

Mental Health Screening and Psychotropic Drugs May Contribute to Violence and Suicide

At least 27 international drug regulatory agency warnings have been issued on psychiatric drugs linked to mania, psychosis violence, aggression and hostility.

CLEARWATER, FL, USA, March 27, 2019 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The [Citizens Commission on Human Rights](#) (CCHR), a mental health watchdog dedicated to the protection of children, is warning lawmakers and educators not to adopt [mental health screening](#) and risk assessments in the false hope that it

could prevent acts of violence and suicide since such actions usually result in psychiatric labels and a prescription for dangerous drugs. Citing the fact that antidepressants and antipsychotics have both been linked to violent effects in a percentage of those taking them, CCHR is urging

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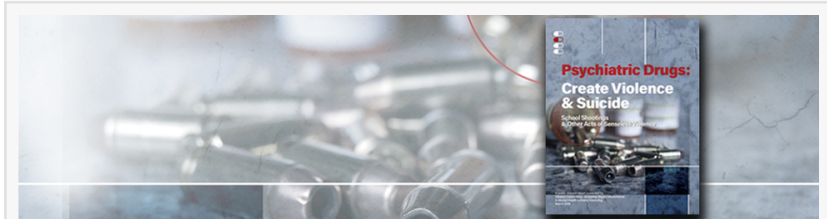
Officials need to investigate the mounting evidence that psychiatric treatment and its failure has had something to do with a large percentage of the acts of violence occurring in our communities.”

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of violence that date back to 1988 with all of the crimes committed by people either taking or withdrawing from psychiatric drugs. These acts of violence resulted in 172 people wounded and 80 killed.

Harvard Medical school psychiatrist Joseph Glenmullen is quoted in the report stating: “The irritability and impulsivity” from antidepressants, for example, “can make people suicidal or homicidal.” Also cited is Patrick D. Hahn, an affiliate professor of Biology at Loyola University in Maryland who confirms: “The link between antidepressants and violence, including suicide and homicide, is well established.” [2][3]

An international expert in psychopharmacology, also quoted in the report, Dr. David Healy, estimates that 90 percent of school shootings, over more than a decade leading up to 2012, were linked to SSRI antidepressants (e.g., fluoxetine, paroxetine, sertraline, etc.).[2] Dr. Healy warns that: “Violence and other potentially criminal behavior caused by prescription drugs are medicine's best-kept secret.”[4]



The 64-page report details more than 60 examples of school and mass shootings and other senseless violent acts committed by those under the influence of psychotropic drugs or experiencing serious withdrawal from them.

officials to consider that the side effects of the drugs being prescribed to children in crisis may very well be behind the violence they are hoping to prevent. [1]

Admitting that only 1-10 percent of drug side effects are reported to its MedWatch program, the FDA's Adverse Event Reporting System has at least 1,530 cases of homicide/homicidal ideation reported to it as linked to psychiatric drugs. Yet despite these facts, screenings and the usual resultant [psychiatric drug](#) prescriptions are still being pushed as the solution.

In a comprehensive report released last year, CCHR documented 36 school shootings and school-related acts

In the aftermath of recent school shootings, training in Mental Health First Aid and increased mental health screening of students has been a widely promoted response yet these actions simply lead to a significant number of individuals being labeled and drugged with the very same psychotropics linked to violence in the first place.

CCHR warns that the current course of action, increased mental health, will not only escalate state budgets for no equitable or positive return but more importantly, will put more students, teachers and the community at risk of increased violence. Individuals concerned with the link between violence and psychiatric drugs are encouraged to send a copy of the report, *Psychiatric Drugs Create Violence & Suicide: Putting the Community at Risk* to their legislative representative calling for an investigation.

<https://www.cchrnt.org/pdfs/violence-report.pdf>

About CCHR: Initially established by the Church of Scientology and renowned psychiatrist Dr. Thomas Szasz in 1969, CCHR's mission is to eradicate abuses committed under the guise of mental health and enact patient and consumer protections. L. Ron Hubbard, founder of Scientology, first brought psychiatric imprisonment to wide public notice: "Thousands and thousands are seized without process of law, every week, over the 'free world' tortured, castrated, killed. All in the name of 'mental health,'" he wrote in March 1969. For more information visit, www.cchrflorida.org

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31 Prescription Drugs Linked to Violence, 79% were Psychiatric



Researchers took the FDA Adverse Event Reporting System data and of 484 prescription drugs identified, 31 were disproportionately associated with violence, of which 25 were psychotropic (psychiatric) drugs. Their findings, published in *Public Library of Science ONE*, included 11 antidepressants, six sedative/hypnotics and three drugs for treatment of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). The specific cases of violence included: homicide, physical assaults, physical abuse, homicidal ideation, and cases described as violence-related symptom.

Psychotropic Drugs Associated with the Highest Rates of Violence Compared to Other Drugs

Antidepressants include:

Fluoxetine (Prozac)	10.9 times
Paroxetine (Paxil)	10.3 times
Fluvoxamine (Luvox)	8.4 times
Venlafaxine (Effexor)	8.3 times
Desvenlafaxine (Pristiq)	7.9 times
Sertraline (Zoloft)	6.7 times

Stimulants (for ADHD):

Amphetamines	9.6 times
Atomoxetine (Strattera)	9 times

Benzodiazepine:

Triazolam (Halcion)	8.7 times
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27 international drug agency warnings link psychiatric drugs to the adverse effects of violence, mania, psychosis or homicidal ideation



The Citizens Commission on Human Rights is a non-profit mental health watchdog dedicated to the eradication of abuses committed under the guise of mental health.

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