

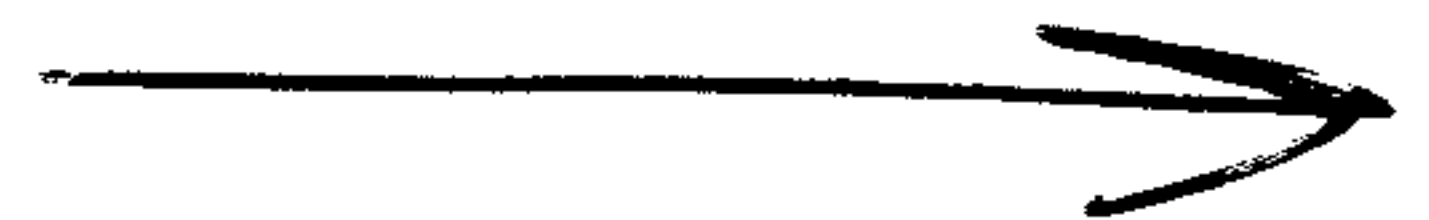
"Going Postal"
BY PAT/SALTY

IT has become - UNFORTUNATELY -
AS AMERICAN AS APPLE pie.
VERY BAD Apple pie - TO BE SURE -
BUT Apple Pie NO LESS.
Apple pie with WORMS IN IT.
AND LOADED WITH MAGGOTS.
BETTY CROCKERS BEST, IT AINT.
"Going postal", OF COURSE, MEANS
FLIPPING OUT - USUALLY WITH A GUN
OR GUNS - AND KILLING AS MANY
PEOPLE AS THE ONE "GOING POSTAL" CAN.
OFTEN CO-WORKERS.

The saying DERIVES FROM EARLY
INCIDENTS WHERE A POST OFFICE
EMPLOYEE SHOT UP HIS WORKPLACE,
SHOT HIS POSTAL SUPERVISER, SHOT THOSE
CO-WORKERS HE THOUGHT WERE "OUT TO
GET HIM", ETC.

BUT NOWADAYS ITS JUST AS LIKELY
TO HAPPEN AT A SCHOOL OR FACTORY
OR A MCDONALDS - ANY PLACE WHERE
THERE ARE PEOPLE.

IT BASICALLY STARTED IN AMERICA,
MOST "GOING POSTAL" INCIDENTS STILL



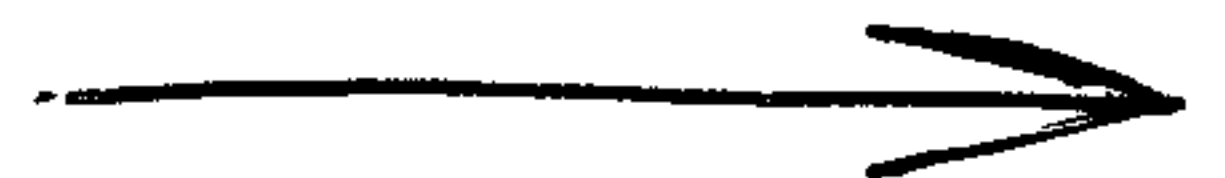
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happen Right here in The Good ole' U.S. OF A. - BUT - INCREASINGLY - WE HAVE BEGUN TO SEE IT HAPPEN MORE AND MORE IN OTHER COUNTRYS, TOO, (ENGLAND, GERMANY, JAPAN, ETC.) PERHAPS FOLLOWING AMERICAS LEAD AND/OR INFLUENCE VIA THE MASS MEDIA. (AT ANY RATE, THEIR NUTS FOLLOWING THE MEDIA PUBLICIZED EXAMPLES OF OUR NUTS).

The YEARLY STATISTICS THAT LIST EACH NATIONS DEATHS BY GUNSHOT ALWAYS GO SOMETHING ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES;

ENGLAND :	26
FRANCE :	42
GERMANY :	103
RUSSIA :	469
AMERICA :	24,681

The ABOVE ARE NOT - REPEAT, NOT - THE ACTUAL EXACT NUMBERS BUT I WRITE IT THIS WAY JUST TO ILLUSTRATE HOW INCREDIBLY OUT OF PROPORTION AND OUTRAGOUSLY ONE SIDED EVERY YEARLY DEATH STATISTIC BY GUNSHOT IS - NATION BY NATION - IN SO FAR AS AMERICAS



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DEATH RATE (BY GUNSHOT) IS COMPARED TO THE REST OF THE WORLD - AND THIS IS EVERY SINGLE YEAR, LIKE CLOCKWORK. DRAW YOUR OWN CONCLUSIONS FROM IT - I - PAT/SALTY - TAKE NO POSITION VIS A VIS GUNCONTROL LAWS OR WHETHER AMERICA NEEDS MORE, OR LESS, OR WHATEVER - BUT I AM PERFECTLY AWARE OF WHAT THE COLD, HARD, OBJECTIVE NUMBERS SAY.

THE OBVIOUS RATIONAL CONCLUSION IS THAT YEARLY DEATH BY GUNSHOT STATISTICS ARE ALWAYS BY FAR AND AWAY THE HIGHEST HERE IN THE UNITED STATES BECAUSE - DUH - THIS COUNTRY HAS, AND MANUFACTURES, AND SELLS, SO MANY ~~QUANT~~ MORE GUNS EVERY YEAR THAN THE OTHER COUNTRIES DO. IT AINT ROCKET SCIENCE, AFTER ALL. - OR IS IT? TO SOME PEOPLE?

BECAUSE IT SEEMS THAT, TO SOME AT LEAST, IT IS LIKE ROCKET SCIENCE TO UNDERSTAND, "GUNS DON'T KILL PEOPLE - PEOPLE KILL PEOPLE," THEY LIKE TO SAY. WELL, YES AND NO; ITS ACTUALLY PEOPLE HOLDING LOADED GUNS THAT KILL SO MANY EACH YEAR IN "POSTAL NATION" XXX