

# The Courier

## Mental health should have been addressed

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In the May 10 editorial by Ron Lora, did anyone catch what was missing in regards to possible changes to the 2nd Amendment? That would be mental health.

Lora brought up numerous so-called "mass murders" by guns, but never mentions the mental health of the shooter. Uber liberals like Lora always look at the gun, but never address mental health of the sick people using the weapon.

One of his mass shooting examples he lists was the murder of 17 students at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. In his book "Why Meadow Died" by Andrew Pollack (which I urge every parent of school age children to read) shows the failure of not only the school district but of the total "infrastructure" including law enforcement in Broward County, Florida.

In a September 2019 book review by the Cato Institute, this is written about the shooter Nikolas Cruz: "The shooter, Nikolas Cruz, showed serious signs of violent and erratic behavior for years. He mutilated animals, brought bullets to school, made death threats and attempted suicide. And everyone — local and federal law enforcement, school staff, teachers, students and his family — knew it.

"Police officers were called to his house 45 times before the tragedy. His mother's friend called the sheriff's office, telling them 'this might be Columbine in the making' — but they never called her back. Multiple students reported Cruz to school leaders. And the school security staff even had a meeting where they agreed that if anyone would become a school shooter, it would be Cruz."

On the day of the shooting, as described in Pollack's book, the school campus security guard sitting in his golf cart, saw Cruz enter the school with a gun case, but never called a "code red." Why? Because he could only call a code red to the assistant principal who was attending his daughter's graduation in Maryland.

Our country is mentally sick and the woke identity politics of the Biden Administration is making it worse. Of the trillions spent and proposed on "infrastructure," how much is marked for mental health?