

Treatment of Gangsters¹

Thanks for the way you grope for language to express the extreme loathing with which we all regard these dogs. No language can really express our feelings for these dogs. Dogs? I suspect real dogs would feel insulted with this language.

I offer you a few outrageous suggestions about the treatment of these dogs. These suggestions are based on denying these dogs any human rights.

1. When a known gang member is hurt, he should be denied all coverage by BC insurance, while hospitals should have the right to deny service without an appropriate upfront cash deposit.
2. When a known gang member is killed, let his colleagues or family take care of his corpse. Police and other authorities should just let it pass without any investigation. Why waste precious time and resources on these dogs? That could help reduce their number quickly, while other areas needing attention can now be policed properly!
3. While the editorial states that house arrest “won’t cut it any more,” why should the public be housing and feeding these dogs at what--\$120,000 plus p.a. or so? Put them all on a strictly controlled tether at their “home” for a minimum of 20 years without chance for parole, with their colleagues or families responsible for their keep, including food. Claims for social welfare should be accepted after carefully checking their income sources. All social and electronic contacts with the gang world to be prohibited and monitored. Such an arrangement would still be a lot cheaper than incarceration and would keep them off the streets much longer.
4. Criminalize gangs and membership in them. Membership to lead to loss of human rights and to the above kind of house arrest.

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