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The City of Philadelphia is experiencing the worst violent crime surge in its history.

In a scathing opinion piece published by the *Washington Examiner*, commentary writer Christopher Tremoglie, an alumnus of the *University of Philadelphia* who has previously worked for the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, noted how incompetent city leadership coupled with radical left-wing criminal justice policies and reforms have left Philadelphia's more than 1.5 million residents reeling from its worst violent crime surge ever.

Tremoglie pointed out how the Democratic Party officials and voters in Philadelphia owe the rest of the city's residents an apology for tricking them into believing that life would be better under their rule.

"As a lifelong resident of the City of Brotherly Love, its continued allegiance to Democrats boggles my mind. No matter the horrors of the reality of living in the city, Philadelphians overwhelmingly continue to vote for Democrats who just keep making things worse," wrote Tremoglie.

"Something has to change. It's time – well beyond time, really – for Philadelphia's Democratic voters to apologize to the rest of the city for the mess they have caused," he continued, citing crime, poverty and corruption as the main hallmarks of decades of Democratic Party rule over Philadelphia and other major urban centers in the United States. "The city's voters are to blame because they never learn."

Shootings becoming increasingly common in Philadelphia

Of the many crimes plaguing Philadelphia's neighborhoods, shootings have become increasingly common. This past weekend alone has seen at least six dead in Philadelphia, including a 14-year-old boy.

Anthony Pinkney, 14, was shot dead in the Overbrook neighborhood of West Philadelphia on Saturday night, March 4. He was the youngest of the six victims.

Local media outlet *6ABC* noted that Saturdays are typically the deadliest day of the week over the past three years, followed closely by Sundays and then Mondays. This violence has kept first responders and aid organizations like CARES busy providing emergency services and aid.

"No sooner than I'm leaving off my block, I get another alert of another homicide," said Melany Nelson, director of CARES and a respected community leader who has provided victim services for nearly 30 years. "The shooting has to stop in the city of Philadelphia."

Unfortunately for city residents, Philadelphia District Attorney Larry Krasner was unable to provide any concrete solutions. During a news conference on Monday, March 6, all Krasner could provide were words of mourning for Pinkney's death.

"It's awful," he said. "It's totally unacceptable that any child is ever shot."

According to the *Philadelphia District Attorney's Office*, as of Monday, Philadelphia has already seen 79 homicides. The city averages 1.5 homicides per day.

"It feels like gun violence is happening everywhere [in the country] but it's not," said Philadelphia Councilmember Jamie Gauthier. "Gun violence is happening in the same place over and over again."

Tremoglie noted that, unless something changes in the way the city's residents regularly vote overwhelmingly for Democrats, Philadelphia will only keep getting worse.

"Philadelphia's voters are harming their communities," he warned. "At some point, people will have to admit that those in cities like Philadelphia who routinely vote to keep the status quo deserve the crime, poverty and misfortunes that result from their decisions."

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