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The lessons of New York's falling murder rate.

James Forsyth. the Spectator 28th December 2009

New York's ever falling murder rate is one of the wonders of modern urban policy. It is proof that decisive political leadership can arrest and then reverse decline that many had considered inevitable. This year, as The New York Times reports, New York is scheduled to record the lowest number of murders since records began in 1962. **In 1990 there were 2,245 murders, in 2009 to date, there have only been 461.**

Now, it has often been rightly said that Britain should learn from the success of broken windows policing. But reading the piece in the Times today, I was struck by the fact that the murder rate is still falling despite the **NYPD having to reduce its number of officers by 6,000 since 2001**. Much of this success is due to the NYPD using technology to help best deploy its resources.

The NYPD's work is a consummate example of how public services can do more for less and one that Britain's political parties would be well advised to **learn from**.

The PPP agree with the following readers comments

The differences are that New York, USA is not governed by politically correct morons like the UK is. I don't just mean politicians but the police 'service' (think Ian Blair), CPS, IPCC, the human rights brigade headed by Trevor Philips and most of all the judiciary (which by the way is on the whole elected in the US). Also punishment is much tougher/harsher in the US than it is in the UK. Until the whole thing is reformed to mirror the states then we can't do what they do over there. It is as simple as that, there are too many vested interests, as I have listed above.

55% of murders in London are committed by minorities and most of the rest are committed by specific minority populations. It is actually unusual for a Brit to commit murder in the capital. If the Metropolitan Police adopted similar tactics there would be an outcry from all the usual suspects.

Until we actually get the truth about knife and gun crime in this country, which is that a large percentage of it is committed by ethnic minorities, especially young black men of Afro Caribbean descent, nothing will change. To begin, the Met has to be honest about this and publish the statistics, something it has hitherto been reluctant to do, for political reasons.

Next, our dear leaders must be open and honest and order the use of profiling, so that strategies like the ones mentioned in the NYT piece will work here. So then, fat chance of that, eh?

What we have is ordinary law abiding citizens being pestered by the police in order to fill quotas.

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