

Violence in Our Communities

Fact Sheet

Learn the truth about the mental health industry, psychiatric drugs, electroshock and coercive psychiatric practices.

Basic information

Scientific literature published in *Ethical Human Psychology and Psychiatry* regarding the “astonishing rate” of mental illness over the past 50 years revealed that it’s not “mental illness” causing the problem; rather, it’s the psychiatric drugs prescribed to treat it. A mental disorder is not a predictor of aggressive behavior; however, the drugs prescribed to treat it are documented to cause such behavior.

Creating Violence

With millions of people taking psychotropic drugs, clearly not everyone will experience violent reactions to taking them. But what drug regulatory agency warnings confirm, is that a percentage of the population will. Of nearly 410 psychiatric drug warnings, 27 warned of violence, aggression, hostility, mania, psychosis or homicidal ideation; 49 warned of self-harm or suicide/suicidal ideation.

“The link between antidepressants and violence, including suicide and homicide, is well established.” – Patrick D. Hahn Affiliate Professor of Biology, Loyola University Maryland

Dangers

There are many possible explanations for school shootings. While some of these factors existed 50 years ago, children didn't go out and commit massacres as we are seeing today. A link may be psychiatric treatment, especially mind-altering drugs.

Follow the Money

The psychiatric-pharmaceutical industry rakes in an average of \$35 billion a year in drug sales in the U.S. alone. It is that vested financial interest which may be preventing a thorough investigation of the link between psychiatric drugs and increased violence.

Key Facts

- ***The FDA has at least 1,530 reports of homicide or homicidal ideation linked to psychiatric drugs. Since only 1-10% of drug side effects are reported, a conservative estimate puts the number as high as 30,620.***
- ***More than 30 studies, drug regulatory agency warnings and expert opinion [link psychotropic drugs to violent and suicidal behavior](#).***
- ***A Wyoming jury awarded \$8 million to the relatives of a man who, with no history of aggressive or suicidal behavior, went on a shooting rampage killing three family members after taking an antidepressant.***
- ***Of the 31 prescription drugs linked to violence, 79% were psychiatric drugs.***
- ***[1 in 6 Americans](#) takes a psychiatric drug.***

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