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SOME NUMBERS TO PONDER

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Here's what provoked me:

When I start studying certain statistics, I get winded in a hurry – and sometimes wonder if everyone is working with the same information.

Here's my response:

Some Numbers to Ponder

Here are numbers that give me pause as I try analyzing and prioritizing the many problems, especially violence, we face in the U.S. (reports have some variation, but numbers generally conform):

- Annual homicides by firearms– approximately 12,000.
- Blacks shot and killed annually by cops – approximately 250 – virtually all have been confirmed as armed and dangerous.
- Unarmed blacks killed annually by cops – statistics vary but the total approximates 15.
- Total black homicide victims with white perpetrators – approximately 250.
- Total blacks killed by blacks annually – of approximately 7,000 black deaths by homicide, about 90% are killed by other blacks – that's over 6,000.
- Trends in both raw count and per-capita deaths by firearms – dramatically downward until approximately two years ago – after “Ferguson.” Multiple/mass killings are up as expected.
- Finally, for comparison, total annual fetal deaths by abortions – approximately 900,000.

I'm not sure what it all means, so make your own comparisons. Do your own research to supplement or refine these numbers, and then draw your own conclusions. I wonder if we are barking up the right trees and putting out the right fires. I wonder if the many demonstrators for various causes operate with all the right facts.