

## Is America Suffering from Chernobyl Syndrome?

As expected, after the horrible tragedy at the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut, the media types are droning on endlessly, trotting out so-called experts and pundits and many are resorting to knee-jerk cries for more gun control.

Big surprise.

To touch on that issue for a moment, it's a mystery to me how more gun laws are going to prevent something that took place illegally anyway. Even if we tried, it's not possible to take guns away from everyone, notwithstanding that the Founders incorporated the free ownership of firearms into the Second Amendment to the Constitution. By the way, Connecticut has some of the strongest anti-gun laws in the U. S. A lot of good they did!

Liberal idiots work to disarm law-abiding citizens of their guns with ever more draconian laws, while overlooking the obvious fact that criminals couldn't care less about laws—that's why we call them *criminals*. All it accomplishes is to make it more and more difficult for law-abiding citizens, the only group to obey these laws (as criminals don't bother), to obtain the firearms the Second Amendment allows for.

What do I mean by Chernobyl Syndrome in the title? Let's examine that catastrophe, shall we? In 1986, the nuclear reactor there literally melted down, China Syndrome-style. After the usual breast beating, finger pointing and blame assignment, a number of troubling facts came to light.

First, they built the Chernobyl plant with no containment buildings, buildings that would contain nuclear matter that a damaged reactor would emit. Bad idea. Second, they built it using outdated technology. Unlike more modern reactors, which shut down when cooling water leaks away from the core, this reactor *needed* cooling water to initiate a shutdown. Another bad idea. Third, the Soviets ignored pleas by our Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) to upgrade. Fourth, and most significant, the engineers, working with an already unstable reactor, low on cooling water, began *destructive* stress testing! Is it any wonder it melted down?

Now, let's step aside from the usual we hear in the media about Sandy Hook and other such disturbing tragedies and look at some root causes. For the past five decades, our society has sought to remove any vestige of morality, or any talk of God, from the national discourse. Instead of using discipline to keep kids behaving, we've been more concerned about stifling their "creativity." Instead of parents standing with teachers to regulate school, classroom and social behavior, parents have become teachers' worst enemies; getting in their faces over any complaints by the teacher over bad behavior in school. And we wonder why the kids have no respect for teachers and school administrators?

Using the fallacious term, "pro-choice," we stand idly by while women abort 1.5 million fetuses, a. k. a. human babies, each year, mostly as a form of birth control. Then our government seeks to punish religious medical institutions for taking a moral stance against it, refusing financial aid if they don't go against their firmly held beliefs against abortion and birth control. And some wonder what went wrong when some young cretin walks into a movie theater, or school,

spraying attendees with semi-automatic gunfire? Meanwhile, kids sit in front of video games, blasting away at cops while they heist automobiles. We've cheapened life in our society and are reaping the bitter harvest of our inaction.

It's come to a pretty pass when, faced with poverty, inner city kids turn to drug dealing, rather than a job, to make money. Even if kids *want* a job, the unceasing efforts of our so-called legislators to bankrupt the country are making jobs scarcer and scarcer.

What happened in Sandy Hook didn't happen overnight. I remember a time when something called "the general moral imperative" operated to regulate the all-too prevalent disregard for others in this country. Christians called it "common grace." Never mind the fact that, in rural areas people could leave their doors unlocked, there was a time when a man could get a punch in the nose for making lewd comments about another man's mother, or wife. Today, we talk about "anger management" and conflict resolution, while rap stars spew filth and disregard for women in the name of so-called entertainment. In prison, hardened criminals will abuse a prisoner who molested or hurt a child. Meanwhile, in the suburbs, some wacko walks into a school and kills them in droves.

While bleeding heart liberals decry harsh treatment of criminals and prattle on about whether we should have a death penalty, citing spurious studies stating it's not a deterrent, maniacs with illegal guns, flouting the law, use them to kill innocents, the forgotten statistics in mass shootings. At the very least, the death penalty is a deterrent, in that it removes that particular murderer from the equation and prevents him or her from ever doing it again. Why is it that some worry so much about the "rights" of criminals, but seem to overlook the rights of the many they kill?

Life is cheap and we're taking down the moral and common sense walls against the evil in our society, brick by brick. Unless we turn this kind of idiocy around, all we can expect is an escalation of such atrocities as Columbine and Sandy Hook.

Wake up, America! Start demanding that schools teach morality. Work *with* teachers to discipline your kids and, while you're at it, start teaching it yourself! Fight the so-called ACLU and get a general concept of a supreme being back into our dialog again. Take a firm, harsh stance against violent crime and set an example for criminals to fear. Allow law-abiding citizens to arm themselves, so they can push back when some beast walks into their restaurant threatening patrons with a gun. Face reality and understand that, even with 9-1-1 to aid us, the police can't be everywhere at once; that's why it's wise to arm yourself. Elect officials who mean what they say and vote them out if they lie. Otherwise, we'll continue to see more of the same ... and worse.

We've looked the other way for too long, while the idiots are running the asylum. Let's reclaim our society again! Stop stress testing the nuclear reactor of our society before it reaches critical mass and melts down.

It's the *only* way to prevent Chernobyl Syndrome from occurring here.