

Violent Street Crime: possible solutions

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On April 11, 2023 the *New York Post* reported the following:

After "defund the police" and "justice reforms": US children

killed by guns jumped 50%; 46% of all victims black; 83% boys.

Yet, incredibly, unbelievably, inexplicably, voters in the United States still vote for candidates who support candidates who want to defund the police. Frankly, why ANYONE would vote to defund the police, while open to debate, defies an easy explanation.

Some propose mass incarcerations as the solution to the surge in violent street crime. However, mass incarcerations are at most an expedient stopgap measure that does nothing to get to the root cause of the problem of violent street crime. What may be more effective are policies to prevent violent street crime from occurring in the first place. Those policies include:

unequivocal political support for the mission of the police,

a commitment to supporting and promoting middle class values,

economic policies that will grow the economy and produce jobs, and

criminal justice reform that will eliminate undue delays in the administration of justice.

The sooner these policies are adopted, the quicker the crime rate will go down.