JOBLESS, GANGS, CRIME, ALIENS AND COMMUNITY

JOBLESS

Among American men 25 to 54 years old prime-age male workers about 1 in 8 (12.5%) are labor-dropouts. They don't have a job and, unlike the officially unemployed, aren't looking for one. They number about 7 million. In the mid-1960s, only 1 in 29 (3.4%) prime-age male workers was a dropout.

Reasons for Americans to drop out of labor force are many:

- Number one is the large number of incarcerated American men (not the so-called undocumented aliens)
- Low demand for Americans with low-skills; Due to the technology, automation, and globalization spearheaded by America (Reaganomics) in the 80s; the demand for low-skilled workers has been falling faster than the supply, causing wages to drop. As a result, these men decide that working isn't worth the effort and drop out of the employment. (This is not because of globalization. This is because of America's technological advances and leadership in new technologies and innovations. Not all jobs are lost to China or India in this area of American expertise - the domestic mini-mills with electric furnaces that melted scrap and produce up to 250,000 tons of steel a year)
- Unemployed Americans cannot find suitable work
- Americans with disability or bad luck (e.g., veterans from wars waged by America, nearly half of male dropouts report taking pain pills every day, according to a study by Princeton University)
- Able-bodied men avoiding work in favor of free meals -- government welfare programs

The explosion of dropouts is dire since the detachment of so many adult American men at their most productive age from the reality and routines of regular paid labor can only result in lower living standards, greater economic disparities, and slower economic growth. Surveys indicate that dropouts are less happy, sadder and stressed, and they spend about eight hours a day socializing, relaxing, watching TV, playing video games or just hanging out.

Consequently, White American “Racism Is Killing White Americans2,” the Huffington Post says. But how is that possible? A Preposterous Suggestion - isn't it? Well, Dr. Tony Iton, Senior Vice President for Healthy Communities at The California Endowment, explains in the Huffington Post that:

_The death rate of White working class Americans “Deaths of Despair” are climbing because of the increased drug use, suicide, and alcohol-related liver disease among White Americans. Also, poorly educated white women now have a shorter life_
expectancy than poorly educated black women. While working class White American “Deaths of Despair” are climbing, simultaneously the death rates for blacks and Latinos are falling, a unique American phenomenon not found in other developed countries.

Racism is deeply embedded in our country’s core narrative, which shapes policy and policy shapes opportunity distinguishing those who deserve health, social, and economic benefits from those who don’t and assigns the undeserving black and brown faces. This highly racialized narrative undergirds a profound “structural racism” - a set of exclusionary policies around housing, education, employment, and health - that operate synergistically to deprive many low-income people of color opportunity and access to the American Dream.

This racism against minorities, the narrative that gives rise to structural racism is a powerful barrier to the adoption of common sense universal policies such as universal health care, paid sick leave, universal child care, subsidized post-secondary education, housing support policies, and robust unemployment protections and retraining programs, and attacks the essence of the government’s role to work for the mutual benefit of all of its citizens without discrimination. In other developed countries, universal policies contribute to creating solidarity across groups and form the basis for the social compact that exists between the government and its citizens. Working class Americans of all races and ethnicities routinely struggle to find reliable and affordable health care, living wage jobs, quality child care, and pay for college.

Unfortunately, this powerful barrier of structural racism is also the barrier for a large majority of White Americans who shattered the American Social Compact that would have protected them, because the shattered American Social Compact - the government - can no longer work for anybody’s benefit, including the vast majority of White Americans who need the broken system’s helping hand, devastating the hopes of America’s white working class. In short, the racism of White Americans is now wreaking profound and indiscriminate collateral damage by killing White Americans, -- despite the fact that about 2,526,184 American voters voted for fixing the shattered American Social Compact - the government - and improving the Healthcare system that would have served the majority of White Americans who need it the most.

CRIME
Every 2-hours, three people are killed in alcohol-related highway crashes\(^3\), according to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS)\(^4\). The consequences of drinking and driving are arrests, property damage, injuries, and thousands of deaths each year. An estimated 4 million American adults reported driving under the influence of alcohol at least once in 2010 yielding an estimated 112 million alcohol-impaired driving episodes. American Men accounted for 81% of these incidents. In 2010, alcohol was involved in 2,020 (or 47.2 percent) of pedestrian fatalities,
11,087 (or 39.9 percent) of vehicle occupant fatalities, 209 (or 33.8 percent) of pedal cyclist fatalities. Transportation accidents accounted for 1,795 fatal occupational injuries in 2009. Instead of Alien Bashing⁵, alcohol enforcement and testing are particularly important because most alcohol related fatalities are caused by the so-called law abiding American citizens, not by the alleged criminal illegal aliens.

DUI Average number of Americans arrested annually for drunk driving⁶ is about 1,500,000, according to DUI Arrest Statistics⁷. Just in Illinois, in 2016, 281 people were killed in alcohol-related crashes, which was 30 percent of the 924 total crash fatalities, and 32,822 DUI arrests were recorded by the Secretary of State’s office in Illinois⁸.

Out of a total of about 64000 aliens convicted⁹ in the Fiscal Year 2015, approximately 22,200 (35% of total convictions) were incarcerated for traffic violation, which resulted in 12,307 convictions of DUI. Thus, in the Fiscal Year 2015, the total number of arrests of all alleged criminal aliens for any reason was 64000 convictions, i.e., the total number of all criminal alien convictions is less than or about 4% of just DUI arrests of all Americans, according to DUI Arrest Statistics¹⁰. The number 32,822 of DUI arrests recorded by the Secretary of State’s office in Illinois¹¹ is more than half of the total number of 64000 illegitimate arrests of all undocumented alien victims in the entire US. Further, the number 12,307 convictions of DUI of aliens in the entire US is less than the total DUI arrests in just one state - Illinois.

All these numbers are for all kinds of aliens – including documented and undocumented. Out of 64000 convictions, 3,064 were convicted of an immigration-related crime such as illegal entry, illegal re-entry, false claim to US citizenship, and alien smuggling (being smuggled). None of these 3,064 convicted undocumented aliens were criminals. Thus, the percentage of non-criminal aliens convicted for immigration violations is less than 5% of the total aliens convicted and deported. ICE conducted 165,935 removals of individuals apprehended at or near the border or ports of entry. ICE removed 1,040 individuals who were classified as suspected or confirmed gang members¹².

The American public should play a role in prioritizing and addressing public safety problems, instead of political rhetoric and misrepresentation of facts to achieve short term goals of political power, compounded by misuse of technology to gain 15-minute fame, which is actually 15-second fame in this Internet age, destroying lives of innocent people in that short span; ESPECIALLY when most of the crime (98% if the total criminals in our Great America) is committed by White Americans (70% of the total crime) and African Americans (28% of the total crime) from one source (Table 1, above from FBI). From another database (Table) also, most of the crime (81%) was committed by whites and blacks, while Hispanic/Latino criminals were 19% of the total.
To the detriment of our Great America, a factor that is used by American xenophobes against the undocumented aliens is the false propaganda against aliens is criminalization, while the crime across America is at an all-time low. We need to recognize that and embrace effective policies to keep it even lower. Just as with the case of airplane crashes, the public may see the extraordinary event as a representative of the norm when it is not.

Data from the National Crime Survey also state that we are at record lows for criminal activity. From 1993 to 2015, the rate of violent crime declined from 8 victimizations per 100 persons age 12 or older in 1993 to 2 victimizations per 100 persons age 12 or older in 2015. Yet, Americans’ level of concern about crime and violence is at its highest point in 15 years. This is because of the political rhetoric and misrepresentation of facts by vested interests to achieve short term goals of political power, compounded by misuse of technology to gain 15-minute fame, which is actually 15-second fame in this Internet age, destroying lives of innocent people in that short span. According to FBI, when considering 5- and 10-year trends, in 2015 estimated violent crime total was 0.7 percent below the 2011 level and 16.5 percent below the 2006 level. It is unfortunate that media and politicians blame victims with such dishonesty and contempt for facts, for example, the FBI data for 2014 is as follows:

Table 1
Total arrests in 2014 for violent crimes: 8,730,665, out of which 797,229 were juveniles
White criminals arrested: 6,056,687 (~70%), juveniles 502,091 (~63%)
Black criminals arrested: 2,427,683 (~28%), juveniles 274,929 (~35%)
Native American criminals arrested: 135,599 (~1.5%), juveniles 10,994 (~1.5%)
Asian and Indian criminals arrested: 100,067 (~1%), juveniles 7,733 (~1%)
Pacific Islander criminals arrested: 10,629 (~0.1%), juveniles 1,482 (~0.2%)

Table 2
Total arrests from a different department 6,541,125, juveniles 569,908
Non-Hispanic/Latino criminals: 5,306,801 (~81%), juveniles 433,908 (~76%)
Hispanic/Latino criminals arrested: 1,234,324 (19%), juveniles 136,000 (~24%)

The above data clearly identifies that most of the crime (98% if the total criminals in our Great America) is committed by White Americans (70% of the total crime) and African Americans (28% of the total crime) from one source (Table 1, above from FBI). From another database (Table) also, most of the crime (81%) was committed by whites and blacks, while Hispanic/Latino criminals were 19% of the total.
GANGS

In addition, crime in most cities is related to gang activity, according to a report "National Gang Threat Assessment," by The National Gang Intelligence Center.

A Gang is (1) an association of three or more individuals; (2) whose members collectively identify themselves by adopting a group identity which they use to create an atmosphere of fear or intimidation frequently by employing one or more of the following: a common name, slogan, identifying sign, symbol, tattoo or another physical marking, style or color of clothing, hairstyle, hand sign or graffiti; (3) the association's purpose, in part, is to engage in criminal activity and the association uses violence or intimidation to further its criminal objectives; (4) its members engage in criminal activity, or acts of juvenile delinquency that if committed by an adult would be crimes; (5) with the intent to enhance or preserve the association's power, reputation, or economic resources; (6) the association may also possess some of the following characteristics: (a) the members employ rules for joining and operating within the association; (b) the members meet on a recurring basis; (c) the association provides physical protection of its members from other criminals and gangs; (d) the association seeks to exercise control over a particular location or region, or it may simply defend its perceived interests against rivals; or (e) the association has an identifiable structure; (7) this definition is not intended to include traditional organized crime groups such as La Cosa Nostra, groups that fall within the Department's definition of "international organized crime," drug trafficking organizations or terrorist organizations.

Most gangs were formed in major cities and expanded into neighboring communities during the 1970s, continued their expansion in the 1980s-90s into suburbs, and expanded their drug distribution networks into suburban communities influenced by local gangs, and increased in numbers by recruiting typically from low-income households of single-parents with limited education.

As various gangs attempted to expand nationally, they often were met with initial resistance by local gangs, resulting in an increased number of homicides and drive-by shootings in suburban communities, and gang-related violence and drug trafficking became fully ingrained in suburban areas throughout the 1990s.

Gang membership in the United States was conservatively estimated at 1 million members as of September 2008, based on analysis of federal, state, and local law enforcement reporting an increase from the estimated 800,000 members in 2005. Approximately 1 million gang members belonging to more than 20,000 gangs were criminally active in 50 states and the District of Columbia as of September 2008. Current estimates include approximately 900,000 gang members residing within local communities across the country. Though gangs are still primarily...
male-dominated, research indicates that female gang membership is on the rise. More than 147,000 documented gang members incarcerated in federal, state, and local correctional facilities, according to state and federal corrections data.

There are about 400 documented gang members in Evanston, Deputy Chief Jamraz said. Gangs in Evanston are primarily composed of American minority youth and young adults ages 16-30. The American kids banter against one another on social media. Twitter, Instagram, Facebook – that’s where the disputes occur and they come out of cyberspace into reality to become violent 19.

Criminal gangs commit as much as 80 percent of the crime in many communities, according to law enforcement officials throughout the nation. Typical gang-related crimes include alien smuggling, armed robbery, assault, auto theft, drug trafficking, extortion, fraud, home invasions, identity theft, murder, and weapons trafficking. Gangs are the primary retail-level distributors of most of the illicit drugs, wholesale-level quantities of marijuana and cocaine in most urban and suburban communities.

Gang members typically launder profits from criminal activities through front companies and real estate investments using front companies such as clothing stores, hair salons, and music recording and production companies to commingle illicit proceeds earned from drug sales with licit income from these businesses. Some gang members also use mortgage fraud schemes or purchase real estate as investments or as a means to commingle illicit funds with rental payments.

Members of nearly every major street gang as well as some prison gangs and Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs (OMGs) have been identified on both domestic and international military installations. The Mongols Motorcycle Club (Mongols) is an extremely violent OMG that poses a serious criminal threat to the Pacific and Southwestern regions of the US.

Deployments have resulted in gang members among service members and/or dependents on or near overseas bases. Additionally, military transfers have resulted in gang members, both service members, and dependents/relatives, moving to new areas and establishing a gang presence. Gang members with military training pose a unique threat to law enforcement personnel because of the distinctive military skills that they possess and their willingness to teach these skills to fellow gang members.

In addition, it is well documented that US-based gang members illegally cross the US–Mexico border for the express purpose of smuggling illicit drugs and illegal aliens from Mexico into the United States. Texas-based, regional-level prison gangs cooperate with Mexico-based DTOs to smuggle wholesale quantities of cocaine and marijuana and illegal aliens into the United States.
from Mexico. Further, gangs are increasingly smuggling weapons from the United States into Mexico as payment for drugs or to sell for a significant profit.

The majority of these gangs are made of African American, Hispanic American, Asian American, Puerto Ricans etc., Canada-based Chinese and Vietnamese DTOs and criminal groups maintain close working relationships with Asian gangs operating in Canada and the United States, according to NATIONAL GANG THREAT ASSESSMENT\textsuperscript{21}. These American Gangs include Asian American Gangs such as Asian Boyz and Tiny Rascal Gangsters; Hispanic American Gangs such as Tango Blast, Florencia 13 (F 13 or FX 13), Fresno Bulldogs, Mara Salvatrucha, and Latin Disciples (Puerto Rican male members); African American Gangs such as Gangster Disciples, Black P. Stone Nation, Bloods, Vice Lord Nation, Black Guerrilla Family; and Caucasian American Gangs such as Aryan Brotherhood, the American Outlaws Association (AOA) and Outlaws Nation etc. Other gangs include 

This year, Chicago has hit another gruesome milestone, exceeding 700 homicides on Wednesday for the first time in nearly two decades, according to official Police Department records. Police Department statistics do not include killings on area expressways, police-involved shootings, other justifiable homicides or death investigations that could later be reclassified as homicides. In Chicago, the bulk of the violence has been concentrated in neighborhoods on the South and West sides that have been plagued by decades of poverty, entrenched segregation, gangs, rampant narcotics sales and other social ills, and much of violence is due the flow of illegal firearms and an intractable gang problem. The gangs, once highly structured and hierarchal, have fractured into small factions. Petty disagreements and personal disputes can quickly turn violent with social media. Chicago’s historically most violent police districts Harrison and Englewood account for close to one-fourth of the homicides and shooting incidents\textsuperscript{22}.

Under the US Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), including Sections 274(a)(1)(a) and 274 (a)(2), it is crime to help bring someone into the United States who is not an American citizen. Anyone who helps bring or attempt to bring a noncitizen into the US at some non-designated place without inspection by an American official at a border, port, or other points of entry, is committing a crime.

 Trafficking in Persons (TIP) and human smuggling are some of the fastest growing areas of international criminal activity, according to the United Nations. It often involves a number of different crimes, spanning several countries, and involving an increasing number of victims. TIP can be compared to a modern-day form of slavery. It involves the exploitation of people through force, coercion, threat, and deception and includes human rights abuses such as debt bondage,
deprivation of liberty, and lack of control over freedom and labor. TIP can be for purposes of sexual exploitation or labor exploitation.

**Human trafficking and migrant smuggling** are often conflated and referred to interchangeably. But the anti-immigrant rhetoric finds one key difference between trafficking and smuggling: people who are trafficked are considered victims of a crime under international law and are protected, while smuggled migrants are not and should be deported. Thus, better awareness of human trafficking and migrant smuggling can potentially improve victim protection and avoid the re-trafficking of victims.

For example, a recruiter deceived Jane into taking a job overseas in a restaurant, promising her a salary she could not pass up and helping her obtain a visa to work in America. Upon arrival, she was told there was no job. In order to pay off the cost of her transportation and work documents, and to keep her family from being threatened for her “debt,” her recruiter forced her to engage in prostitution. Jane is a trafficking victim: fraud and force were used to subject her to sex trafficking. She is an undocumented alien.

Another example: To escape from the rape, mayhem, and murder in her country due to a foreign instigated war between freedom fighters and the government, Joni paid John $1,000 fee for the travel and to gain illegal entry into America. There was no force, fraud, or coercion involved. Joni was smuggled but not trafficked. In these smuggling cases, the smuggled consents to be smuggled by the smuggler. But, Joni arrived in America without proper documents or a job and she eventually became a prostitute with John’s guidance. Now, she is a criminal undocumented alien, depending upon applicable state law. The stages of a typical prostitution transaction can involve charges against the provider of services for prostitution, the customer paying for the services for solicitation of prostitution, and any middleman for pandering or pimping.

The following table provides a breakdown of the types of specific criminal offenses associated with the 19,723 criminal aliens placed in a non-custodial setting in Fiscal Year 2015, based on a variety of circumstances, including not-guilty verdict, or as a result of an ICE determination of not guilty based on controlling law and policy. The list includes multiple convictions for a single individual, thereby increasing the total number.

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General Crimes 2,008
Burglary 1,963
Fraudulent Activities 1,880
Assault 1,728
Public Peace 1,659
Obstructing the Police 1,420
Assault—Domestic Violence 1,347
Weapon Offenses 1,317
Invasion of Privacy 1,012
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Tax Revenue 40
Extortion 36
Juvenile Offenders 35
Obscenity 32
People who are smuggled can be extremely vulnerable to trafficking, abuse, and other crimes, as they are illegally present in America and often owe large debts to their smugglers. Most of the smuggled migrants flee violence and/or poverty in their home country. Smuggled persons may be subjected to sex or labor trafficking while in transit or at their destination. Human trafficking and migrant smuggling overlap in reality, which makes it particularly important that policymakers and others are conscious of the differences between them.

When human trafficking is treated as migrant smuggling by the American government, people, and politicians; victims of modern slavery and trafficking are subjected to incarceration and deportation, instead of being provided the protections, services, or legal redress to which these victims modern slavery and trafficking are entitled, and thus left vulnerable to being re-trafficked.

One of the Department of Justice’s goals is to reform and strengthen America’s criminal justice system by targeting the most serious offenses for federal prosecution, expanding the use of diversion programs, and aiding inmates in reentering society (Objective 3.4). Adjudicate all immigration cases promptly and impartially in accordance with due process (Objective 3.7). In accordance with these goals, aliens should be treated humanely and considered “innocent until proven guilty.” Unfortunately, the idea of being innocent until proven guilty does not appear in our Constitution or any of the Constitutional amendments. It is a part of common law. However, a defendant has a presumption of innocence. The outcome of a trial is "not guilty" determination of the presumed "innocent."
COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING

Community policing is a philosophy that promotes organizational strategies, which support the systematic use of partnerships and problem solving techniques, to proactively address the immediate conditions that give rise to public safety issues, such as crime, social disorder, and fear of crime23. -Matthew Scheider, Assistant Director

Community Oriented Policing plays an important and vital role in reducing crime in any community, but politically motivated false propaganda against aliens who are the victims of human trafficking by the American drug and human trafficking gangs does not.

When residents take a more personal interest in their city and the protection of their community and neighborhoods, they enjoy a safer and closer relationship with their neighbors. Collaborative partnerships between the law enforcement agency and the individuals and organizations they serve to develop solutions to problems and increase trust in police.

Community policing, recognizing that police rarely can solve public safety problems alone, encourages interactive partnerships with relevant stakeholders. The range of potential partners is large, and these partnerships can be used to accomplish the two interrelated goals of developing solutions to problems through collaborative problem solving and improving public trust.

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“Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high, Where knowledge is free, Where the world has not been broken up into fragments, By narrow domestic walls.” -- Rabindranath Tagore (1861-1941), Gitanjali, 1912.

One World One Family
AUM! SWASTI!
Om! Asatoma Sadgamaya, Tamasoma Jyotirgamaya, Mrityorma Amritamgamaya, Om Shantih, Shantih, Shantih!
(Aum! Lead the world from wrong path to the right path, from ignorance to knowledge, from mortality to immortality, and peace!)
SWASTI! AUM!