

How do they do it?

Sadly, tragically, devilishly, there were two U.S.A. mass shootings in the news last week. Dozens were killed. Dozens were wounded. The Nation is debating ways in which this kind of thing can be prevented from ever happening again. Again, sadly... this side of Heaven... we know it cannot be prevented from ever happening again. When the heart of Man is changed forever, then it will stop forever. Period.

But that's not what this article is about! The title, "How do they do it?", is what it's about! The inquiring mind says, "How do they do, what?". What they do, is what the Apostle Paul said that all unrighteous humans do...

*For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. (Rom 1:18,19)*

To suppress the truth in unrighteousness is what we seem to do best. One might say that the truth of the shootings was there for everyone to see. What are you talking about Preacher!?!? Were I a citizen of Chicago today, I'd be screaming. In fact, citizens of Chicago *are* screaming... but no one's hearing it. That truth about that too, is being suppressed in unrighteousness. Huh?

During the same weekend that the mass shootings happened in Dayton and El Paso, the city of Chicago experienced two mass shootings in less than three hours. 7 were killed and 46 were wounded. This too is tragic, sad, devilish... but it is the order of the day for the city of Chicago, has been for years, and our media and politicians have been hiding it for Years! How do they do it?

Let's ask the questions... are the facts about Chicago not known? Are they not known by the media? Are they not known by the politicians? Here are some of those facts, so that you'll know...

<u>August to Date</u>	<u>Week in Progress (8/4 – 8/10)</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Shot & Killed: <b>10</b>	Shot & Killed: <b>6</b>	Shot & Killed: <b>280</b>
Shot & Wounded: <b>76</b>	Shot & Wounded: <b>51</b>	Shot & Wounded: <b>1385</b>
Total Shot: <b>86</b>	Total Shot: <b>57</b>	Total Shot: <b>1665</b>
Total Homicides: <b>10</b>	Total Homicides: <b>6</b>	Total Homicides: <b>307</b>

Now let's ask the question again. How do they do it?

I cannot but go back to the Scriptures and quote Paul. Unrighteous men suppress the truth. Those of us whom have put on the righteousness of God have no business participating in that suppression. Is there unconscionable violence in the US? Yes, of course there is. But that violence is “accepted”, the truth about it being suppressed unless and until it suits the purpose of those unrighteous, who think they hold sway over the Truth. They do not. The Truth is a Person, the Lover of my soul.

Please loved ones, do not get caught up in the hysteria of the moment.

*He who answers a matter before he hears it, It is folly and shame to him. (Prov 18:13)*

Do Not Misunderstand Me Here. I am not minimizing the shootings in El Paso and Dayton. Are you upset about man's violence about man? Good. So am I. But let's not be swayed by those who are selectively suppressing the truth, frequently distorting and misrepresenting the truth, and **using** the truth as if it were theirs to use. It is not. All Truth is God's Truth.

I am here merely reminding you that the truth is so much more important than the emotional reactions we have to selectively revealed truth, which reactions are then used by those unrighteous, whose agenda it is to suppress the truth unless and until they can use it for their villainous purposes. Don't go over the cliff with everyone else.

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