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Summary of current event

Gun violence is one of the oldest issued faced by America as every citizen owns a gun or live in a household with one. Gun violence is also one of the common cause of deaths in the country. Two mass shootings occurred in Wal-Mart store Texas in August 2019 that caused deaths of 20 people and nine died from mass shooting in Dayton, Ohio (BBC, 2019). Irrespective of the gun violence prevention policies no significant improvements occurred. Some of the larger cities of America are also victim of this issue due to the absence of measures for limiting the use of guns. New state gun laws cannot be enforced by the police officials that further gives liberty to the gun holders. The number of gun related incidents are also increasing due to flexible gun laws. The statistics on the gun violence incidents depicts that state’s adoption of measures such as expansion of the background system checks for gun buyers have proved to be inadequate. Gun owners misuse their weapons and engage in unnecessary disputes with the citizens that threaten their lives and safety. Gun violence has become a public health concern and a public health approach is needed for controlling it. The pathology of gun violence represents it as a public health issue as 100,000 people die due to shootings.

Discussion

Social norms, awareness campaigns and education are critical tools that can change offensive behaviors of the youth engaged in gun violence. The events of mass shootings experienced in Texas and Dayton reflects offensive behavior. The behavioral analysis of these offenders reflects they are having personality disorders and face behavioral problems like lack of impulse control, aggression and adjustment disorders. The social and behavior theory states that it is critical to understand the change behavior and adopt interventions the allow offenders to get rid of violent or negative behaviors. The theory is relevant to the current event because social aspects suggests it is important to determine the root cause of gun violence and factors that contributes to it. Personal factors that could promote gun violence include poverty, low social status, lack of education and feelings of rejection.

Social cognitive theory stresses on social learning of the offenders. It stresses on the determination of the personal and environmental factors that contribute to offensive behaviors. The environmental factors related to the current event plays significant role in promotion of gun violence. The pathology suggests that citizens can easily purchase licensed gun from firearm dealers and they don’t even need to adopt illegal means such as smuggling. People engage in gun violence for two reasons; for harmful intent or without this intent. The bad apple gun dealers do not contribute to larger gun related crimes. There are also ways that allow criminals to purchase guns without background checks. The buyers don’t need to do any paper work or pay taxes for buying the guns. Due to excessive availability of guns the criminals can also steal them. Due to these factors the offenders can easily use guns in gang and community fights. According to social cognitive therapy it is crucial to change the environmental factors that promote negative behavior.

Conclusion

The current event of mass shooting at Texas and Dayton has relevance with the social and behavior theory that explains the reasoning behind such offensive attitude. Personal and environmental factors have played significant role in promoting gun offensive behaviors. The pathology suggests that citizens can easily purchase licensed gun from firearm dealers that encourage them to indulge in crimes.

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