

Voluntary Injustice

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Since the 1999 multi-bulleted murder of the 23 year young Amadou Diallo, there have been several hundred people killed by the police across America. The murder victims range from age 4 to eighty seven. Men, women and children especially of African origins are the victims. Black men have the highest death rate at the hands of the police. The latest case in New York, as far as I know, is 16 year old Kimani Gray who was shot several times in the front and in the back.

Are we at war or is this merely the daily trigger happy policing? Police seem to be overly anxious to kill black men. Men at war are not shot as many times. These killings are done without warning shots, no shoot them in the leg procedures are used, so as to stop and disable the so-called suspects. It's a shoot him till he's bleeding from every vein in his body so he won't live to tell his side of the story. This way, the only "Story" is only the Police's.

The act of Policing itself is an event that arrived from slavery patrols in order to keep the black folks contained in and on their plantations. South Carolina established slave patrols back in 1704 and it caught on like wild fire in the rest of the southern states. It was used to secure the white slave masters and their stolen "property". The Black people they had stolen from Africa, in fact, became their documented property. Today, these same inherent tactics of absolute death sentences are handed down to keep us in check. So trial by death is still the chosen brand and form of Injustice administered to many Africans living in America.

White suspects are not subject multiple shootings or to any at all, no matter how severe their suspected crime. Quite often they legally house plenty of guns. The series of school shooting can attest to that. When they are caught after performing their heinous crime, they are usually taken out with a single bullet, if at all, even though they have threatened the masses.

Why aren't massive or serial killers profiled racially? If the definition of a serial killer is generally a white male, then why aren't police stopping and frisking white males? Why aren't they opening their vehicle trunks and raiding their houses before the massive slaughters of innocent human beings are committed? Why not prevent these violent acts with profiling tactics?

Culprits are allowed to legally collect and hoard a magnitude of high powered weapons. Why are their weapon collections not identified and confiscated until after they are used to murder school children, in many cases?

In the many of the cases where police used excessive force, no weapon is found on or near the individual and neither was the person a direct threat to any one person or even to a group. So why are excessive forces used on less threatening situations and the heavily armed violent cases handled with kid gloves? Serial killers often arrive in mere handcuffs while they are apprehended into custody. They usually do not even suffer slight bruising during their arrest. How do they manage such good customer service?

In the judicial system, they'll get a lengthy and costly trial by a jury of their "peers". These massive murderers and serial killers ultimately get to spend a lot of the lower middle class' hard earn tax dollars. Many mass murderers get to claim insanity as their pleas because it was found that they were bullied at their prep schools or their rich parents didn't pay them enough attention.

But they are not tried and convicted in a hail of bullets. In the violent police murders, quite often the shooting officer states that I thought he had a gun. If these intelligent, well trained officers of the law can't distinguish a comb, candy bar, a wallet or a soda can from a gun then they not only need to go back to basic training, they need to be committed for psychiatric screening.

Police brutality is a crime and should be punished as such. To stop the violence, go to:

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