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AN INVITATION TO BE UNCOMFORTABLE

* CONTENT AND TRIGGER WARNING *

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AGENDA

• VOCABULARY & BACKGROUND INFORMATION
• TOP 10 MOST FATAL SCHOOL SHOOTINGS
• IMPACT
• GROUP DISCUSSION
• PSYCHO-SOCIAL IMPACT
• CALL TO ACTION
WHAT WORDS MEAN

• MASS KILLING(S) – 3 OR MORE KILLINGS IN A SINGLE INCIDENT
• ACTIVE SHOOTER – AN INDIVIDUAL ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN KILLING (OR ATTEMPTING) IN A POPULATED AREA
  • GANG RELATED
  • DRUG RELATED
  • DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

*THIS EXPLORER CAFÉ WILL FOCUS ON GUN VIOLENCE IN AND AROUND SCHOOL ZONES.*
DEADLIEST MASS (SCHOOL) SHOOTINGS

1. 2007 – VIRGINIA TECH UNIVERSITY – 33 DEATHS
2. 2012 – SANDY HOOK ELEMENTARY – 27 DEATHS
3. 2018 – MARJORY DOUGLAS HS – 17 DEATHS
4. 1966 – UNIV. OF TEXAS (AUSTIN) – 14 DEATHS
5. 1999 – COLUMBINE HS – 13 DEATHS
6. 1794 – ENOCH BROWN SCHOOLHOUSE – 10 DEATHS
7. 2015 – UMPQUA COMMUNITY COLLEGE – 10 DEATHS
8. 2005 – RED LAKE SENIOR HS – 10 DEATHS
9. 1976 – CALIFORNIA STATE – 7 DEATHS
10. 2012 – OIKOS UNIVERSITY (OAKLAND) – 7 DEATHS
UNDERSTANDING SCHOOL SHOOTINGS

- COMMON SCHOOL SHOOTER PROFILE:
  - WHITE/CAUCASIAN
  - MALE
  - 16-17
  - SUBURBAN
  - LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS

- TARGET SCHOOLS:
  - SUBURBAN AND RURAL

THE 1ST SCHOOL SHOOTING IN THE UNITED STATES TOOK PLACE IN 1764 AND WAS KNOWN AS THE PONTIAC REBELLION SCHOOL MASSACRE; OUT OF 13 CHILDREN ENROLLED IN THE SCHOOL, ONLY THREE SURVIVED (DIXON, 2005).

ACCORDING TO KOCH (2012), A STUDENT LIVING IN THE UNITED STATES, IN COMPARISON TO THE SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES OF FINLAND OR SWEDEN, IS 13 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO BE KILLED IN A GUN HOMICIDE.

Based on the NY Times Database
MASS SHOOTINGS...WHY?

- CULTURE OF VIOLENCE
  - A NEW YORKER IS JUST AS LIKELY TO BE ROBBED AS A LONDONER, FOR INSTANCE, BUT THE NEW YORKER IS 54 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO BE KILLED IN THE PROCESS.

- GUN CULTURE
  - THE US WAS ONE OF THREE COUNTRIES TO ESTABLISH THE RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS AT THE NATION'S CONCEPTION. (US, GUATEMALA, MEXICO)
  - 308 GUNS HAVE BEEN USED IN MASS SHOOTINGS
    - 1 SHOOTER WAS FOUND WITH 24
    - AT LEAST 172 OF MASS SHOOTERS' WEAPONS WERE OBTAINED LEGALLY
    - 50 WERE OBTAINED ILLEGALLY
    - 78 HAVE UNKNOWN ORIGIN
  - FIREARM ACCESS/CRACKED LEGISLATION

- LACK OF ADEQUATE MENTAL HEALTH CARE

Based on:
NY Times and Washington Post Databases
BBC Research
PEW Research

200,000+ Children have been exposed to gun violence in school.
EFFECTS OF SHOOTINGS ON THE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

• INTENSIVE LOCK DOWN MEASURES
  • ADVANCED MAIN ENTRANCES
    • METAL DETECTORS
    • CORRECTIONAL FACILITY LIKE DOORS
    • FINGERPRINT SOFTWARE
  • REMODELING AND ARCHITECTURAL ADVANCES
    • HTTPS://WWW.CNN.COM/2018/08/15/HEALTH/SCHOOL-DESIGN-ERA-MASS-SHOOTINGS-TRND/INDEX.HTML
  • INSTALLATION OF ADVANCED SECURITY SYSTEMS
    • HTTPS://WWW.NBCNEWS.COM/NIGHTLY-NEWS/VIDEO/INSIDE-THE-SAFEST-SCHOOL-IN-AMERICA-1166029891710
  • ACTIVE SHOOTER DRILLS
    • HTTPS://WWW.CNN.COM/VIDEOS/US/2018/03/12/ALASKA-HIGH-SCHOOL-SIMULATES-GUNFIRE-IN-ACTIVE-SHOOTER-DRILLS-ORIG-LLR.CNN
PLEASE EXCUSE THE INTERRUPTION; WE ARE NOW UNDER LOCK DOWN.

-INSTITUTION ADMINISTRATION

WHAT IMPACT DOES GUN VIOLENCE HAVE ON THE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT?
SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

WHAT ARE THE IMPACTS OF SCHOOL SHOOTINGS ON THE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT?

HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED A LOCK DOWN DRILL?

HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED A LOCK DOWN WITH A LIVE THREAT?

WHAT ARE YOUR OPINIONS ON THIS ISSUE?
IMPACT

PSYCHO-SOCIAL

• TRAUMA & GREIF
  • PTSD
  • VICARIOUS PTSD
  • DEPRESSION
  • ANXIETY
  • SUICIDALITY
  • DRUG & ALCOHOL ABUSE

• CULTURE OF FEAR
  • SCHOOL IS NOT ASSUMED SAFE PLACE

ACADEMIC

• DISRUPTED LEARNING SCHEDULE
  • INCLUSION OF DRILL IN MONTHLY CALENDAR

• TIGHTENED SECURITY
  • TARDY = SUSPENSION

INSTITUTIONAL

• FUNDING
  • NEW BUILDING ADVANCEMENTS
  • NEW SECURITY SYSTEMS
  • YET WE STRUGGLE TO LOCATE FUNDING FOR REPAIRS, SUPPLIES AND STAFF/CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT.

• SCHOOL POLICIES
  • ARMING TEACHERS?
  • ACTIVE SHOOTER DRILLS
WHAT HAPPENS AT LA SALLE IN THE EVENT OF AN ACTIVE SHOOTER?

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CALL TO ACTION

• SAY “NO” TO ARMING TEACHERS
• GUN SENSE LEGISLATORS
  • “COMMON SENSE GUN LAWS”
• ABUNDANT MENTAL HEALTH RESEARCH
• STRONG ROLE MODELS
• HEALING CULTURES
• COMMUNITY BASED PARTNERSHIP & EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMING

JOIN US IN SAYING #NOTONEMORE
PLEASE CONSIDER THAT MASS SHOOTINGS ARE A SMALL PERCENTAGE OF GUN VIOLENCE CASES...

PLEASE CONTACT US WITH ANY QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, IDEAS OR CONCERNS!

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