

The mental health issue will be the hardest issue to tackle in the gun control debate.

We

need to question the wisdom of the mental health advocates who believe the mentally ill should not be made to take their medications even though these medications help them function.

News stories about people who were not taking their medications and then killed or injured other

people points to a need for way to keep people on their medications.

We also need to take a closer look at children who are mainstreamed in the public schools.

Would children who have behavioral problems and /or are emotionally disturbed do better in

a more specialized setting? The news stories of elementary school students being removed from classrooms

and put into crying rooms makes one wonder why they are there in the first place and how they will

cope with middle and high school.

Mental health information also needs to get into the background check. If a person is seeing a Mental

Health professional because of a psychotic episode or severe depression that information should be there.

While protecting the rights of the mentally ill, we also have to realize that it is not rational to expect a person

who hears voices to make good decisions regarding his own mental health.

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