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## **The Rising Tide of Domestic Terrorism Is a Society Malfunction**

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The month of August has taken a deadly track across America. It follows an uptick of killing by those that individually have had ideological and cultural views, which they have actioned.

Killing unknown people for their cause of hatred of others and acknowledging prior attacks by like-minded terroristic killers.

As of early hours, of Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, yet another gunman has killed ten and injured 16 in Dayton, Ohio. More on this will follow as a motive at this time is unknown.

A compounding shock in the light that the previous day a gunman killed 20 and injured 26 in El Paso, Texas within a Walmart. In a rambling posting just before his actions, he refers to other mass shootings in Norway, New Zealand, and others in America. He tied his actions to illegal immigration increases in Texas and the decline in his opinion of white society.

In all of these horrific shootings, there is one common denominator; they planned their actions, meaning they had to visit and chose the locations. These individuals were seen on many of the CCTV systems in surveilling the sites, most probably on several occasions, which is always proven after the fact, which is too late.

We miss so much with information that passes right in front of eyes, sure you installed CCTV and then forgot that Artificial Intelligence and Machine Language Algorithms could not and do not function without human intervention.

Genuine human intelligence is essential: experimental design, wisdom, common sense, skepticism, and critical thinking. Data scientists shouldn't strive to be machine-like, in all their mindless pattern-seeking, curve-fitting glory; they should strive to be scientists.

As these diabolical individuals visited the pending crime scenes, CCTV recorded their actions which were missed. Ah, but a record was preserved, gathering digital dust which can be reviewed and audited. CCTV video footage auditing is unknown to most and respected by those in the work of predictability and historical records of actions.

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It is likened to asking the right questions and notating the answers for use at a later date. That system has been a critical fact with law enforcement in sharing relevant information in real-time.

The crucial role that video footage played in the Boston Bombing has many Americans re-evaluating the role of CCTV and other surveillance tools in public spaces.

While the US never embraced state-sponsored CCTV the way the UK has, it has nevertheless used surveillance as national security and law-enforcement measure for years.

"As the Boston bombing demonstrated, we are pretty well surveyed," says Ioannis Pavlidis, a professor of computational physiology at the University of Houston.

We disagree, CCTV Video Footage shows so much and is missed time and time again! It is before the pending events that show us so much if only, we took the time and software was available to enabling reviewing and auditing video footage in a concise and precise manner.

### **But it is!**

We all survey, engage in surveillance, recce, or review before we action something. A trait of all humans and is visible and recorded on any CCTV system. It is having trained individuals and proprietary software to achieve this. That is the importance.

This is nothing new to the likes of *CommSmart Global Group* or *Entrical*, both in the business of collecting data/information sharing in real-time on a global basis.

Corporate security and law enforcement are reactive entities; they cannot act unless they are informed in traditional ways. That has all changed! There is so much information which is a proactive movement to stopping or preventing these cowardly actions.

Our culture has changed; it is not the world of your grandparents, even your mother or father. It is a broken, sick society in which you believe others in Public Safety will protect you. They cannot without your needed assistance.

### **WRONG!**

It is **you**, yes **you**, who have the majority of the answers in what you already know, hear and see. In sharing them with others, including the authorities, will make the difference.

Corporations have a **Duty of Care** to protect all that enter their facilities in every way possible.

The shock might be an underestimation in your waking hours. Don't worry; you will feel it, again and again, people have been killing each other since time began. If it is not the gun, it is the knife, rock, piece of wood and with their bare hands.

It is a society that must change and stop the in-fighting on how we achieve change!

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