Proposal for Weapons Safety in America



Weapons Regulations in America Using the Scientific Method

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Overview

We, as psychologist, have been begging the powers that be to allow us to conduct evaluations, nationwide, on the issue of allowing someone to buy any type of weapon. Mental illness is real. Mental health has been on the back burner for so long that if we do not allow this process we will continue to see sick individuals killing for reasons that are just mentally sick. Any weapon from anywhere should include a psychological background test, first, at all times. #20dead #MurderagainintheUSA

Goals

- 1. End senseless deaths from violent mentally ill people in America
- 2. To screen weapon seekers, in America, for mental fitness in a scientific method using real data to either deny or allow said applicant to owning a weapon in America.

Specifications

Kaffenberger & Davis, (2012), created steps to design a systematic research plan that, originally, was for school counselors; yet, can be used in other areas of counseling studies such as this example, (as cited in Sheperis, Young, & Daniels, (2017). P. 298). The steps I recorded are as follows:

- 1. Identify the research question. In this case it would be, "Is this person mentally well enough to buy a weapon that can hurt others or him/herself?" Employ three psychologists that are independent of each other to conduct three interviews, at \$125.00 per interview, for one hour in a three day time span. Allow 10 days for results of data collected to be reviewed by the States Department of Public Safety, and sent to weapon providers. The result will be "yay" or "nay".
- 2. Understand the goal of this research, and decide if qualitative or quantitative research methods will be used, or both.
- 3. Plan the type of data that will be collected. Keep in mind the diversity of the subject seeking a weapon, e.g. include ages, sex, socio-economic statuses, mental issues,

backgrounds for intially coming to the facility. This can lead to improvements in areas otherwise missed in observational practices.

- 4. Data will include process, perception and results of the data.
- 5. I now must analyze my data. Prepare my data for presentation to my colleague, the other two psychological consultants.
- 6. Share my findings from three different psychologists and accept two out of three of the final findings on subject attempting to buy weapons.

Why can't we?

By making the prospective buyer submit to paying \$125.00 per counseling session, over a three day period, will show the intent and dedication of being a responsible gun owner without taxing the pushback from taxpayers and the NRA.

Milestones

I. Getting Past the NRA

Statistics of deaths by home-grown terrorists:

From 2009 through 2018, right-wing extremists accounted for 73 percent of such killings, according to the ADL, compared with 23 percent for Islamists and 3 percent for left-wing extremists. In other words, most terrorist attacks in the United States, and most deaths from terrorist attacks, are caused by white extremists. But they do not cause the sort of nationwide panic that helped Trump win the 2016 election and helped the GOP expand its Senate majority in the midterms," (Sewer, A. 2019). What does this say for our lack of standing up and helping these mentally ill individuals? It says one important fact. They should have been screened. My proposal will do just that with very little cost to the American people. The cost would be on those seeking weapons. The guts it takes to push it through is for politicians to STOP accepting money from the NRA and start having a heart for our people, e.g., HUMANS being killed at random due to this racist rhetoric put out for years and now intensified by the President of the United States of America.

Conclusion

I beg you to please see my proposal. Contact me for clarification. I will work with anyone to get my plan implemented and save lives. Possibly everywhere.

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