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After tragedy, Americans like to pretend we're in Europe and could just legislate this away, when in reality we're a country in the Americas built on Indian burial grounds and haunted by Olmec corn demons

Banning guns here wouldn't transform us into Germany, but into Brazil, which became #1 firearm homicide country in the world *after* banning guns (mass disarmament of non-criminal citizens, criminals kept their guns).

Brazil is instructive because there were already a lot of guns there when the ban went into place. Gun bans only have an effect when there's already a low rate of ownership. In Brazil it just got worse. There are more guns than people in the US. Restrictions won't do anything.

Radical idea but perhaps we should focus on creating fewer mass murderers in the first place. This stuff happens in America so much because America is one of the most uniquely high-stress places on earth.

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We are also, as a country, pathologically incapable of even broaching the problem of evil in our public discourse.

One of the single most effective things we could do to end mass shootings (which are almost always fame-seeking and were rare before 24 hour cable news cycle) is to stop publishing bodycounts and institute a moratorium on publishing personal details of the killers.

How's this for deterrent?

If you do it, no one will ever know you did it, no one will remember your name, you'll be buried without ceremony in an

unmarked corner of a landfill, all personally identifying information will be stripped from the accounts, you were never really here