Anarchy in Major Cities

CBS reports "The Justice Department said Monday it has identified three U.S. cities that have 'permitted violence and destruction of property'" and these cities will be in danger of losing federal funding for their permission of chaos.

New York City; Seattle, Washington; and Portland Oregon have been identified as "refusing to undertake reasonable measures to counteract criminal activities." The warning was issued to these cities in particular after massive crime spikes have occurred due to the cities slashing of police budgets.

In New York alone, according to the NYPD crime statistics, shootings are up 166%, murders are up 47%, and robberies and burglaries are up 26%. According to Oregon Public Broadcasting through the first 12 days of June gun violence had risen 380% as compared to the same time last year. The Seattle times reports that their city is experiencing an over 44% increase in homicides compared to the entire year of 2019.

President Trump has been critical of mayors and governors he has called weak, as they allow "persistent and outrageous acts of violence and destruction by anarchists." In a memo to the federal budget office, the president said his administration would withhold federal dollars from cities that allow themselves to deteriorate into lawless zones.

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