Violent Street Crime: its nature and cause by Phillip W. Weiss

In New York City, the scourge of violent street crime continues with no signs of abating. Consider these published reports:

"The Kids are All Reich: Hitler-loving students terrorize Jews at Brooklyn High School." *New York Post*, March 3, 2024

"Brooklyn brute randomly punched senior on F train." *AM Metro New York*, February 29, 2024

"Brazen daytime Upper East Side shooting leaves man wounded." *AM Metro New York*, February 29, 2024

"Man stabbed at migrant shelter near Central Park: NYPD." *AM Metro New York*, February 29, 2024

There seems to be no way to effectively deter this disturbing and escalating pattern of predatory street violence. Arrests, prosecution, and incarceration do nothing to modify the predator's maladaptive behavior. If anything, such interventions seem to make the predators even more aggressive and wanton.

Those who believe that violent street predators are the product of an unjust society or other external social factors, or that the problem of violent street crime is being exaggerated to promote a political agenda should serve on a grand jury. That service will disabuse them of their naïve and baseless notions. Serving on a grand jury will expose them to case after case involving wanton acts of unrestrained violence perpetrated by violent street predators against randomly selected victims, who could be anyone. These acts of violence are so vicious and grotesque that it gives cause to conclude that that the perpetrators of these

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heinous crimes must have defective brains or some other organic or genetic defect causing maladaptive behavior. These acts of violence include PREMEDITATED slashings, rape, assault, robbery, extortion, arson, attempted murder, and murder, vicious crimes perpetrated by violent street predators who are embedded in the community, in places such as grocery stores, convenience shops, schools, train stations, subway cars, parks, that is, in places frequented by the public and armed with CONCEALED LETHAL WEAPONS stalk and prey on unsuspecting victims.

While every human being can engage in acts of violence, the socially functional person is averse to engaging in wanton or predatory acts of aggression. In the case of violent street predators, such internal restraint is absent. They have a COMPULSIVE DESIRE to hurt and terrorize others.

This compulsive propensity to inflict pain is a malfunction so warped and dysfunctional that it can only be attributed to some form of genetic defect, perhaps a defective or missing gene, or perhaps some other biological malformation in the structure of the brain or other organ of the body. There can be no other viable explanation for why predators are so compulsively prone to violence and why efforts to deter their compulsive propensity to inflict pain ultimately fail.

For this reason, every violent street predator should undergo a complete neurological and genetic examination by special teams of medical professionals specializing in the field of violent criminal behavior to identify the organic or

genetic defect causing the malfunctional conduct, and based upon the result of this examination, and in the interest of promoting public safety, provide the clinical interventions necessary to remove the defect and improve social functioning. This prophylactic measure would prevent the maladaptive behavior from reoccurring and allow the violent street predator, now restored to health, to enter or return to the mainstream of the community and become a productive member of society.

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