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Inside Track

FBI Report: Five Times More Murders With Knives Than Rifles



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The FBI report entitled “2018: Crime in the United States,” released September 30, broke down murder by types of weapons used. Looking at the data, we see that the number of murders carried out last year with knives or cutting instruments was five times higher than the number of murders carried out with rifles.

According to the FBI, 1,515 people were killed by “knives and cutting instruments,” while only 297 were killed by “rifles” in 2018.

These statistics show the illogic of the recent calls by “progressive” politicians to ban so-called assault-type rifles such as the AR-15.

While gun ownership is clearly protected by the Second Amendment, rifles have been the favorite target of those who would restrict the right of the people to keep and bear arms. Despite the high number of handguns used in murders, practically all of the calls for weapons bans have been against “assault rifles.”

To understand why, it is important to look at the history behind the Second Amendment. The war for American independence, including the attempt by the British to confiscate weapons belonging to the American colonists at Lexington and Concord, was fresh in the minds of those who wrote the amendment. When the authors of the amendment spoke of “the security of a free state,” they were speaking of security from *tyrants* — not deer.

Whether anti-gunners realize they are being used as pawns to leave Americans defenseless against future tyrants or not, those who call for bans on “assault rifles” are doing exactly that. (Though, technically, AR-15-style rifles are not “assault weapons” or “assault rifles.” Though they look like military rifles, such as the M-16, they function like other semi-automatic civilian sporting firearms, firing only one round with each pull of the trigger.)



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That is a second reason why it is senseless to ban rifles such as the AR-15. Not only are they not “assault rifles,” but, as the FBI statistics show, they are used in fewer murders than knives.

By Warren Mass

“Hundreds” of Young Transgenders Look to Reclaim Their Original Gender



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Thanks largely to fawning media stories and propaganda from LGBTQ activists, the demand for gender reassignment surgeries is at an all-time high. But many who have “changed” their gender are now experiencing regrets about that life-altering decision.

Twenty-eight-year-old Charlie Evans from Newcastle in England — who was born a female but “identified” as a male for nearly a decade — is one such case. Charlie “de-transitioned” last year and went public with her story. She found an alarming number of people in the same boat.

“I’m in communication with 19 and 20-year-olds who have had full gender reassignment surgery who wish they hadn’t, and their dysphoria hasn’t been relieved, they don’t feel better for it,” Evans told Sky News October 5. “They don’t know what their options are now.”

Evans claims she has been contacted by “hundreds” of people — 30 in Newcastle alone — who are looking for assistance in reclaiming their original gender. People who are unhappy with a gender reassignment generally find no love within the LGBTQ community and are looked upon as “traitors” by the activists, who are looking to normalize this very destructive behavior.

Evans has launched the De-transition Advocacy Network, a group that looks to help others who are struggling with regret about gender reassignment surgery find answers and physicians who will help them both psychologically and physically return to the gender of their birth.

In the United States, a man named Walt Heyer has created his own outreach network called Sex Change Regret. Heyer’s website claims that up to 20 percent of those who have gender reassignment come to regret it, and over 40 percent attempt suicide after the surgery. Heyer, himself, lived as a woman for eight years in the 1980s and feels that gender dysphoria (formerly known as gender identity disorder) is something that needs to be treated psychologically instead of physically.



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By James Murphy

As Migrants Swamp Sweden, Swedes Start Fleeing



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“Swedish cities such as Malmö have turned into Muslim-dominant no-go hellholes, which Swedes now find unlivable,” wrote *American Thinker’s* Monica Showalter October 2. “The migrants freely admitted to Sweden have placed about as much value on that entry as the price they paid for it, which is nothing.”

Consequently, some native Swedes are now migrating. “As a parent, you become angry, desperate.... The result is that those who can, and can afford it, move ... to a quieter part of the country or abroad. Those who do not have the same opportunities [to move] remain where they are. It’s devastating,” said former Minister of Labour Sven Otto Littorin, who now lives and works in Dubai, on Facebook.

This has led to what some call a “population exchange,” as Gatestone Institute reported October 2: “Take the small, picturesque town of Filipstad (population 10,000), for example.... ‘We are experiencing a population exchange,’... Jim Frölander, integration manager in the Filipstad municipality, says.... Between 2012 and 2018, 640 native Swedes left the town, and 963 foreign-born people moved into the town. Those leaving are people of working age (20-64), which means that the municipality’s tax revenues are shrinking, exacerbating [the] town’s financial crisis.”

A Croatian man who grew up in Sweden recently moved to Poland with his wife and kids, saying he doesn’t “recognise the country [he] grew up in anymore.” Yet another, also a part of what has been called the “Swedish Diaspora,” is a woman born of a Hungarian mother who moved to Hungary because, she says, “There is no safety at all” in Sweden.

But at least, for a while longer perhaps, the Swedes can enjoy the moral preening. “Sweden has a very strong self-image of being a good country,” as Swedish journalist Elisabeth Asbrink put it to the *New York Post* September 28. “It’s in the tradition of Sweden to put itself forth as a moral role model.... Of course it’s a lie,” she admits.

By Selwyn Duke



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Blue-collar Employment Thriving Under Trump — Hits 50-year High



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Recent news articles reinforce reports that have been carried by major-media outlets for over a year: Employment levels in blue-collar jobs have been growing at their fastest rate in more than 30 years, with most of the growth taking place since Donald Trump took office.

The Investment Watch blog ran a report on October 12 that was headlined “Under Trump, employment for the non-college-educated is the best it’s been in 50 years.” The article noted: “Blue-collar professionals such as plumbers and mechanics are earning more than the average salary for white-collar jobs — and they don’t require a traditional college degree, according to a recent Bloomberg report.”

That statement is particularly significant in the face of multiple reports in the news of late about the burden of college debt. Though college graduates still earn more than non-graduates, avoiding student debt could make trade schools more appealing. Many trade programs are covered in part by employers, and state-sponsored programs in Michigan and Georgia offer tuition-free trade degrees.

Last May, Issues & Insights found that 1.2 million goods-producing jobs were created in the U.S. economy since Trump took office — more than twice as many as were created during the last 27 months of the Obama administration.

During Obama’s last 27 months in office, the economy created 109,000 manufacturing jobs, compared with 470,000 created from January 2017 through May 2019 under Trump. Jobs in the durable-goods manufacturing industry declined during this time under Obama.

Blue-collar workers are seeing stronger wage gains as well, noted the report, with weekly wages for goods-producing jobs up \$70 under Trump, compared with \$39 under Obama.

During May, the Labor Department reported that job openings had surged by 346,000 to a seasonally adjusted 7.5 million in March. Vacancies in the construction industry climbed by 73,000, and there were 87,000 job openings in the transportation, warehousing, and utilities sectors.

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