



Bullying a Public Health Problem!

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Slap Stick Comedy or Bullying?



The Three Stooges!





Bullying occurs in every community regardless of age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation/identity, socioeconomic status, mental/ physical ability, or religious affiliation.

Bullying!



Hurts!



“ Bullying is not about anger or a conflict to be resolved; it is about contempt –a powerful feeling of dislike toward someone considered to be worthless, inferior, or undeserving of respect.

Contempt comes with three apparent psychological advantages that allow kids to harm others without feeling empathy, compassion, or shame. These include: a sense of entitlement, that they have the right to hurt or control others, intolerance towards difference, and a freedom to exclude, bar, isolate, and segregate others.”

Coloroso, B. (2002). *The Bully, the Bullied and the Bystander*. New York, NY: Harper Collins Publisher.

Facts

- U.S. School students are more likely to have stomachaches, backaches, headaches and difficulty sleeping at least once a week
- Fewer than two out of five U.S. students always feel safe
- 5.5% did not go to school on one or more days because they felt unsafe at school or on their way to or from school.
- 6% reported carrying a weapon (gun, knife or club) on school property
- 1 in 5 kids admit to being bullied or bullying.
- 7.8% reported being threatened or injured with a weapon on school property
- 27% of students reported having property stolen or deliberately damaged on school property
- Sixty percent of boys who were bullies in middle school had at least one criminal conviction by 24; 40 percent had three or more convictions. (U.S. Department of Education)

The Psycho-Social Impact on Children

Psychological

Physical

Social

Bullying

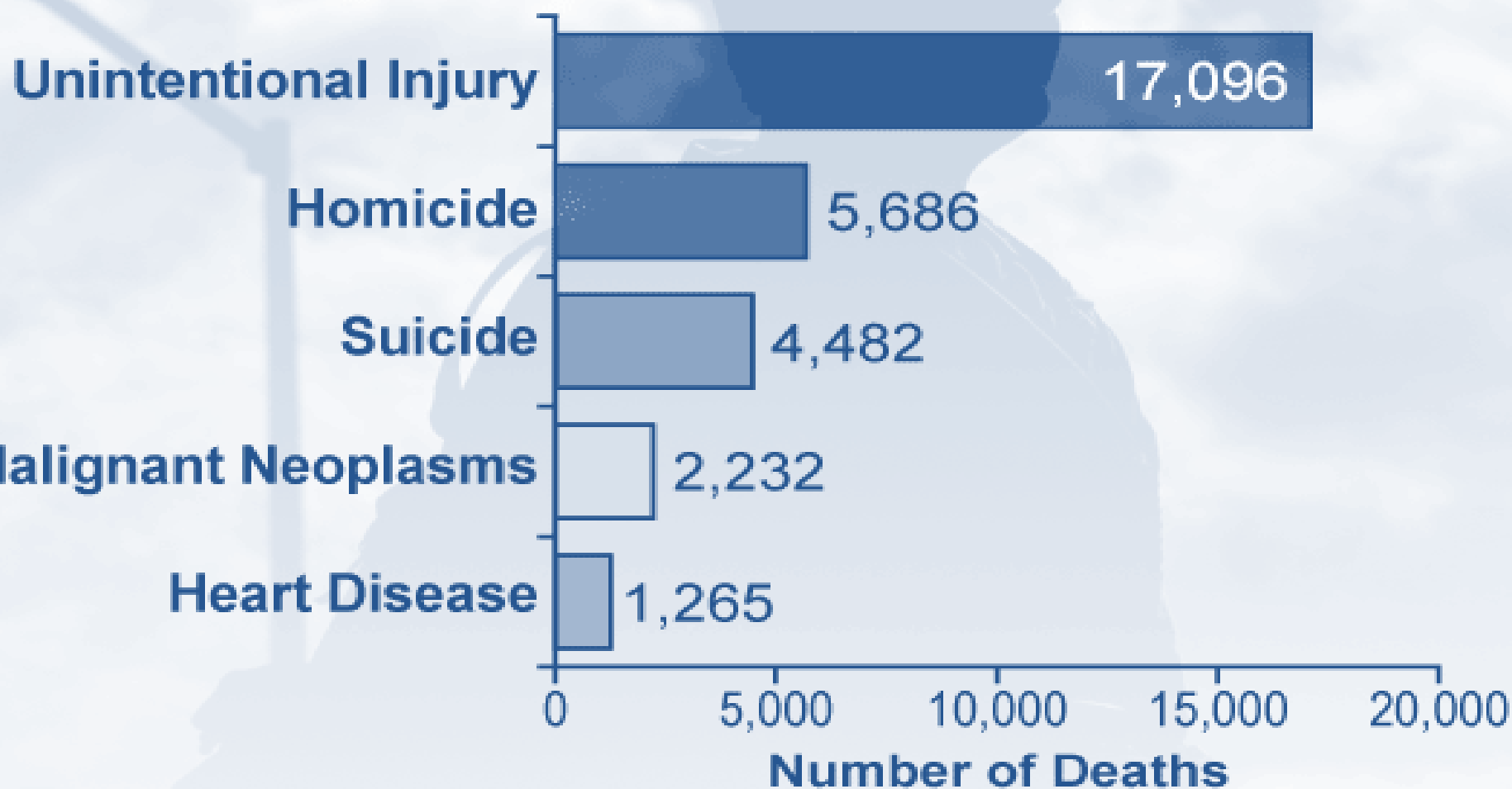




Bullycide is Headline News!

- Florida Boy Hangs self to avoid Teasing about Weight, 8/27/1996, Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel
- Bullied Teen Suicide Victim Laid to Rest, 10/3/2009, Fox 4 News
- Joshua teen had become target of bullying, 3/31/2010, Fort Worth Star-Telegram
- Phoebe Prince a 15-year-old , hanged herself at home, 4/5/2010, USA Today

Five Leading Causes of Deaths Among Persons Ages 10–24 Years, United States

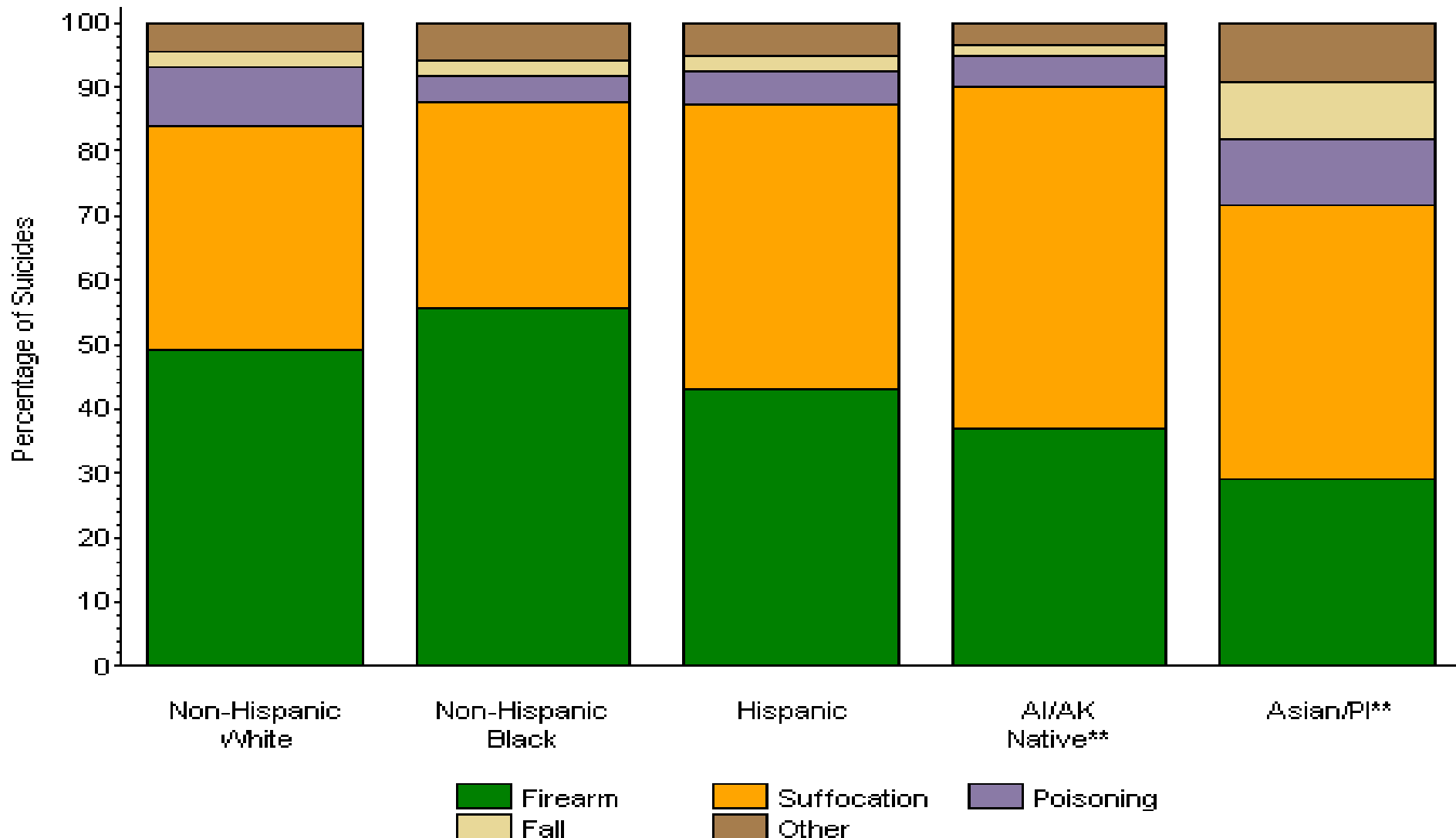


Adolescent Suicide

- A nationwide survey of youth in grades 9-12 in public and private schools in the United States (U.S.) found that 15% of students reported seriously contemplation of suicide.
- Of the reported suicides in the 10 to 24 age group, 84% of the deaths were males and 16% were females.
- The top three methods used in suicides of young people include firearm (46%), suffocation (37%), and poisoning (8%)
- Among 15-24-year olds, suicide accounts for 12.0% of all deaths annually.
- Cultural variations in suicide rates exist among the Native Indian, Alaskan Native, and Hispanic youth having the highest rates of suicide-related fatalities.



Percentage of Suicides among Persons Ages 10-24 Years, by Race/Ethnicity and Mechanism, United States, 2002-2006





Consequences!



A Michigan School District Ordered to Pay \$800,000

- In what experts say could be a landmark decision, a Michigan school district has been ordered to pay \$800,000 to a student who claimed the school did not do enough to protect him from years of bullying.
- This week's jury verdict against Hudson Area Schools puts districts on notice that it's not enough to stop a student from bullying another. There needs to be a concerted effort to stop systemic bullying.

Georgia Lawmakers Crack Down on Bullies

- Georgia State Representatives expanded the state's definition of bullying. By law, school administrators are required to report bullying incidents to police, and by the start of the 2010-11 academic year school districts will be required to have a system in place to send a bully to different a school.

Consequences!

Nine Teenagers Are Charged After Classmate's Suicide



National Response

- DHHS/HRSA/MCH Campaign Stop Bullying Now, Lead: CAPT Stephanie Bryn
<http://stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov/kids/default.aspx>
- SAMHSA's Bullying Prevention Campaign
<http://mentalhealth.samhsa.gov/15plus/aboutbullying.asp>
- CDC's Youth Violence Prevention Programs and Activities,
www.cdc.gov/violence
- Olweus Bullying Prevention Program
<http://www.clemson.edu/olweus/>
- The Bully Police USA
<http://www.bullypolice.org/>
- Bullying.Org
<http://bullying.org/>



State Anti-Bullying Legislation and Policies

Region VI

- Arkansas ACT 681, HB2274
- New Mexico, 6.12.7.7 NMAC - N, 11-30-06
- Oklahoma 2002Ok Sess, Laws House Bill 2215/
S.B 9992
- Louisiana Acts 1999, No. 969; Acts 2001, No.
230
- Texas House Bill No. 283



Arkansas



Louisiana



Texas



Oklahoma



New Mexico



Literature Review

Trends in Childhood Violence and Abuse Exposure

David Finkelhor, PhD; Heather Turner, PhD; Richard Ormrod, PhD; Sherry Hamby, PhD



A Recommendation to Reduce Rates of Violence Among School-Aged Children and Youth by Means of University School-Based Violence Prevention Programs

Task Force on Community Preventive Services



Effectiveness of Universal School-Based Programs to Prevent Violent and Aggressive Behavior A Systematic Review

Task Force on Community Preventive Services

Questions?





Thank you!



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