Adam Lankford 7:46 PM (3 hours ago)

to me

Hi Tom,

I'm unaware of any credible research showing that armed officers in schools deter school shootings. There have been mass shootings at places with armed officers on site, including the 2016 Orlando Pulse nightclub shooting (and officer was in the parking lot area) and the 2018 Parkland school shooting (a school resource officer was heavily criticized for not engaging). The 2022 Uvalde shooting also illustrated that officers on site can still be associated with many limitations.

There are different definitions and types of school shootings and mass shootings. Regarding the most relevant ones, the evidence suggests that the U.S. has far more rampage school shootings and public mass shootings that its proportionate share given our population. Here is one of several articles I've published on the subject (and it contains a citation to Boeckler et al on school shootings specifically).

https://econjwatch.org/articles/confirmation-that-the-united-states-has-six-times-its-global-share-of-public-mass-shooters-courtesy-of-lott-and-moody-s-data

As I note in this article, per capita rates for tiny countries are misleading because merely one incident (an aberration) can make their rate seem large.

Hope this helps!

Adam

Adam Lankford, Ph.D.
Professor and Chair
Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice
The University of Alabama
425 Farrah Hall, Box 870320
Tuscaloosa, AL 35487-0320