

# Mass Shootings

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Laws, especially federal laws are now being enforced or not enforced depending on political power. The elite of the world are not bound by laws at all. The only time elites are prosecuted for anything is when not prosecuting them puts other elites in a bad situation. Madoff and Epstein are good examples. Organized crime has taken over government and runs it for their own benefit. Don't think this situation has no effect on the behavior of people at the bottom of the food chain.

Nature provides ways for people to settle their differences. Originally violence was the main method used. Then democracy evolved. Democracy allows name calling, demonstrations, prejudice, discrimination and all else up to the point of breaking societies formal laws. Take away all of the not yet violent techniques for settling differences and getting ones way, and what is left is nothing but the violence democracy normally would minimize.

In the real world, which is where shootings take place, people and institutions have historically been defined and labeled according to how they appear to the people who are looking at them. When a man identifies as a woman or a woman identifies as a man, the identity is completely internal. The notion that individuals declare what they are and how others should see them is a brand new development. I am not picking on the trans folks in particular. They just provide a clear example. The fact is that we all end up being defined by the simple impressions people have of us and not the impressions we insist they have. Denying people the right to have their own thoughts and opinions on an everyday basis on anything and everything, regardless of right or wrong, makes things like mass shootings seem reasonable to those already on the fringes. That is a huge catalyst to gun violence.

So, what is government going to do to stop the shootings? If government is given the task of eliminating the shootings or stopping them entirely, we will have more mass shootings than can even be fathomed. Government initiatives to stop mass shootings will do for gun violence what programs to eliminate poverty have done for the poor people in Baltimore.

Do we create our own reality. Some argue that we do. It is a lot less convincing that we can create reality for others and that is the attempt that is constantly being made.

So folks are confounded that some on the fringes are flipping out and committing bizarre acts of violence? Given the overall atmosphere in the country, it would be surprising if these things were not happening.

