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Letters to the Editor

School Shootings in Public Schools

Has it occurred to anyone to ask, "Why are school shootings occurring exclusively in public schools," and "Why is this mostly occurring in the United States"?

To answer, things we need to look at are the stultifying politically correct curriculum, an absence of proper role models, failure to maintain a classical curriculum, a growing decline in parental involvement (probably the biggest road to failure), and teachers and staff with an unclear mission who have minimal authority to keep order and discipline. Add to that the union interference in school policy.

Access to firearms exists in other countries as well, yet it is here that our public-school students obtain and misuse these and other weapons in public schools.

The expectations and measures of discipline and structure are markedly different in many charter and private schools. There is usually more parental involvement, as well. Would any of the behavior we see in our public schools be tolerated in the schools of most other nations?

Isn't it time we confronted the real elephants in the room?

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Talking Transgenderism and Normalizing Sexual Dysfunction

In a summary conclusion of 100-plus studies on transgenderism, the Aggressive Research Intelligence Facility (England), which conducts reviews of healthcare treatments for the National Health Service, concluded that none of the studies provides conclusive evidence that gender reassignment is beneficial for patients. It found that most research was poorly designed, which skewed the results in favor of physically changing sex. There was no evaluation of whether other treatments, such as long-term counseling, might help transsexuals, or whether their gender confusion might lessen over time. Yet the Left ignores facts, which is a recurring theme.

I was present in San Francisco in about 1966 when the newly energized radical progressive Left delivered its epiphany: All things homosexual are perfectly normal, and anyone who resists this dictum shall be destroyed! The threat was real enough that *all* medical practitioners who were delivering treatment/psychiatric counseling to patients with addiction disorders (alcohol, drug, homosexual, etc.), *immediately* ceased treating homosexuals.

Many homosexuals receiving treatment suffered great loss, with fathers and mothers losing their families, etc. Without regular "maintenance treatment," they succumbed to their addiction. As I recall, the recidivism rate for former homosexuals was nearly identical to that of alcoholics and drug addicts. Regular maintenance therapy was essential.

Removing treatment, followed by shaming/cajoling homosexuals into "coming out of the closet," has brought horrific suffering upon this community of generally private/quiet/good/kind/generous/loving people.

The study on transgenders is the first one I know of that's shed some light on transgenders' situation,



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and hints at the possibility that treatment/psychiatric counseling could help those who so choose a pathway to living a more traditional, family-centered lifestyle.

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