

Gangs: causes and solutions

The problem

More and more, city-dwellers fall victim to gun violence perpetrated by gangs. Gangs are the local part of a planetary network interlinking gun, drug and sex trafficking, based on the lure of gain through the domination and exploitation of others, via fear and violence.

The causes

Does not antisocial behaviour, and any other social problem for that matter, take root in **low self-esteem**?

The solutions

Would it not be desirable, then, to seek to generate the prosocial behaviours of civicism and civility, through self-esteem education? If so, could not any and all individuals chime in, as of right now, intensively, and, for all intents and purposes, permanently and perpetually, by referring from all rooftops to the site www.selfesteemandassertion.ca, and by disseminating the text of the site that can be downloaded from it? Of course, this is a long-term affair. Of course, in the short-term, the only viable strategy must be increased, police surveillance.

As for the other strategies of damage control:

- Firearms regulation: Have we been able to observe that this prevents people from obtaining firearms, both legal and illegal?;
- Legalizing hard drugs: Will this succeed in eliminating drug trafficking, when hard drugs, with firearms, are the basis of the sequestering required for prostitution and human trafficking?
- Legalizing prostitution: Can the latter eliminate the trafficking of women? And is prostitution the incarnation of low self-esteem?: “I am an object that can be rented out to strangers. For my livelihood, I must partake in all sorts of acts that do not necessarily please me (understatement); I must expose myself to all sorts of risks (STBBIs, pregnancy), and this, at all hours of the day and/or night, week after week, month after month, and year after year”. Is it surprising that one could eventually feel the need to turn to drug use in order to last in such a “trade”? Do we treat women like the garbage of society, as the inevitable outlet for men who are incapable of controlling their sexual impulses, to avoid the latter from turning to sexual aggression? Is this a healthy way to manage things? Can we accept this social abuse and at the same time deplore domestic violence, hypersexualization, and the sexual exploitation of minors? Can we truly consider pornography, which is a form of prostitution, as socially acceptable?

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