

Loke G Discusses Gun Violence and Prevention in Houston with Panel of Professionals

Loke G, Medical Professionals, community leaders, law enforcement, and activists, discuss gun violence and prevention amid recent school shootings.

HOUSTON, TX, UNITED STATES, April 6, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- On March 28, 2024, Houston's College of Biblical Studies became the epicenter of a crucial dialogue on gun violence, hosted by the Houston Ethnic Media Roundtable. The event, marked by the participation of figures like [Loke G General Manager of AKM Publishing](#)



Sandy Close Introduces The Panelists for Gun Violence Prevention Roundtable

LLC, brought to light the multifaceted nature of gun violence, a pressing issue that continues to haunt communities across the United States. Sandy Close opened the discussion and introduced the Panelists. Dr. Bindi Naik-Mathuria continued the discussion with a shocking revelation: gun violence has surpassed car accidents as the leading cause of death among children since 2020. This statistic alone underscored the dire need for immediate and effective solutions.

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If the freedom of speech is taken away then dumb and silent we may be led, like sheep to the slaughter. ...”

George Washington

In the heart of the conversation, Emilee Whitehurst from the Houston Area Women's Center brought a really important point to light, touching on how domestic

violence and guns are a mix we can't ignore. Saying, “We are really in a crisis... just under one out of five homicides are family violence related.” Her words added a crucial layer to the chat, showing that it is about real-life consequences and the need to tackle this issue from all angles.

The roundtable also featured passionate voices from advocacy and education. Saami Baig, a high school student, poignantly remarked on the normalization of gun violence among his peers, emphasizing that such realities should not be considered normal. Jasir Rahman, representing the

youth and policy reform perspective, highlighted the crucial role of activism in driving change. Both, traumatized by school shootings, spoke of how their generation has been affected by witnessing these horrible incidents through social media and the power of it. Also, inspired by events, they demonstrated determination and purpose.

Loke G's involvement went beyond mere participation. He underscored the importance of listening to the voices of the youth—those most affected by school shootings and gun violence. By advocating for their perspectives to be included in community safety strategies, Loke G believes it is necessary to create a safer future for school children.

The personal story of Raul Collins, a senior police officer, added a deeply human element to the discussion, recounting the traumatic experience of gun violence within his own family. This narrative served as a powerful reminder of the issue's pervasive impact. Offering gun locks, and information on gun safety and training, the officer's opinion was based on education saves lives. With more training and proper storage, accidental shootings can be prevented by a large percentage.

Terry Bryan's insights on crisis management highlighted the importance of preparedness and community support in the aftermath of violence, underscoring the complexity of recovery and the need for comprehensive strategies.

The roundtable didn't just illuminate the problem; it also showcased the community's resolve to fight back, emphasizing the need for a collaborative approach that spans, mental health, and education. The dialogue, rich with diverse perspectives, served as a call to action, emphasizing the collective responsibility to address this crisis and protect future generations.

This gathering was more than just a meeting; it was a reflection of the community's dedication to finding solutions and the shared understanding that change is possible with informed action and



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a firm effort. The roundtable illuminated the collective resolve to prevent gun violence, showcasing a community ready to unite behind common goals: the protection of its youth and the prevention of future violence. Loke G's role spotlights the critical importance of community leaders in advocating for the voiceless and the vulnerable, emphasizing that change is not only necessary but possible with dedicated effort and relentless hard work.

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