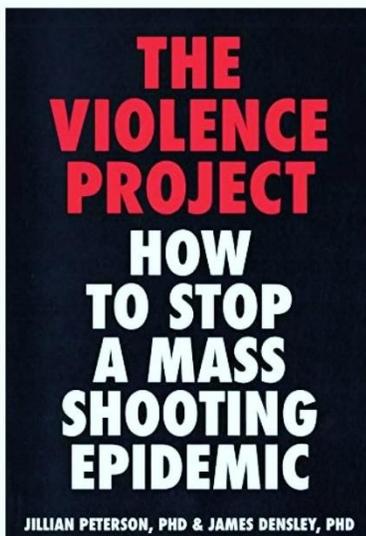


The past month has been awful in terms of mass shootings in the United States. Our hearts are with the victims of the shootings in Atlanta, Boulder, Orange County, as well as all victims of gun violence and the communities impacted.

Our latest op ed in the Los Angeles Times provides some data-driven context and potential solutions - [Why mass shootings stopped in 2020 and are now roaring back](#)

Our upcoming book, *The Violence Project: How to Stop a Mass Shooting Epidemic* is now available for pre-sale.



*This book charts new pathways to prevention and innovative ways to stop the social contagion of violence. Frustrated by reactionary policy conversations that never seemed to convert into meaningful action, special investigator and psychologist Jill Peterson and sociologist James Densley built *The Violence Project*, the first comprehensive database of mass shooters. Their goal was to establish the root causes of mass shootings and figure out how to stop them by examining hundreds of data points in the life histories of more than 170 mass shooters—from their childhood and adolescence to their mental health and motives. They've also interviewed the living perpetrators of mass shootings and people who knew them, shooting survivors, victims' families, first responders, and leading experts to gain a*

comprehensive firsthand understanding of the real stories behind them, rather than the sensationalized media narratives that too often prevail. For the first time, instead of offering thoughts and prayers for the victims of these crimes, Peterson and Densley share their data-driven solutions for exactly what we must do, at the individual level, in our communities, and as a country, to put an end to these tragedies that have defined our modern era.

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NEWS & EVENTS

**The road to violence is long. We are building more offramps...
Off-Ramp launches in May**

www.off-ramp.org

Join us for a 2-hour online training and launch event

Friday, May 14, 2021: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Central Time

**Preventing Targeted Violence:
Data-Driven Strategies in a Post COVID World**

[**Register Here!**](#)

This event will cover –

- What we know about targeted violence
- Data on school and workplace shooters
- The impact of COVID-19 on targeted violence
- Off-Ramps from Violence - Resources, Training, Policy
- Building a Crisis Response Team
- Social Media Safety

Who should attend?

- K-12 school administrators
- K-12 teachers and support staff
- Human Resource specialists
- Security and School Resource Officers
- Legislators and policy makers

LOOKING FORWARD

The new Off-Ramp website will include the following -

- Online training in mass violence prevention
 - Schools violence prevention certificate
 - Workplace violence prevention certificate
 - Law enforcement / security violence prevention certificate
 - Crisis intervention and de-escalation training
 - How to build a Crisis Response team training
 - Interviews with perpetrator's families, survivors, and first responders
- New evidence-based threat assessment protocol for schools
 - Updated model grounded in research and developed in partnership with the Minnesota School Safety Center and the United States Secret Service National Threat Assessment Center
 - Fillable forms for schools to use
- Public policy overview for mass violence prevention
- National resource list
 - For people in crisis or people worried that someone they know is in crisis
 - Connections to long-term mental health resources
 - Advocacy and volunteer opportunities
 - Both national and state specific resources

RECENT MEDIA

[The 74](#): After a year without mass school shootings, experts sound the alarm about a 'return to normal'

[Associated Press](#) Haunted by violence, Colorado confronts painful history

[CNN](#): Colorado is one of four states whose laws don't prohibit someone with a mental illness from owning firearms

[The Hill](#): Columbine and the era of the mass shooter, two decades on

[The Guardian](#): US saw estimated 4,000 extra murders in 2020 amid surge in daily gun violence

[LA Times](#): Orange gunman locked gates of office complex before killing 4; police say he knew victims

[National Public Radio](#): Why nearly all mass shooters are men

[New York Times](#): 4 Killed in Shooting at a Southern California Office Building

[Wall Street Journal](#), Boulder shooting suspect charged with 10 counts of murder

[New York Times](#): A list of recent mass shootings in the United States

[New York Times](#): First Atlanta, then Boulder: Two mass shootings in a week

[New York Times](#): Mass shootings in public spaces had become less frequent during the pandemic

[New York Times](#): A heavily armed man at a grocery store adds to anxiety in Atlanta

[Newsweek](#): How many mass shootings have there been in 2021 so far? It depends how you count

[People](#): 4 Killed, including child, in mass shooting at California office complex

[People](#): After a year without mass shootings in American public places, there have been 2 in 6 days

[The Trace](#): The way we think about 'mass shootings' ignores many Black victims

[USA Today](#): For the COVID pandemic we wear masks. For the pandemic of gun violence, what do we do?,

[Vice](#): Vice News Tonight

[Wall Street Journal](#): America's failed attempt to ban assault weapons

[WBEZ Chicago](#): Atlanta, Boulder tragedies are stark reminder mass shootings may be part of our 'return to normal'

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Email us at admin@theviolenceproject.org for questions or speaking requests.

Take Care and Stay Healthy,

The Violence Project Team

