

The real root of school violence

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In the brave new world of the very near future, children will enter their public schools passing police checkpoints, surveillance cameras, metal detectors, X-ray scanners and warrantless physical searches. Parents will relax, knowing their child is now "SAFE." No violent evil doers will be able to get past that wall of security.

But what none of the checkpoints, scanners and cameras will detect is the child who walks right past, armed to the teeth with a hidden weapon actually enforced on him by the school itself. The weapon comes in many names and varieties: Ritlin, Luvox, Prozac, Zoloft, Cymbalta, Paxil, and more. Each weapon lovingly loaded into their child by concerned parents before they send them off to their "safe" school. And while the child's backpack and pockets are checked by the armed force on the way in, the pharmaceutical poison is building up in his blood system, racing to the brain like a lit dynamite fuse.

As communities reel from one massive act of student violence after another, most recently in Newtown, Connecticut, the nation looks for answers. How many are looking at the schools themselves as the conduit through which millions of students are drugged with mind-altering drugs?

Some history. In 1965, the passage of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), changed education forever as the seeds for today's massive restructuring - away from academics to behavior modification - began. It was psychology's crowning moment. The ESEA allocated massive federal funds and opened school doors to a flood of psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers and the psychiatric programs and testing needed to validate them. The number of educational psychologists in the U.S. increased from 455 in 1969 to 16,146 in 1992. As of 1994, child psychologists, psychiatrists, counselors and special educators in and around U.S. public schools nearly out-number teachers.

To date, there has never been issued a single peer-reviewed scientific paper officially claiming to prove ADD/ADHD exists. Nor has there ever been a single bit of physical evidence to confirm the disease exists. So-called experts on the subject have refused to answer the simple question, "is ADD/ADHD a real disease?" Medical researchers charge that ADHD does not meet the medical definition of a disease or syndrome or anything organic or biologic.

Yet, in 1991, eligibility rules for federal education grants were changed to provide schools with \$400 in annual grant money for each child diagnosed with ADHD. That same year the Department of Education formally recognized ADHD as a handicap and directed all state education officers to establish procedures to screen and identify ADHD children and provide them with special education and psychological services. As a result, the number of ADD/ADHD cases soared again.

Today more than 7,000,000 children have been labeled,

stamped and registered as permanent patients of the school system. 10 to 12 percent of all boys between the ages of 6 and 14 in the United States have been diagnosed as having ADD. One in every 30 Americans between the ages of 5 and 19 years old has a prescription for Ritalin. And the fuse burns as the "patients" sit in the classroom.

AS THE USE OF PSYCHIATRIC DRUGS RISE – SO TOO DO CHILD SUICIDES

Children are dying. Not just in shootings, but in rising incidents of suicide. Here are some details:

A November 1997 medical report found: "The association between benzodiazepine use and attempted suicide is especially high for...the young, and for males..." In the April 1996 Australian and New Zealand Journal of Psychiatry, a study found that "the older tricyclic antidepressants are a significant cause of suicide" and accounted for the majority of antidepressant deaths studied between 1986 and 1990.

A December 1996 French study entitled, "Suicide and psychotropic drugs," established that "suicide attempts are more frequent among patients taking antidepressants..."

In Denmark, with a huge usage of psychotropic drugs, the suicide rate is twice the rate of that in the United States...

In the U.S., teen suicides have tripled since 1960; today, suicide is the second leading cause of death...

In Israel, between 1981 and 1994, the estimated suicide rate for 15- to 19-year-old Jewish boys increased by about 183 percent. (Tellingly, the suicide rate dropped 10 percent during a 1997 period when Israel's psychologists went on strike.)

Australia's suicide rate increased between 1960 and 1967 when legislation was passed to enable a person to obtain multiple prescriptions for sedatives. When the law was modified in 1967 to restrict the practice, there was a decrease in per capita sedative usage and a decline in suicide rates.

Are we hearing an outcry from that tragedy? Are there calls for stopping, banning, regulating the use of these mind-altering drugs? Is the pharmaceutical industry being called on the carpet? Are there emergency congressional hearings being held to showcase the heads of big pharma as murdering criminals? Not on your life.

As the nation is outraged over the school shootings, demanding that something be done, guns become the target, not the drugs that filled the child's mind with delusions to take such horrific action. Meanwhile the gun sits innocently in the corner, unmoving, unable to cause damage - until the real loaded weapon - the drugged student - picks it up. ●

The connection between drugs and school shootings

<u>What</u>	<u>Drug</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Where</u>	<u>Additional</u>
<u>School Shooting</u>	Prozac WITHDRAWAL	2008-02-15	Illinois	** 6 Dead: 15 Wounded: Perpetrator Was in Withdrawal from Med & Acting Erratically
<u>School Shooting</u>	Prozac Antidepressant	2005-03-24	Minnesota	**10 Dead: 7 Wounded: Dosage Increased One Week before Rampage
<u>School Shooting</u>	Paxil [Seroxat] Antidepressant	2001-03-10	Pennsylvania	**14 Year Old GIRL Shoots & Wounds Classmate at Catholic School
<u>School Shooting</u>	Zoloft Antidepressant & ADHD Med	2011-07-11	Alabama	**14 Year Old Kills Fellow Middle School Student
<u>School Shooting</u>	Zoloft Antidepressant	1995-10-12	South Carolina	**15 Year Old Shoots Two Teachers, Killing One: Then Kills Himself
<u>School Shooting Plot</u>	Med For Depression WITHDRAWAL	2008-08-28	Texas	**18 Year Old Plots a Columbine School Attack
<u>School Shooting</u>	Anafranil Antidepressant	1988-05-20	Illinois	**29 Year Old WOMAN Kills One Child: Wounds Five: Kills Self
<u>School Shooting</u>	Luvox/Zoloft Antidepressants	1999-04-20	Colorado	**COLUMBINE: 15 Dead: 24 Wounded
<u>School Shooting</u>	Prozac Antidepressant WITHDRAWAL	1998-05-21	Oregon	**Four Dead: Twenty Injured
<u>School Stabbing</u>	Med For Depression	2011-10-25	Washington	**Girl, 15, Stabs Two Girls in School Restroom: 1 Is In Critical Condition
<u>School Shooting</u>	Antidepressant	2006-09-30	Colorado	**Man Assaults Girls: Kills One & Self
<u>School Machete Attack</u>	Med for Depression	2001-09-26	Pennsylvania	**Man Attacks 11 Children & 3 Teachers, at Elementary School
<u>School Shooting Related</u>	Luvox	1993-07-23	Florida	**Man Commits Murder During Clinical Trial for Luvox: Same Drug as in COLUMBINE: Never Reported
<u>School Hostage Situation</u>	Cymbalta Antidepressant WITHDRAWAL	2009-11-09	New York	**Man With Gun Inside School Holds Principal Hostage
<u>School Shooting</u>	Antidepressants	1992-09-20	Texas	**Man, Angry Over Daughter's Report Card, Shoots 14 Rounds inside Elementary School
<u>School Shooting Threat</u>	Med for Depression*	2004-10-19	New Jersey	**Over-Medicating Teen Brings Loaded Handguns to School
<u>School Shooting</u>	Antidepressant?	2007-04-18	Virginia	**Possible SSRI Use: 33 Dead at Virginia Tech
<u>School Shooting</u>	Antidepressant?	2002-01-17	Virginia	**Possible SSRI Withdrawal Mania: 3 Dead at Law School
<u>School Incident/Bizarre</u>	Zoloft*	2010-08-22	Australia	**School Counselor Exhibits Bizarre Behavior: Became Manic On Zoloft
<u>School/Assault</u>	Antidepressant	2009-11-04	California	**School Custodian Assaults Student & Principal: Had Manic Reaction From Depression Med
<u>School Shooting</u>	Prozac Antidepressant	1992-01-30	Michigan	**School Teacher Shoots & Kills His Superintendent at School
<u>School Shooting Threats</u>	Celexa Antidepressant	2010-01-25	Virginia	**Senior in High School Threatens to Kill 4 Classmates: Facebook Involved: Bail Denied
<u>School Violence/Murder</u>	Antidepressants*	1998-05-04	New York	**Sheriff's Deputy Shoots his Wife in an Elementary School
<u>School Knifing/Murder</u>	Meds For Depression & ADHD	2010-04-28	Massachusetts	**Sixteen Year Old Kills 15 Year Old in High School Bathroom in Sept. 2009
<u>School Stabbing</u>	Wellbutrin	2006-12-04	Indiana	**Stabbing by 17 Year Old At High School: Charged with Attempted Murder
<u>School Threat</u>	Antidepressants	2007-04-23	Mississippi	**Student Arrested for Making School Threat Over Internet
<u>School Suspension</u>	Lexapro Antidepressant	2007-07-28	Arkansas	**Student Has 11 Incidents with Police During his 16 Months on Lexapro
<u>School Shooting</u>	Paxil [Seroxat] Antidepressant	2004-02-09	New York	**Student Shoots Teacher in Leg at School
<u>School Threat</u>	Prozac Antidepressant	2008-01-25	Washington	**Student Takes Loaded Shotgun & 3 Rifles to School Parking Lot: Plans Suicide
<u>School Shooting Plot</u>	Med For Depression	1998-12-01	Wisconsin	**Teen Accused of Plotting to Gun Down Students at School
<u>School/Assault</u>	Zoloft Antidepressant	2006-02-15	Tennessee	**Teen Attacks Teacher at School
<u>School Shooting Threat</u>	Antidepressant	1999-04-16	Idaho	**Teen Fires Gun in School
<u>School Hostage Situation</u>	Paxil & Effexor Antidepressants	2001-04-15	Washington	**Teen Holds Classmates Hostage with a Gun
<u>School Hostage Situation</u>	Antidepressant WITHDRAWAL	2006-11-28	North Carolina	**Teen Holds Teacher & Student Hostage with Gun
<u>School Knife Attack</u>	Med for Depression	2006-12-06	Indiana	**Teen Knife Attacks Fellow Student
<u>School Massacre Plot</u>	Prozac Withdrawal	2011-02-23	Virginia	**Teen Sentenced to 12 Years in Prison For Columbine Style Plot
<u>School Shooting</u>	Celexa & Effexor Antidepressants	2001-04-19	California	**Teen Shoots at Classmates in School
<u>School Shooting</u>	Celexa Antidepressant	2006-08-30	North Carolina	**Teen Shoots at Two Students: Kills his Father: Celexa Found Among his Personal Effects
<u>School Shooting</u>	Meds For Depression & ADHD	2011-03-18	South Carolina	**Teen Shoots School Official: Pipe Bombs Found in Backpack
<u>School Shooting Threat</u>	Antidepressant	2003-05-31	Michigan	**Teen Threatens School Shooting: Charge is Terrorism
<u>School Stand-Off</u>	Zoloft Antidepressant	1998-04-13	Idaho	**Teen [14 Years Old] in School Holds Police At Bay: Fires Shots
<u>School Shooting</u>	Antidepressant WITHDRAWAL	2007-10-12	Ohio	**Teen [14 Years Old] School Shooter Possibly on Antidepressants or In Withdrawal
<u>School Threat</u>	Antidepressants	2008-03-20	Indiana	**Teen [16 Years Old] Brings Gun to School: There Is a Lockdown
<u>School Suicide/Lockdown</u>	Med For Depression	2008-02-20	Idaho	**Teen [16 Years Old] Kills Self at High School: Lockdown by Police
<u>School Threats</u>	Prozac Antidepressant	1999-10-19	Florida	**Teen [16 Years Old] Threatens Classmates With Knife & Fake Explosives
<u>School Stabbing</u>	Med For Depression	2008-02-29	Texas	**Teen [17 Year Old GIRL] Stabs Friend & Principal at High School
<u>School Hostage Situation</u>	Prozac/ Paxil Antidepressants	2001-01-18	California	**Teen [17 Years Old] Takes Girl Hostage at School: He is Killed by Police
<u>School Arson Incidents</u>	Paxil	2002-04-12	Michigan	**Unusual Personality Change on Paxil Caused 15 Year Old to Set Fires inside High School
<u>School Violence</u>	Antidepressant	2005-11-19	Arizona	**Violent 8 Year Old GIRL Handcuffed by Police at School
<u>School Violence</u>	Celexa Antidepressant	2002-01-23	Florida	**Violent 8 Year-Old Boy Arrested At School
<u>School Threat/Lockdown</u>	Lexapro*	2008-04-18	California	**Violent High School Student Shot to Death on Campus by Police
<u>School Violence</u>	Paxil	2004-10-23	Washington DC	**Young Boy, 10 Year Old, Has Violent Incidents at School
<u>School Threat</u>	Wellbutrin Antidepressant	2007-04-24	Tennessee	**Young Boy, 12, Threatens to Shoot Others at School
<u>School Shooting/Suicide</u>	Celexa	2002-10-07	Texas	**Young Girl [13 Years Old] Kills Self at School With a Gun
<u>School Hostage Situation</u>	Paxil	2001-10-12	North Carolina	**Young Man Holds Three People Hostage in Duke University President's Office
<u>School Murder Attempt</u>	Med For Depression	1995-03-04	California	**Young Woman Deliberately Hits 3 Kids with Her Car at Elementary School: Laughed During Attack