

Newtown Connecticut school slaughter as American as apple pie

By Bo Filter

Each time there is a new shooting in the U.S., the same cause is trotted out before the public by the tightly controlled mass media. The 20 children and seven adults who died at Sandy Hook Elementary School on December 14, 2012 were killed because of an unexplainable senseless act, we are told.

Since the act was senseless, no need to worry. Nothing can be done. Go back to whatever you were doing and forget about it.

The faith-based masses believe in the media as an authoritative voice and consequently go back to work believing they are not part of a bigger problem. Faith-based people read very little. The predominant share of their picture of reality is formed from corporate media messaging. Expectantly, they feel relieved when the television news anchor tells them that such shootings are rather freak incidents requiring no need for in-depth public scrutiny.

However, what if public complacency is not warranted? What if public shootings are part of something bigger, part of society at large? Scholars who look at the big picture see many connections that society should not be avoiding.

Jack Smith writing for Global Research says government "must assume responsibility for creating a national culture of guns and violence that leads to continuing mass murders and individual killings".¹

Mother Jones magazine has chronicled 62 mass shootings in the U.S. in the last 30 years.² Key to mass killings as part of a culture of violence is the process of dehumanizing our fellow citizens, especially when governments seek to oppress their citizens.

With the passing of the *Patriot Acts* in the U.S. and the anti-terrorist legislation in Canada, police brutality has increased.

These militarized laws run parallel to constitutional law and are being evoked increasingly at the expense of civil rights, inching us closer to martial law. SWAT teams in Darth Vader uniforms now bust into the homes of peace protest organizers, armed with a vast array of weapons, like the .223 Bushmaster semiautomatic assault rifle wielded by Adam Lanza in Newtown, ready to use them under the slightest provocation. Cultural threads of violence connect these events in a gun-loving society.

A majority of the mass killers like Lanza have been described as being mentally ill. Part of their illness is a profound sense of disconnection with fellow humans, of losing sight of compassion and empathy for others. They become lost souls in a culture of violence who stand out but are part of a broader mass psychosis that permeates all levels of an aggression-oriented government that cannot contain itself.

Spreading aggression around the world begins with boot camp instructions, which dehumanize people in the countries to be invaded as in the example of rape. All women are considered fair game, Suzy Qs who just want to get laid. So taking them without permission is acceptable military behaviour. The word "rape" is not used but clearly implied, part of the booty of war.

Adam Lanza might well have gone to boot camp with Josh Stieber, veteran of the company in which Wikileaks showed a helicopter machine-gunning civilians in Iraq.

Stieber recalls boot camp marching cadence chants in 2006: "I went down to the market where all the women shop. I pulled out my machete, and I began to chop. I went down to the park where all the children play. I pulled out my machine gun, and I began to spray."³

Disgusted, Josh wrote home to religious leaders to complain. He was told to have more faith in God, that this is how the

military works. The end justifies the means.

Should we not be too shocked to see crazed killing in a country that trains professional soldiers to do the same thing? Is not the government, military and religion connected to all of this? We need to be asking ourselves if chopping up women and machine-gunning children are features of an insane military culture.

Militarism is nothing new. Europeans brought it with them to the new world. Slaughter of the natives throughout the Americas began almost immediately. Colonial wars of aggression followed, continuing to this day.

Slaughter in other countries has not spared the children. In Viet Nam, for instance, the U.S. dropped more bombs than they did during World War II. According to the Pepper Report, 250,000 children were killed, and another 750,000 were wounded and maimed for life.

The U.S. sprayed 80 million litres of defoliants like Agent Orange across the countryside. Out of 4.8 million exposed, 3 million are estimated to be victims.⁴ Reported birth defects are as high as 400,000. Some of the stillborn appeared as jelly babies, and deformed children are still being born now over 50 years later, a feature of perpetual war against Viet Nam. You can see for yourself rows and rows of freak stillborn babies in jars, housed in a separate wing at a Saigon hospital.⁵

Starvation is another way to kill children in foreign lands. The U.S. and its NATO allies like Canada dish out economic sanctions to a growing list of countries, which necessarily create starvation conditions.

Now they have added depleted uranium (DU) tipped shells to their weapons of mass destruction. DU causes extreme birth defects. Freak babies are being born at alarming rates in Yugoslavia, Afghanistan, and Iraq.⁶

With all this killing and maiming of children in other lands, mass killings at home seem more like a common feature of a brutal culture, a feature as American as apple pie.

We North Americans see ourselves as good people, always intervening in other countries' affairs for strictly humanitarian purposes, never as pirates of international resources. Tragically, we have blinded ourselves, encased ourselves in criminal negligence. We hide in our churches and talk of our great noble cause. We busy ourselves with small community gossip but with deadly consequences. Militarism is our way in the world.

To stop mass random mass killings like in Newtown, we will have to first convert our militaristic culture to a genuine democracy where people like Adam Lanza cannot easily slip through the cracks of society but instead feel they are a vital part of a healthy community.

For now, the current trend of mass killings will only continue to grow.

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Endnotes:

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Fiction:

Russia to foil U.S. plans to ignite World War III

By Bo Filter

A Russian computer repairman working at the Kremlin accidentally leaked a top secret plan that reveals the most amazing war exercise they are about to deploy. Clearly, it will stop the U.S. dead in its tracks. And get this—not a single shot will be fired.

You talk about psychological chutzpah. Think about it this way. They are about to make the greatest chess move that has ever been played in all of history's games of war. The author of the plan is yet to be revealed but the discovery of the plan, itself, is going to make the world stand up and watch on the Internet in bone chilling amazement psychological warfare at its ultimate peak.

To understand the plan we have to set the stage. First we have to recall an important fact. Remember back on September 11, 2001 when three World Trade Center skyscrapers fell almost perfectly in their tracks. The two twin towers were hit by two airliners and we were told that both buildings collapsed due to fires initiated by burning jet fuel. Building 7 collapsed also, supposedly because of fires, but no plane hit building 7. This is your first big clue. This should make you at least a bit suspicious.

Next, on 9/11 a fact eluded the vast majority of the public which was critical to their understanding what really happened. If you don't already know it by now, here it is. No steel-framed skyscraper has ever collapsed due to fire. That's right. Jet fuel and building contents burn at temperatures far below what it takes to melt steel. This fact was not lost on anyone who understands basic physics, including the Russians.

This is where the plan starts to take shape. Now let's put you into the author's chair for a minute and imagine what you could do with this fact. What could you make happen that would reveal what a tremendous hoax this is? If the world could

see how impossible it is to take down steel buildings with airliners and fires, you would reveal perhaps the biggest lie ever perpetrated on a nation's collective desire to trust their government.

The buildings could only have been demolished. Islamic terrorists would not have had any of the means to pull this off, so who did it?

What if... just what if you decided to reenact the scene of the crime? You decided to fly an airliner into a steel skyscraper. You know the building won't collapse. In fact, steel-framed skyscrapers are so strong you can fly as many planes into them as you want. You can have as big a fire as you want. You can, in effect, create the most incredible fireworks show that has never been seen.

One amazing fact would remain. The building will not collapse.

Now let's get up closer to the plan. An unnamed skyscraper has been designated. The building will be vacated. The time is set but undisclosed. The world will be alerted just prior to engagement.

Six retired airliners are being re-commissioned and fitted with remote control, modern drone technology. Full of jet fuel, one of these planes will strike the tower every 17 minutes, matching the time between the twin tower strikes on 9/11. This will continue until all six planes have hit the tower. Fireballs and smoke like you have never seen.

To add more insult to injury, the building will be loaded with wood, so it will burn like a torch for well over a day, far beyond what was even imagined in the movie, *Towering Inferno*.

In fact, perhaps the biggest give away on 9/11 is the picture of the second plane strike and fireball. You see this moment so often on the covers of newspapers and magazines. What is so meaningful about this picture is the fact that the fire in the first tower struck is already going out. It is starving of oxygen, which is why it is bellowing black smoke. Hardly any fire is visible.

At the scene, Russian news staff will be revealing the model of the planes, their impact thrust, including the schedules they once flew in the airline industry. The strength of the steel will be revealed. They

will interview witnesses.

An incredible media circus will be under way, and you will get to see the whole thing. How simple can the plan be, how ingeniously clear.

When people around the world see live on the global internet that they were scammed on 9/11, the game will be up for the warmongers in Washington. No amount of damage control will save their sorry asses.

World War III will be derailed. Until then, notice that people are not afraid to go into steel-framed skyscrapers. Ask yourself why. It's because they are safe unless setup well in advance for demolition. Over 2000 people died, offered up like sacrificial lambs to the altar of *war on terrorism*.

Stay tuned for an announcement from Russia. The grand chess game is about to unfold.

Of this article, author Bo Filter says, "This is my first fiction writing. We are so desperate to elude WWII. If we could stir the imagination of countries who could technically pull off this article scenario, the resultant embarrassment for the perpetrators of 9/11 would force them into damage control, a place from which they may never recover. This could end their endgame of global domination. We have so much work before us..."

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