

We Are Defenseless

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We are defenseless. The predators have taken control of the streets.

In New Orleans a maniac wantonly drove a truck onto the sidewalk killing at least fifteen people and injury many more, in Las Vegas someone blew up a truck in front of Trump Tower, and in New York City the street predators have total control of the New York City Transit system which is now a combination sewer and skid row. The police provide no deterrence.

Predators can act with impunity and without restraint and do.

In New York City a maniac wantonly shot a businessman on Sixth Avenue and a few weeks earlier another predator went on a killing spree in Midtown Manhattan, stabbing three people to death. And recently a depraved vagrant set a woman on fire in the subway, killing her.

In New York City, the city ALLOWS the use of dangerous illicit drugs, including the open, widespread and unrestricted use of marijuana, most especially in the New York City Transit system where drug abuse is open and rampant.

All these events are evidence of the breakdown of law and order which is directly attributable to anti-law and order polices that re-imagine violent street criminals as victims of an unjust society who are acting out their rage against a corrupt and racist society that causes people to become violent. This shift of

personal responsibility from the predator to the victim is the central ideological feature of the argument for anti-law and order measures such as defunding the police and the elimination of cash bail based, both based on the false premise that violent street crime is a function of a systemically unjust and racist society.

Ultimately, the decision to restore law and order rests not with the police or with politicians, but with the public. If the public wants law and order, then there will be law and order. Even the most arrogant anti-law and order public officials will accede to the will of the people or be removed from office, IF law and order is what the public wants.

The need to restore law and order is an issue that is far from settled. Decades of anti-law and order propaganda has eroded public support for the police and for law and order in general. Please understand that those who wish to push their anti-law and order agenda are serious about what they are doing and couldn't care less about the safety of the public. For them, calls for law and order are a fake issue concocted by racists and fascists who want to weaponize the police and the courts to marginalize persons of color. The question, however, is this whether the need to restore law and order is a fake issue for you. How you answer this question will determine whether our society survives.