Great Britain and Gun Control

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After reading the previous article from England some might still doubt the legitimacy of white male anger. If so, here's another article about England that helps to indirectly explain and justify that anger.

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reat Britain, which gave birth to the great political philosophy of classic liberalism and to America, the flowering of Western civilization, is in moral decline.

Not content with holding Gen. Augusto Pinochet hostage, Britain now holds its own citizens hostage like an authoritarian nation that distrusts its own citizens with firearms.¹

Since 1996, when a madman went on a rampage killing 16 children and their teacher in Dunblane, Scotland, Great Britain has tightened to strangulation its already draconian gun control laws so that only certified members of approved target-shooting clubs are allowed to own guns. These must be .22 caliber or smaller and must be kept locked up at the club at all times.

Guns have been virtually banned, and the God-given right

to self-defense has been virtually abrogated in England.

Dramatic Increase in Robberies and Other Crime

And yet, crime has steadily risen in Britain in the last several years. The U.S. Department of Justice says a person is nearly twice as likely to be robbed, assaulted or have a vehicle stolen in Britain as in the United States. Although the U.S. remains ahead of Britain in rates of murder and rape, the gap is rapidly narrowing.

And while robberies rose 81 percent in England and Wales, they fell 28 percent in the United States. Likewise, assaults increased 53 percent in England and Wales but declined 27 percent in the United States. Burglaries doubled in England but fell by half in the United States. And while motor vehicle theft rose 51 percent in England, it remained the same in America.

To make matters worse for England – and this is also true for Canada – in those countries where citizens are disarmed in their own homes, daytime burglary is commonplace and dangerous because criminals know they will not be shot at if caught flagrante delicto. Not so in the U.S., where burglars not only pre-

fer night burglaries but try to make sure homeowners are not in to avoid being shot at by the intended victim.

The rising tide of thievery and burglaries in England has dubbed Britain "a nation of thieves," wrote the London Sunday Times, which noted: "More than one in three British men has a criminal record by the age of 40.

While America has cut its crime rate dramatically Britain remains the crime capital of the West. Where have we gone wrong?" Perhaps England should look introspectively.

The most drastic ascendancy of crimes in Britain was found in those types of felonies where recent studies in the U.S. have shown that guns in the hands of law-abiding citizens not only save lives but also protect private property, reduce injuries to good people, and crime is generally deterred.³

Writing in the May/June 2000 issue of the Medical Sentinel of the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons (AAPS), Dr. Michael S. Brown writes that while the British laws have disarmed law-abiding citizens, "a black market has flourished, as usual with prohibitions, to supply criminal elements. Up to 3

million illegal guns are in circulation in Britain, leading to a rise in drive-by shootings and gangland-style executions."

Dr. Brown continues, "Young criminals (ages 15 to 25 with prior convictions), according to the Sunday Times, 'own or have access to guns ranging from Beretta submachine guns to Luger pistols, which can be bought from underworld dealers for as little as £200 (\$320 U.S.)."4 In the U.S., ordinary citizens shoot three times as many criminals in self-defense as do the police.

Recent work by professor John R. Lott Jr. at the University of Chicago has shown that allowing people to carry concealed weapons deters violent crime without any apparent increase in accidental death or suicide. While neither state waiting periods nor the federal Brady Law is associated with a reduction in crime rates, adopting concealed-carry gun laws cuts death rates from public, multiple shootings like those in Littleton, Colo., this year or Dunblane, Scotland in 1996.

Professor Lott found that when concealed-carry laws went into effect in a given county, murders fell by 8 percent, rapes by 5 percent and aggravated assaults by 7 percent. For each additional year concealed-carry gun laws have been in effect, the murder rate declines by 3 percent, robberies by more than 2 percent and rape by 1 percent.⁵

Women Using Guns for Self-Defense

Moreover, studies in the U.S. have shown that guns are the great equalizer for females when accosted in the streets or assaulted in their homes.

When a woman is armed with a gun, up to 83 percent of the time she will be successful at preventing rape, and only half as likely of being injured in the process.³ These figures should be

good news in the U.S. for the 17 million American women estimated to carry guns, but not for those in Great Britain who have been proscribed from keeping guns for self-protection.

While the number of rapes in the U.S. is still higher than in Great Britain, it is falling, whereas the rate of sex crimes and violent assaults in England and Wales is increasing rapidly because of their permissive criminal justice system and even greater tendency than the U.S. to rehabilitate rather than punish criminals - and, of course, the stringent policy of citizen disarmament.

This pusillanimous policy advertises to sex criminals that they have nothing to fear not only from their criminal justice system but also from their intended victims.

Will the British require another American Revolution to come to their moral senses? Or, instead, will we Americans reject

our Second Amendment, the palladium of our liberties and our legacy of freedom?

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r. Faria's article shows that taking guns from the English people has resulted in a dramatic increase in crime. Similar articles have documented identical increases in Australia. Nationwide, armed robbery is up 44% and in the state of Victoria, homicide is up 300% in just one year since gun control was imposed "down under". Around the world, irrefutable evidence is mounting that gun control leads to increased crime. That evidence is now so overwhelming that only morons and traitors would advocate more gun control.

So, "Why doth the white man rage?" Perhaps he's perturbed about losing his God-given right of self-defense. Maybe he's angry by being denied his right to protect himself and his family against criminal assault. Could be he's infuriated by living under governments in England, Australia, Canada and the United States that stubbornly pursue an international agenda that violates historic national rights, intentionally imperils the public they claim to protect, and stubbornly ignores undeniable facts, reason and reality.

The fact that similar betrayals are happening simultaneously in Europe, Australia, and the North America helps validate

the white man's anger as rational and justified.

But the term "angry white males" still seems disingenuous since it implies that only white males are mad. The phrase indirectly implies that all blacks are merrily dancin' and all white women are singin' like birds. So, since everyone else is so happy, white boy – what's your problem?

But I doubt that rational anger is only found in white males. I don't have any black friends, but I'm sure that some black males are also pretty testy. And having been married twice, I know that some white women are seriously vexed.

So I look back at the phrase "angry white male" and realize that those three little words divide our society, first, into blacks and whites and, second, into men and women. Implication? We have four groups (white men, black men, white women and black women) with seeming disparate and competing interests.

Of course, that division is valid. Each of those groups do have competing interests. But although that competition has gone on for ages, is it our only cause for anger? Are race and gender even the primary cause for our anger?

Divide and pacify

Insofar as our anger is implicitly "divided" along the lines of race and gender, that anger's validity is diluted and compromised.

For example, if someone is described as an "angry white male," his anger is disparaged not only in other people's minds, but also in his own. To the extent he believes that he's only angry because he's white and male, he'll lose confidence in the righteousness of the reasons that inspired his anger.

Likewise, when someone disparages a Negro's concerns about injustice as "black man's

anger," that description doesn't merely disparage the anger, it disparages all the underlying values on which that anger is based. Thus, "black man's anger" not only trivializes the man's anger as something almost genetic, it trivializes the man's values, his character and thus, the man himself.

The same observation can be made for white and black females.

But perhaps our persistent conflicts based on race and gender (while real) are not the primary source of our anger. Perhaps, if we understood the world well enough, we might realize that we're not individually angry because of our race or gender but because we're human beings who've suffered intentional and continuing injustice.

For example, perhaps the principal threats in my life aren't blacks or women. (Sure, they aggravate me from time to time, but I'm sure I aggravate them, too.) Maybe the principal threat to my life, my values and my sense of righteousness is the government and whatever forces it represents. Maybe I have more to fear from a government that seeks to disarm me than I do from blacks who might want to mug me. Maybe I have more to fear from a government that institutionalizes an anti-male bias in divorce courts than I do from females who are fool enough to exploit that bias.

Divide and conquer

At the risk of sounding paranoid, I can't help wondering if maybe, just maybe, terms like "angry white male" aren't intended to simply classify and describe. Maybe those kinds of terms are tactical examples of a greater strategy promoted by "them" (whoever "they" are) to divide blacks, whites, women and men – and thereby conquer all of us.

The term "angry white male" is almost astonishingly divisive. Do you see how it divides the cause of anger felt from white males from the causes of whatever anger is felt by blacks and women? Is that division accidental?

Do you see how "angry white male" not only divides us, but implicitly renders our values relative rather than absolute? The term implies that a white man's anger is primarily due to some aberration in his race or gender. "Angry black female" implies that her anger is also somehow based on her race or gender. Both of their angers are thereby dismissed as something almost chemical (like menopause or a shortage of serotonin) that has no basis in objective social reality.

Further, if such anger is caused merely by one's race or gender, then that anger can't possibly be *absolute* in the sense of being caused by universal values that are imposed by God and the Bible.

And do you see how terms like "angry white male" internalize anger? It implies that an individual not angry because the system he once trusted and served as a soldier has betrayed him and taken his children. No. And he's not angry that taxes have increased so much in the last fifty years that an average man can't earn enough to support his family or buy a house. And he couldn't possibly be angry that his government uses deception every day to trick him and him neighbors into accepting a social order that was never intended or allowed by our Constitution.

Nooo. The real reason he's angry is because his skin is white and he have a penis. And that black woman is angry because her skin is not white and she doesn't have a penis. (See? It's so simple, once you understand.

Just slip us all a little thorazine, and we'll be fine.)

Unite and rule

But the truth is that most people aren't angry because of their race or gender, they're angry becauset they've been subjected to injustice by the very government that promised to serve them. They're angry because sometimes they realize that the injustice they've experienced was not an isolated event. but commonplace. They're angry because they've begun to suspect that their government is working to radically alter (and perhaps destroy) this nation and system they've sworn to protect.

Like most people, I'm far from perfect. I admit that I've caused and earned much of the anger I've experienced. But I am nevertheless a decent man and I believe I deserve to live in a society that respects that decency. I deserve to live with a government that affords me the dignity

of unalienable Rights rather than the burden of secret, unstated presumptions (prejudice) which harm me, my family and my nation.

I suspect that most people's anger is similar to mine. Insofar as we are angry, it's not caused by our race or gender – it's caused by betrayal by government and society and injustice that's less accidental than institutionalized and, in any case, indifferent.

Of course, if those who are angry ever agree that their anger isn't primarily due to their race or gender, they might actually tend to unify rather than divide. If such unification takes place, I suspect government will have a serious confrontation on it's hands.

However, so long as anyone's anger can be disparaged as a mere genetic consequence of their race or gender, we shall remain divided and government will continue to rule.

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