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KILLING AMERICA

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While the Biden administration, backed by far-left activist groups and the liberal mass media, continues to demonize white Christian conservative patriots—“MAGA Republicans,” according to the president—shocking violence, criminality and mayhem plague U.S. streets.

Several gruesome examples from across the nation offer frightening insight into the deplorable state of America.

On Sept. 2, Eliza Fletcher, a 34-year-old married mother of two, was snatched off the streets of Memphis at 4:30 a.m. while out for a morning jog by a violent black 38-year-old career criminal named Cleotha Abston. Abston had already spent over half his life behind bars for previous kidnapping, rape, and aggravated assault crimes. Fletcher’s body was found abandoned behind a building in a blighted Memphis neighborhood. Abston was identified by video surveillance footage, and his DNA was tied to the kidnapping and brutal murder. He has since been charged with first-degree murder and his bond has been revoked as court proceedings continue.

As AFP goes to press, Abston has been arraigned for yet another rape and kidnapping of a Memphis woman in 2021. This thug, released from prison in 2020, clearly should never have been allowed to walk the streets.



On Sept. 7, a clearly disturbed 19-year-old black man named Ezekiel Kelly went on a violent shooting spree in Memphis after murdering a former friend and killing six other innocent people in what appear to be random attacks carried out across the city. Kelly livestreamed parts of his murderous rampage on Facebook and also carjacked and killed at least one other victim before being apprehended. Kelly was previously charged with two counts of attempted murder and another count of reckless endangerment stemming from a 2020 shooting. He ended up pleading guilty to a lesser charge of aggravated assault, serving only 11 months of a three-year sentence before being released. He should have been behind bars for decades.

On the opposite side of the country, a known illegal alien named Jose Rafael Solano Landata, 33, was arrested in connection with the beheading of his ex-girlfriend with a

Samurai sword in broad daylight in San Carlos, Calif., the same week that Kelly went on his murderous rampage in Memphis. Landata, who overstayed his original tourist visa issued 10 years ago, was previously convicted of raping a minor. He received a pathetic three-year probation sentence before the charge was expunged.

Democrats and far too many Republicans champion “criminal justice reform” and other soft-on-crime approaches to law enforcement in the fallacious name of social and racial justice, policies that have eroded the rule of law, allowing violent criminals to escape justice and be released back on the streets to commit even more crimes against hapless citizens.

These misguided policies, coupled with George Soros-backed activist district attorneys, prosecutors, judges, and public defenders—ever eager to excuse and downplay violent criminal behavior, particularly when committed by minorities and illegal aliens—have led to chaos on America’s streets. Innocent people, including mothers, fathers, children, and elderly Americans, are being victimized in increasing numbers, many of them paying with their lives.

Americans deserve better. This soft-on-crime approach to criminal justice for violent offenders is the new liberal fad, predictably bringing tragedy to far too many families. ★

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