

What killed Nowak: One murderer and all the malignancy of collective self-hate

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The now infamous Henry Nowak tragedy in Britain, from last December, is now seen throughout the Western world as indicative of the terrible dangers of the cult of self-hate in Western civilisation, cynically and fervently stoked up by some destructive immigrant groups. The story is that the young (white) man (Nowak) was returning from a night out with his football chums when he was set upon and brutally stabbed as many as nine times by a Sikh with a ceremonial long knife, which under British law Sikhs are entitled to carry.



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The police body camera revealed that Nowak, though he said many times that he had been stabbed and was having trouble breathing, was arrested and handcuffed by police and dragged away. He died while being read his rights as an arrested person about to be charged with a criminal offense. (Photo by Finbarr Webster/Getty Images)

The assailant, instead of summoning an ambulance, called the police, gave his knife to his mother, and told the police that Nowak had attacked him. The police body camera revealed that Nowak, though he said many times that he had been stabbed and was having trouble breathing, was arrested and handcuffed by police and dragged away. He died while being read his rights as an arrested person about to be charged with a criminal offence.

The murderer has finally been brought to justice, and the take-away of the episode is that the police are now so habituated to believing the charges of ethnic minorities against the host white British majority, that justice is frequently injustice. This is one full step beyond the febrile mass rioting that followed the death of George Floyd in 2020. At least on that occasion, the arresting officer was partially responsible for the death of George Floyd, who was guilty of the far from capital offense of passing a counterfeit banknote, and was a criminal recidivist. It was a terrible episode where the arresting officer had his knee on Floyd's neck for an unconscionable length of time, all recorded on a cell-phone camera, but Floyd was physically unwell and was far from an innocent, let alone heroic personality. It was negligence and an unjustified use of force but there has never been any evidence that the arresting officer had any intention of doing lasting physical harm to Floyd.

As all will remember, the leading Democratic-governed cities of America erupted in supposedly sympathetic violence which was generally described by the anti-Trump media as "peaceful protests" although a billion dollars of damage was done by arsonists and vandals and dozens of people were killed or injured. The anti-Trump media represented the whole episode as indicative of the chaos naturally generated by Trump, but the more extreme left and anarchistic elements presented it as a perfect illustration of the profound and widespread racism and moral turpitude of white America. It became a joint orgy of

hysterical abuse of the incumbent president and a general social condemnation of supposedly racist America and particularly the routine bigotry of its metropolitan police forces, in this case in Minneapolis.

A great many Democratic-governed cities then defunded their police forces, crime rates soared and eventually most of the cities reconsidered their reflexive reactions to the Floyd incident and law enforcement has become a much more respected and admired occupation in the intervening years. This fact, coupled with closing of the effectively open borders of the country in the second Trump administration, and the removal, voluntarily or otherwise, under the Trump administration, of well over a million people who had entered the country illegally, including hundreds of thousands of convicted violent criminals, have sharply reduced the incidence of almost all categories of crime across the country. Murder rates are now at their lowest point per capita in the United States since 1900.

The United States, though the issue is clouded by the extreme controversy that has attached itself to President Trump, has turned the corner and decisively rejected and discredited woke-ism and the extremes of diversity, affirmative action, notions of white privilege, critical race theory and all the malignant fatuities of collective self-hate that so quickly arose like a cobra's head after the American triumph in the Cold War and the symbolic victory over the legacy of slavery in the election of an African-American president. The majority of Democrats profess not to admire the United States, but that result seems to be largely attached to the fact that Donald Trump is the current president.

In the United Kingdom and some other European countries, irresponsibly large numbers of inappropriate and unassimilable immigrants with no loyalty to become conscientious and conforming inhabitants of their new countries, have been admitted, often illegally, and have formed voting blocks that

have acquired a dangerous level of political influence. Polling in most of the major European countries indicates that the majorities are reacting responsibly against these trends. There has been a profound national revulsion on the Nowak case in Britain but getting a clear picture of public opinion is made difficult by the agitations and conflicts in the Middle East, especially around the borders of Israel. Good sense usually prevails and it is completely unjustified to bandy about terms of Nazism and similar epithets, but the West is facing a moral crisis and most of Europe is not yet responding with the vigour of America.

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