LEGACY SPEECH

The gun homicide rate in England is about one for every 1 million people. In a population of 56 million, that adds up to about 50 to 60 gun killings annually. While in the US, there are about 160 times more gun homicides then England which is roughly six times smaller in population.

Gun ownership in England is also far lower than in the U.S. as well. On average, England has 6.5 guns per 100 people, compared to America, which has 101 guns per 100 people.

After a mass shooting at a school in England, 1996, the British government pursued legislative bans on assault rifles and handguns and tightened background checks for other types of firearms. Between the time of 1996 and 2013, a total of 200,000 guns and 700 tons of ammunition were taken off British streets due to the ban. All Military-style weapons and most handguns were banned. US has not yet taken any similar actions

So, only a very small section of the population would harm people with fire arms if given the chance. So why do we remove assault rifle’s, machine guns and some hand guns from the general populations as The British government did.

Is it because of the horrific amount of damage a small group of people can inflict on the general population ? is it because of the cost financially and socially to our communities ? Yes

Governments in countries like Australia and England have restricted the access of fire arms to the general population to protect their people from the harm that can come from a small percentage of the population that can’t be trusted.

So when will we be able to have the uncomfortable and difficult conversation about another threat to the safety and well being of communities around the world, due to a small percentage of people whose violent interpretation of a majority peaceful religion courses so much death, fear and destruction, around the world.

There are an estimated 1.8 billion Muslims which is about 24 % of the world’s population.

Of those 1.8 billion people according to a Pew Research poll from 2011 about 106,000 worldwide are actually actively engaging in extremist violence.Such a small number of the world Muslim population but the damage they have done is horrific and the potential of it spreading is terrifying.

So how can we have a conversation without victimising and alienating the majority of the population who are not engaged in or planning violence or ask them to water down their faith so it loses all its relevance and effect

How do we involve everybody concerned in the conversation without shouting them down or physically attacking them in cafés if we don’t agree with their point of view. Us people covering our faces and punching & kicking people involved in peaceful protests hoping to film them retaliating and show the world how bad they are, justifiable violence you say, if its justifiable why do you hide your faces, violence is violence and its harmful to both the perpetrator and the victim and ugly in all its forms.

Isn’t freedom of speech so people can express their fears and concerns out in the open with out fear of being humiliated because you don’t believe the popular point of view of the daySo people’s fears and prejudges can be allayed through discussion education and facts

Then they might not out of frustration vote for an far Left or Right political party that has such a limited political agenda they could never govern a country but wield power in the political arena throwing common sense out the window.

And how can people form informed views and onions about such topics when the order of the day from sections of the media is subtle manipulation towards their preferred opinion, present the news in a set up social environment were facts are mixed with social popularity and bulling ,subtlety coercing the public

If you think I am saying people cannot live were they want to around the world because of the the faith they follow, you are wrong, But there is a very real danger in the world and we all need to have a difficult, open and honest conversation about how we can leave a legacy no fear and safety in the world for my generation and our children of all the people in the world