



People for Proper Policing in North Wales

Do we really need Policing ?

We have often asked ourselves this question and we decided: Yes we do! and that many of our problems were a combination of deep seated social problems, exacerbated by a long term lack of visible deterrent type community policing. During a study of the roots of morality etc we came upon this snippet of significance!

To read further go to http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Blank_Slate

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Whether by God or by each other – in order to stop us from behaving in a selfish and criminal manner?

On the other hand, just to weaken our confidence, listen to Steven Pinker's disillusioning experience of a police strike in Montreal, which he describes in *The Blank Slate*:

As a young teenager in proudly peaceable Canada during the romantic 1960s, I was a true believer in Bakunin's anarchism. I laughed off my parents' argument that if the government ever laid down its arms all hell would break loose. Our competing predictions were put to the test at 8:00 A.M. on October 17, 1969, when the Montreal police went on strike. By 11:20 A.M. the first bank was robbed. By noon most downtown stores had closed because of looting. Within a few more hours, taxi drivers burned down the garage of a limousine service that competed with them for airport customers, a rooftop sniper killed a provincial police officer, rioters broke into several hotels and restaurants, and a doctor slew a burglar in his suburban home. By the end of the day, six banks had been robbed, a hundred shops had been looted, twelve fires had been set, forty carloads of storefront glass had been broken, and three million dollars in property damage had been inflicted, before city authorities had to call in the army and, of course, the Mounties to restore order.

The PPP comments.....it's difficult to believe that North Wales could be as inherently lawless....BUT we've had a few samples recently when Anglesey villages have been attacked by marauding Yobs, armed gangs are targetting pubs in Flintshire and trading estates in Denbighshire.