

I am a behavioral health nurse for many years. What concerns me about what is in the media is the focus seems to be on guns and not at the root cause . The root cause of these issues is the lack of mental health identification and treatment for our young people. I know from experience it is extremely difficult to find quality mental health treatment for youngsters through young adulthood. These issues usually are not identified and then most times these kids are bullied because they are “different” which makes these kids more troubled. The gun issue is extremely important and needs to be fixed but we also need to identify and help these kids who have the potential to do these horrific acts. Bullying needs to be zero tolerance and also teachers guidance counselors and parents along with pediatricians need to be able to identify and find help for these kids and not be afraid to think outside the box or step on toes. Remember “It Takes A Village” thank you

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