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**RE: REVIEW of SERIOUS ROAD CRIME OFFENCES and OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS  
(Supplementary Submission no.2)**

Research findings may be published, presented at conferences, provide a commercial return and have a positive impact on society. New methods, understandings and techniques, and solving real-world problems are real possibilities but every Ying has it's Yang.

Like the gender disparity found in the Breathalyser situation, I have suspicions about heavy handed police, vigilante and paid lobbyist driven Road Safety policies.

Is Road Safety deaths data being crossed referenced with suicide impacts? Is it as authentic as some would have us believe? Has it been audited and reviewed for sector creep?

As with the Graduated Licensing Scheme (GLS), globally the same cohort was and is impacted, a very close match to those affected by suicide for so long. (Right to die and Euthanasia laws may alter figures in the future.)

For interest I noted GHO RBT practices on the table below showing countries with the lowest suicide rates.

A deep dive into data as the US market moves away from old technology may prove interesting as corporations and equity funds keep throwing their fiscal weight around. One only has to reference their impacts in the housing markets to see their destructive 'BigFoot' prints.

Thank You For Your Time

Loretta Woolston

## Countries with the Lowest Suicide Rates

Perhaps surprisingly, many of the [most troubled nations](#) in the world have comparatively low suicide rates. [Afghanistan](#) has 4.1 suicides per 100k; [Iraq](#) has 3.6, and [Syria](#) has just 2.0. It is not clear if the suicide statistics for these countries reflect suicides committed due to mental health problems and terminal illnesses (which are the primary reasons for suicide in most of the world) or include suicides committed as part of the ongoing conflicts in these countries.

The world's lowest suicide rates are in the following countries:

Country	Suicide Rate ^	RBT	GLS
Antigua and Barbuda	0.4	RBT X	GLS X
Barbados	0.6	RBT X	GLS X
Grenada	0.7	RBT X	GLS X
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	1.0	RBT X	GLS X
Sao Tome and Principe	1.5	RBT X	GLS X
Jordan	1.6	RBT X	GSL X
Syria	2.0	RBT X	GLS X
Venezuela	2.1	RBT ✓	GLS X
Honduras	2.1	RBT ✓	GLS X
Philippines	2.2	RBT X	GSL X

Fig. A <sup>1 2 3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> GHO | By category | Random breath testing - by country  
<https://apps.who.int/gho/data/view.main.54620>

<sup>2</sup> Suicide Rate by Country 2024  
<https://worldpopulationreview.com/country-rankings/suicide-rate-by-country>

<sup>3</sup> GHO | By category | Graduated licensing - by country  
<https://apps.who.int/gho/data/view.main.54632>