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Unseen Death: Did the George Floyd Riots Just Kill Gun Control and COVID-19?

It's amazing how the right protests and riots can cure a virus. For unless you think officials refrained from quelling the recent violence and looting because they figured, "Heck, these thugs'll drop dead of the Wuhan Flu any minute now!" it's plain that, amazingly, they just don't seem concerned about the disease anymore. But will the Minneapolis-inspired mayhem also cure the gun-control pandemic?



American Thinker's Clarice Feldman thinks so. Commenting on the two matters Sunday, she [wrote](#):

After watching hundreds (including Michigan Governor Whitmer and other political figures who placed the rest of us in lockdowns) marching, screaming shouting — without social distancing and often without masks — it's going to be hard to persuade us that even normal social contact will infect us and those around us with COVID-19. After watching the police hamstrung by these same politicians as their cities were looted and burned and they and civilians were severely injured and killed, gun sales are soaring. Without law and order it's each man for himself. With our biggest cities boarded up and devastated, flight out to red states, where people understand that without respect for law life is too brutal to endure, will snowball.

It was mere weeks ago that statist politicians condemned protesters — the peaceful, anti-lockdown variety — as selfish, self-centered (and sometimes white supremacist) vectors of deadly disease. A New Jersey woman [was even arrested](#) for trying to organize a protest, and Michigan's Whitmer [said](#) she wouldn't apologize for protecting people's health.

What's more, complaining that the anti-lockdown events had transformed into something more partisan, [Whitmer said](#) in mid May, "I'm not changing the way I run this state because of some protests."

Well, that lasted until the something more partisan was more to her partisan liking.

The added irony is that most of the current protesters are black, the very racial demographic leftists had complained was most imperiled by The Virus™. But perhaps like certain cowed cops, the disease is lying down for the protesters. Who'da thunk it? The flu from Wuhan is woke!

Yet even if the disease hadn't been overblown to begin with, the pro(riot)testers might have been in luck, anyway, as a [report from Italy](#) claims the virus is losing potency — much like our feckless "leaders."

Speaking of the latter brings us to why support for gun control may plummet as gun sales surge:

It's increasingly obvious that statist officials will sacrifice you to a leftist mob faster than you can say "political expediency." For when seconds count, the police are lying prone for the protesters (video below).

(Or, when seconds count, the police have just been disbanded by SJW politicians, as the Minneapolis



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City Council [just pledged to do.](#))

Just ask the family of ex-police captain David Dorn, the 77-year-old black man [shot dead by a looter](#) June 2. Ask the families of the other people killed by the thugs.

Or ask 69-year-old black woman Lucy Hosley, whose Bronx deli was ravaged by looters the same day (video below) or the thousands of other business owners whose establishments were plundered. Some of these stores will now never reopen, do note.

Or ask the countless people the mob attacked and abused, most of whose stories won't make news.

Moreover, all this just accords with our government's history of not being there for us in emergencies. During the [Los Angeles riots](#) in 1992, for example, a politically correct government's sins of omission allowed for a period of mayhem, and good citizens were harmed. Innocent truck driver Reginald Denny was [beaten almost to death](#). And the only people able to defend themselves were the armed. Just consider ex-merchant David Joo, who described in the video below what transpired outside his store in '92 after the *police fled the scene*.

Then there's how [gangs were allowed](#) to roam free, abuse people, and commit rapes in Hurricane Katrina's wake in 2005. There's also how then-Baltimore mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake [said](#) of her city's violence in 2015 that they gave rioters "space" to "destroy."

Lastly, even though leftists who [may want to become the police](#) may not succeed in disbanding them, note that the Supreme Court [ruled in 2005](#) that law enforcement has *no duty to protect you*.

So why are gun sales surging and why may Second Amendment support follow suit? As Fox News host Tucker Carlson recently put it, statist politicians are tolerating and even sometimes supporting (usually tacitly) the current riots because they advance the leftist agenda. For this reason, more people may get the message:

These leftists are essentially [saying](#), "One can't make an omelet without breaking a few eggs" — and you, good citizen, are one of the eggs.

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