

Crime, human rights and safety in the post-modern world

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"Safety" is today a fairly resounding and popular word, which - not surprisingly - is defined very narrowly, in fact ideologically. It mostly refers only to safety from criminal victimisation and not to the safe enjoyment of valid human rights (i.e. the capacity of autonomous determination of one's own life). In general, the question arises of how to protect well-to-do people (and their quality of life), meaning a tiny minority of people. It is a sad and shameful fact that most of the people, who live in this world in impossible conditions, in hunger and poverty, without goods and services which are indispensable to meet the most elementary needs, remain for the most part overlooked (even worse, for the criminological, victimological and also sociological mainstream, these masses of people and even genocide victimisation, seem irrelevant). In the insatiable pursuit of profit (and social power), hardly any attention is paid to the countless army of those which are hungry for most the elementary things: accumulation of capital (to be read: economic structural violence) must also remain free in the future, i.e. not subject to moral values, (national and international) public order, the idea of human rights, rule of law and to the democratic political process. The world of the rich is interested in the (non)world of the poor only insofar as they represent a potential threat and an inexhaustible source of risks against which it is necessary to be protected as much as possible, if necessary also by a "long war against terrorism" (which is fearlessly led by a terrorist par excellence) which is in fact a productive, economic war (a continuation of the capitalist system logic by another means): a war for neoliberal / neoconservative globalisation. This "post-modern" war is messianically simple: you are either on the side of the good / civilised or you are a terrorist, collateral damage, the nameless bulk of the miserable or a member of the mass of negligible and inferior (it worthy at all) creatures.

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