

Do you really think that preparation to commit a crime should be punishable? Is it not possible that even at that stage the person has not decided to commit the crime and is only "testing the waters" with no firm decision yet made?

Suppose that in a bathroom wall you find an inscription that says "Needed: 1,000 Freshmen to riot in front of and burn the R.O.T.C. Building. Call 210-226-3232 if interested." Is the person who wrote the inscription soliciting? What do you think? Why?

Why do you think solicitation does not merge into the completed crime and a person may be prosecuted for both? Are they not two moments of the same crime?