

Homemaker Marilyn Bethell

The execution-style murder of 47-year-old Marilyn Bethell could easily have been avoided with a better understanding of human psychology by the reckless refugee agencies that welcomed a clearly dangerous young man into America.

In 2005, Sudanese refugee Gareng Deng entered the Aurora, Illinois home of Bethell, forced her to a wooded area a few miles away, and shot her in the head. Her body was not found until two months later.

As a boy in war-torn Sudan, Deng reportedly suffered traumatic experiences, witnessing genocide and other atrocities, like seeing a man's arm chopped off. When he came to America as a refugee with his parents, the imprint of violence did not fade away, but instead escalated. By the time he was 14, he had been charged with 11 crimes and had participated in two shootings, but the basic psychological counseling he received from DuPage County was inadequate. He was a seriously damaged (and dangerous) teenager.

In most arenas where social science has influence, it's understood that children who suffer horrific brutality during their formative years often grow into violent adults. War-traumatized children, in particular, carry a lot of baggage.

But in the Refugee Industrial Complex, there is no appreciation that they are importing human time bombs. Refugee resettlement workers gather troubled persons worldwide, deposit them in American communities, collect relocation fees from the government, and then disappear when problems appear. It is irresponsible and dangerous for these self-appointed dogooders to welcome predictable criminals.

A decade ago, the media gave uplifting coverage to the story of the Lost Boys, who trekked across Africa to escape Sudan's civil war. But the press didn't do proper follow-up, which would have been less inspiring.

An estimated 80 to 90 percent of Lost Boys suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), which can lead to substance abuse, depression, and violence.

In 2009, three African refugees in Virginia thought kidnapping the wife of a wealthy man for ransom would be a swell way to make extra cash. At trial, a professional refugee resettler testified, "They went through terror themselves, so I couldn't imagine them inflicting that on anyone else."

In fact, the opposite is true, and it's time the refugee promoters faced the evil consequences of their actions.

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