Now it's my turn.

Here are the email's claims (in italics), followed by my replies:

*Murder Statistics for the world*

No. They aren't. You were only given a list of those countries they wanted you to see. Out of 185 countries, the U.S.A. ranks near the middle (83rd) in murder.

*Betcha don't see or hear this info out of D.C. these days.*

6 years ago, when Bush was in office, were these statistics much different?

No. They were not. So this has nothing to do with "out of D.C. these days."

Why do you think they chose to phrase it that way?

(they are trying to imply that all this has changed in the last 5 years ... since Obama took office).

*From the World Health Organization: The latest Murder Statistics for the world: Murders per 100,000 citizens*

How refreshing: that was the only sentence in the email where they weren't trying to manipulate your thinking.

*ALL the countries above America have 100% gun bans*

If America has proposed a gun ban, would someone please provide the name of the bill? You are also free to include any of the 50 states where a gun ban has been proposed.

(sound of crickets chirping)

*In God We Trust!*

Apparently "Trusting in God" works a lot better ... in about 82 other countries

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Here's the whole list - that would be the list that the senders of this email didn't want you to see.

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| Rank | Country | Rate | Count | Region | Subregion |
| 1 | Hong Kong | 0.2 | 17 | Asia | Eastern Asia |
| 2 | Singapore | 0.3 | 16 | Asia | So-Eastern Asia |
| 3 | Iceland | 0.3 | 1 | Europe | Northern Europe |
| 4 | Japan | 0.4 | 506 | Asia | Eastern Asia |
| 5 | Brunei | 0.5 | 2 | Asia | So-Eastern Asia |
| 6 | Bahrain | 0.6 | 6 | Asia | Western Asia |
| 7 | Norway | 0.6 | 29 | Europe | Northern Europe |
| 8 | Macau | 0.7 | 4 | Asia | Eastern Asia |
| 9 | Oman | 0.7 | 18 | Asia | Western Asia |
| 10 | Slovenia | 0.7 | 15 | Europe | Southern Europe |
| 11 | United Arab Emirates | 0.8 | 39 | Asia | Western Asia |
| 12 | Spain | 0.8 | 390 | Europe | Southern Europe |
| 13 | Qatar | 0.9 | 13 | Asia | Western Asia |
| 14 | Denmark | 0.9 | 47 | Europe | Northern Europe |
| 15 | Italy | 0.9 | 529 | Europe | Southern Europe |
| 16 | China | 1.0 | 13,410 | Asia | Eastern Asia |
| 17 | Bhutan | 1.0 | 7 | Asia | Southern Asia |
| 18 | Saudi Arabia | 1.0 | 265 | Asia | Western Asia |
| 19 | Sweden | 1.0 | 91 | Europe | Northern Europe |
| 20 | Malta | 1.0 | 4 | Europe | Southern Europe |
| 21 | Tunisia | 1.1 | 117 | Africa | Northern Africa |
| 22 | Poland | 1.1 | 436 | Europe | Eastern Europe |
| 23 | Egypt | 1.2 | 992 | Africa | Northern Africa |
| 24 | Ireland | 1.2 | 54 | Europe | Northern Europe |
| 25 | United Kingdom | 1.2 | 722 | Europe | Northern Europe |
| 26 | Portugal | 1.2 | 124 | Europe | Southern Europe |
| 27 | Serbia | 1.2 | 123 | Europe | Southern Europe |
| 28 | Hungary | 1.3 | 133 | Europe | Eastern Europe |
| 29 | Andorra | 1.3 | 1 | Europe | Southern Europe |
| 30 | Morocco | 1.4 | 447 | Africa | Northern Africa |
| 31 | Armenia | 1.4 | 44 | Asia | Western Asia |
| 32 | Croatia | 1.4 | 62 | Europe | Southern Europe |
| 33 | Somalia | 1.5 | 138 | Africa | Eastern Africa |
| 34 | Algeria | 1.5 | 516 | Africa | Northern Africa |
| 35 | Slovakia | 1.5 | 84 | Europe | Eastern Europe |
| 36 | Bosnia and Herzegovina | 1.5 | 56 | Europe | Southern Europe |
| 37 | Greece | 1.5 | 176 | Europe | Southern Europe |
| 38 | Canada | 1.6 | 554 | Americas | Northern America |
| 39 | Vietnam | 1.6 | 1,346 | Asia | So-Eastern Asia |
| 40 | Maldives | 1.6 | 5 | Asia | Southern Asia |
| 41 | Cyprus | 1.7 | 19 | Asia | Western Asia |
| 42 | Czech Republic | 1.7 | 181 | Europe | Eastern Europe |
| 43 | Jordan | 1.8 | 100 | Asia | Western Asia |
| 44 | São Tomé and Príncipe | 1.9 | 3 | Africa | Middle Africa |
| 45 | Macedonia | 1.9 | 40 | Europe | Southern Europe |
| 46 | Iraq | 2.0 | 608 | Asia | Western Asia |
| 47 | Bulgaria | 2.0 | 147 | Europe | Eastern Europe |
| 48 | Romania | 2.0 | 421 | Europe | Eastern Europe |
| 49 | Tajikistan | 2.1 | 143 | Asia | Central Asia |
| 50 | Israel | 2.1 | 159 | Asia | Western Asia |
| 51 | Azerbaijan | 2.2 | 206 | Asia | Western Asia |
| 52 | Kuwait | 2.2 | 59 | Asia | Western Asia |
| 53 | Lebanon | 2.2 | 95 | Asia | Western Asia |
| 54 | Finland | 2.2 | 118 | Europe | Northern Europe |
| 55 | Malaysia | 2.3 | 604 | Asia | So-Eastern Asia |
| 56 | Syria | 2.3 | 463 | Asia | Western Asia |
| 57 | Afghanistan | 2.4 | 712 | Asia | Southern Asia |
| 58 | Mauritius | 2.5 | 33 | Africa | Eastern Africa |
| 59 | South Korea | 2.6 | 1,251 | Asia | Eastern Asia |
| 60 | Bangladesh | 2.7 | 3,988 | Asia | Southern Asia |
| 61 | Nepal | 2.8 | 818 | Asia | Southern Asia |
| 62 | Libya | 2.9 | 176 | Africa | Northern Africa |
| 63 | Iran | 3.0 | 2,215 | Asia | Southern Asia |
| 64 | Uzbekistan | 3.1 | 831 | Asia | Central Asia |
| 65 | Latvia | 3.1 | 70 | Europe | Northern Europe |
| 66 | Chile | 3.2 | 541 | Americas | South America |
| 67 | Taiwan | 3.2 | 743 | Asia | Eastern Asia |
| 68 | Turkey | 3.3 | 2,320 | Asia | Western Asia |
| 69 | Djibouti | 3.4 | 29 | Africa | Eastern Africa |
| 70 | Cambodia | 3.4 | 448 | Asia | So-Eastern Asia |
| 71 | India | 3.5 | 42,923 | Asia | Southern Asia |
| 72 | Montenegro | 3.5 | 22 | Europe | Southern Europe |
| 73 | Sri Lanka | 3.6 | 745 | Asia | Southern Asia |
| 74 | Niger | 3.8 | 552 | Africa | Western Africa |
| 75 | Albania | 4.0 | 127 | Europe | Southern Europe |
| 76 | Palestine | 4.1 | 145 | Asia | Western Asia |
| 77 | Martinique | 4.2 | 17 | Americas | Caribbean |
| 78 | Turkmenistan | 4.2 | 203 | Asia | Central Asia |
| 79 | Yemen | 4.2 | 990 | Asia | Western Asia |
| 80 | Georgia | 4.3 | 187 | Europe | Eastern Europe |
| 81 | Suriname | 4.6 | 24 | Americas | South America |
| 82 | Laos | 4.6 | 279 | Asia | So-Eastern Asia |
| 83 | United States | 4.8 | 14,748 | Americas | Northern America |
| 84 | Thailand | 4.8 | 3,307 | Asia | So-Eastern Asia |
| 85 | Belarus | 4.9 | 473 | Europe | Eastern Europe |
| 86 | Cuba | 5.0 | 563 | Americas | Caribbean |
| 87 | Ukraine | 5.2 | 2,356 | Europe | Eastern Europe |
| 88 | Estonia | 5.2 | 70 | Europe | Northern Europe |
| 89 | Philippines | 5.4 | 4,947 | Asia | So-Eastern Asia |
| 90 | Argentina | 5.8 | 2305 | Americas | South America |
| 91 | Uruguay | 5.9 | 199 | Americas | South America |
| 92 | Lithuania | 6.6 | 219 | Europe | Northern Europe |
| 93 | Anguilla | 6.8 | 1 | Americas | Caribbean |
| 94 | Antigua and Barbuda | 6.8 | 6 | Americas | Caribbean |
| 95 | Haiti | 6.9 | 689 | Americas | Caribbean |
| 96 | Timor-Leste | 6.9 | 75 | Asia | So-Eastern Asia |
| 97 | Guadeloupe | 7.0 | 32 | Americas | Caribbean |
| 98 | Moldova | 7.5 | 267 | Europe | Eastern Europe |
| 99 | Pakistan | 7.8 | 13,860 | Asia | Southern Asia |
| 100 | Mali | 8.0 | 1,157 | Africa | Western Africa |
| 101 | Madagascar | 8.1 | 1,588 | Africa | Eastern Africa |
| 102 | Indonesia | 8.1 | 18,963 | Asia | So-Eastern Asia |
| 103 | Seychelles | 8.3 | 7 | Africa | Eastern Africa |
| 104 | Cayman Islands | 8.4 | 5 | Americas | Caribbean |
| 105 | British Virgin Islands | 8.6 | 2 | Americas | Caribbean |
| 106 | Senegal | 8.7 | 1,027 | Africa | Western Africa |
| 107 | Turks and Caicos Islands | 8.7 | 3 | Americas | Caribbean |
| 108 | Mongolia | 8.7 | 239 | Asia | Eastern Asia |
| 109 | Mozambique | 8.8 | 1,925 | Africa | Eastern Africa |
| 110 | Kazakhstan | 8.8 | 1,418 | Asia | Central Asia |
| 111 | Bolivia | 8.9 | 884 | Americas | South America |
| 112 | Costa Rica | 10.0 | 474 | Americas | Central America |
| 113 | Liberia | 10.1 | 371 | Africa | Western Africa |
| 114 | Myanmar | 10.2 | 4,800 | Asia | So-Eastern Asia |
| 115 | Russia | 10.2 | 14,574 | Europe | Eastern Europe |
| 116 | Peru | 10.3 | 2,969 | Americas | South America |
| 117 | Gambia | 10.8 | 106 | Africa | Western Africa |
| 118 | Togo | 10.9 | 627 | Africa | Western Africa |
| 119 | Barbados | 11.3 | 31 | Americas | Caribbean |
| 120 | Grenada | 11.5 | 12 | Americas | Caribbean |
| 121 | Paraguay | 11.5 | 741 | Americas | South America |
| 122 | Cape Verde | 11.6 | 56 | Africa | Western Africa |
| 123 | Comoros | 12.2 | 85 | Africa | Eastern Africa |
| 124 | Nigeria | 12.2 | 18,422 | Africa | Western Africa |
| 125 | Bermuda | 12.3 | 8 | Americas | Northern America |
| 126 | Swaziland | 12.9 | 141 | Africa | Southern Africa |
| 127 | French Guiana | 13.3 | 30 | Americas | South America |
| 128 | Nicaragua | 13.6 | 785 | Americas | Central America |
| 129 | Gabon | 13.8 | 200 | Africa | Middle Africa |
| 130 | Zimbabwe | 14.3 | 1,775 | Africa | Eastern Africa |
| 131 | Botswana | 14.5 | 287 | Africa | Southern Africa |
| 132 | Mauritania | 14.7 | 485 | Africa | Western Africa |
| 133 | Sierra Leone | 14.9 | 837 | Africa | Western Africa |
| 134 | Benin | 15.1 | 1,262 | Africa | Western Africa |
| 135 | North Korea | 15.2 | 3,658 | Asia | Eastern Asia |
| 136 | Ghana | 15.7 | 3,646 | Africa | Western Africa |
| 137 | Chad | 15.8 | 1,686 | Africa | Middle Africa |
| 138 | Rwanda | 17.1 | 1,708 | Africa | Eastern Africa |
| 139 | Namibia | 17.2 | 352 | Africa | Southern Africa |
| 140 | Eritrea | 17.8 | 879 | Africa | Eastern Africa |
| 141 | Burkina Faso | 18.0 | 2,876 | Africa | Western Africa |
| 142 | Ecuador | 18.2 | 2,638 | Americas | South America |
| 143 | Guyana | 18.6 | 140 | Americas | South America |
| 144 | Angola | 19.0 | 3,426 | Africa | Middle Africa |
| 145 | Greenland | 19.2 | 11 | Europe | Northern Europe |
| 146 | Cameroon | 19.7 | 3,700 | Africa | Middle Africa |
| 147 | Montserrat | 19.7 | 1 | Americas | Caribbean |
| 148 | Kenya | 20.1 | 7,733 | Africa | Eastern Africa |
| 149 | Kyrgyzstan | 20.1 | 1,072 | Asia | Central Asia |
| 150 | Guinea-Bissau | 20.2 | 294 | Africa | Western Africa |
| 151 | Equatorial Guinea | 20.7 | 137 | Africa | Middle Africa |
| 152 | Brazil | 21.0 | 40,974 | Americas | South America |
| 153 | Panama | 21.6 | 759 | Americas | Central America |
| 154 | Burundi | 21.7 | 1,726 | Africa | Eastern Africa |
| 155 | Democratic Republic - Congo | 21.7 | 13,558 | Africa | Middle Africa |
| 156 | Dominica | 22.1 | 15 | Americas | Caribbean |
| 157 | Ethiopia | 22.5 | 20,239 | Africa | Eastern Africa |
| 158 | Guinea | 22.5 | 2,152 | Africa | Western Africa |
| 159 | Mexico | 22.7 | 25,757 | Americas | Northern America |
| 160 | St. Vincent & the Grenadines | 22.9 | 25 | Americas | Caribbean |
| 161 | Sudan | 24.2 | 10,028 | Africa | Northern Africa |
| 162 | Tanzania | 24.5 | 10,357 | Africa | Eastern Africa |
| 163 | Dominican Republic | 25.0 | 2,513 | Americas | Caribbean |
| 164 | Saint Lucia | 25.2 | 44 | Americas | Caribbean |
| 165 | Puerto Rico | 26.2 | 983 | Americas | Caribbean |
| 166 | Bahamas | 27.4 | 94 | Americas | Caribbean |
| 167 | Central African Republic | 29.3 | 1,240 | Africa | Middle Africa |
| 168 | Congo | 30.8 | 1,180 | Africa | Middle Africa |
| 169 | Colombia | 31.4 | 14,746 | Americas | South America |
| 170 | South Africa | 31.8 | 15,940 | Africa | Southern Africa |
| 171 | Lesotho | 35.2 | 764 | Africa | Southern Africa |
| 172 | Trinidad and Tobago | 35.2 | 472 | Americas | Caribbean |
| 173 | Malawi | 36.0 | 5,039 | Africa | Eastern Africa |
| 174 | Uganda | 36.3 | 11,373 | Africa | Eastern Africa |
| 175 | Zambia | 38.0 | 4,710 | Africa | Eastern Africa |
| 176 | Saint Kitts and Nevis | 38.2 | 20 | Americas | Caribbean |
| 177 | Guatemala | 38.5 | 5,681 | Americas | Central America |
| 178 | U.S. Virgin Islands | 39.2 | 43 | Americas | Caribbean |
| 179 | Belize | 41.4 | 129 | Americas | Central America |
| 180 | Venezuela | 45.1 | 13,080 | Americas | South America |
| 181 | Jamaica | 52.2 | 1,430 | Americas | Caribbean |
| 182 | Côte d'Ivoire | 56.9 | 10,801 | Africa | Western Africa |
| 183 | El Salvador | 69.2 | 4,308 | Americas | Central America |
| 184 | Honduras | 91.6 | 7,104 | Americas | Central America |
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