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The American Problem: Understanding What the Evidence Really Says about Gun Violence and How We Can Do Better

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Abstract:

Public discourse and policy on firearm injury prevention are routinely anchored to outlier tragedies such as mass shootings: Uvalde, Newtown, Parkland, and too many others to list. News media and pundit responses to these events often drive misinformation and inspire misguided and ineffective policy – wasting finite resources on ineffective interventions which fail to meaningfully mitigate the outlier events, let alone more common causes of firearm injuries and deaths, especially for children. Exploring the complex interplay between violence, firearms, policy, and law in modern America from the perspective of a forensic and emergency psychiatrist, this presentation explores how evidence-based policies and interventions could have a meaningful impact on firearm injury prevention with minimal impact on Constitutional rights. While this is a less clinical topic, it is invariably timely and salient and is intended to demystify and debunk common misperceptions about the issue held by advocates on both sides of this important problem. An emphasis will be made on interventions which can usefully scale across different types of gun violence.

Learning Objectives:

At the end of this presentation, the learner will be able to:

1. Identify the implications of the limited overlap between violence and mental illness
2. Explain the extent of gun ownership and injury in the US
3. Recognize challenges and opportunities in controlling firearm access for high risk populations

Audience:

Psychiatrists, Psychologists, Neuropsychologists, Child and Adolescent Psychiatry fellows, Psychology Doctoral Interns

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Dr. Rozel started his experience in emergency mental health as a suicide hotline volunteer more than 30 years ago. He is a Professor of Psychiatry and Adjunct Professor of Law at the University of Pittsburgh. Over his career he has worked locally and nationally to improve crisis services for patients and communities

and has been involved in a number of efforts to improve the interface between the legal and mental health systems. He has been the medical director of resolve Crisis Services of UPMC Western Psychiatric Hospital since 2010 and is a Past President of the American Association for Emergency Psychiatry. He divides his attention between emergency psychiatry and violence prevention and response across a number of settings. Dr. Rozel's contributions have been recognized by organizations including NAMI, CIT International, the American Psychiatric Association, and the American College of Emergency Physicians.



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