. These predators are not intimidated by authority. They cannot deal with structure. They cannot fit in with others. They have no conscience. They have nothing except a compulsion to act out. No amount of punishment or reconditioning can change their violent streak. They will kill and maim at a whim. They will kill and maim without provocation. They are inherently incapable of complying with the law. That is different than not wanting to obey orders. They simply cannot follow orders and obey rules even if they want to. Just one predator acting out alone can create a crime wave. Just one, that's it. Add just one more predator and the stability of an entire community is placed in dire peril. Left unchecked, the predator will destroy a community.<sup>1</sup>

The only way for suppressing the predators is through massive, overwhelming force by military units authorized to use maximum force to achieve its objective. Yet, some people, selfish and opportunistic political power mongers, oppose measures to suppress predators. For these craven politicians, predators are the tools through which to promote a politically driven program of destruction. For those who hate society and want to destroy it, the street predator is a warrior for "social justice," which is the slogan used by these vile politicians to rally the predators to action and justify and legitimize the resulting violence and terror on the street.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A human predator can be likened to the alien creature depicted in the movie *Predator* (1987) who hunts human beings purely for pleasure.

Please understand that the root cause of predatory behavior is not environmental. Rather, its root cause goes much deeper than that, to sources that are not readily visible to empirical analysis but are buried deep inside the psyche of each predator. While some studies reject the theory that violent behavior is biologically based, other studies suggest that predators are born with a predisposition to violence embedded in their genes, a congenital condition that distorts the functioning of the brain and is passed from generation to generation and is immune to external efforts to control it. According to a published report, "the abnormal behaviors are linked to the gene responsible for the production of monoamine oxidase-a, an enzyme which destroys neurotransmitters in the brain."<sup>2</sup>

For the predator, the socialization process fails. It fails because the predator cannot be fully socialized. This failure could be genetically based. According to a published report,

some scientists think that certain genetic characteristics may give rise to a predisposition to criminal or violent behavior. Some people may be genetically ill-equipped to cope with frustration or other emotional crises. The impairment of intelligence caused by chromosome defects may give rise to sociopathic behavior in individuals. Neurotransmitters such as serotonin, norepinephrine and dopamine may also play a role in provoking violent behavior.

Predisposition to criminal or violent behavior leads to social dysfunctionality,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Human predatory conduct is not found in nature. While animals engage in violent acts, they do so out of need, almost always for food or to defend themselves to ensure their survival. The human predator, however, engages in the violence that is wanton, spiteful, malicious, and has nothing to do with survival.

the most serious manifestation of that being violent acting out behavior, which although seemingly mindless, makes absolute sense to the predator who unapologetically believes he or she is doing nothing wrong.<sup>3</sup> That does not mean that the predator is oblivious of community standards defining right and wrong. Rather, the predator flaunts his or her contempt for these standards to rationalize his or her own violent behavior. Indeed, the predator may claim that it is he or she who is the victim of an unfair, unjust, uncaring racist society and therefore has cause to engage in violent behavior as an act of retribution for past injustices.

Thus, for the predator, predatory conduct is a normal way of life and he or she will do everything possible to defend it because it satisfies their need act out violently, including to rob, plunder, rape, vandalize, and kill. Only the most draconian measures can deter them, but all that does is drive the predators away. It does not change their behavior. Once the opportunity again presents itself, the predators will emerge and strike again. It is a cyclical process and if not interrupted, ends with the destruction of society.

History contains numerous cases of nations collapsing because of social institutions no longer being able to control the predators. In some cases, the predators even gain total political control and project their violence onto entire populations of people. Thus, street violence is transformed into an ugly and lethal form of political expression that promotes and rationalizes wanton violence.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> A well-known New York City criminal defense attorney who over a twenty-five-year period defended thousands of predators charged with the most heinous crimes reported that during his many years defending these predators, not one ever expressed remorse or regret for their actions and for the pain and suffering they caused to their victims. Their sole goal was to "do their time" and return to the streets as soon as possible and renew their predatory conduct.

It must be understood that volent street crime is a political act. It is a direct assault on the forces of law and order whose purpose is to deter the very violence perpetrated by the predators. This is a war, the outcome of which determines whether a society will survive.

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