Neutering Shooter(s) may give mass killers an incentive to stop

The continuing reports in the United States of mass shootings at schools, churches, shopping centers and sporting events where an angry young man goes on a shooting spree for the sheer pleasure of killing innocent children, and people of all ages is heart wrenching and needs to be addressed promptly with tough remedial legislation. The latest heart-breaking event occurred in Uvalde, Texas when a young man slaughtered 19 children with an AR-15. Here are several proposals for lawmakers to consider stopping this madness.

1. **Neuter the Killers**: Politicians at the state and federal level should write and enact legislation that will have a chilling effect on would-be mass killers. It should read: "*Whosoever kills one or more persons intentionally by any means and without the defense of a just cause, and convicted before a jury of their peers, shall have their testicles cut off.*"

The defendant should only be allowed to appeal a life sentence or death penalty after he is neutered. Painkillers should not be given to a convicted killer who is neutered as this felon did not give painkillers to his victims before he shot them.

As a practical matter, this corporal punishment can only by administered if the shooter is arrested and is not killed in a shootout with the police or swat team. However, the jury should be empowered to waive the neutering penalty if the number of fatalities in an incident is less then 3 persons or if no one dies in an incident. For obvious reasons this law would only apply to men. When males have uncontrollable anger against society or any group for any reason, they may value their family jewels more than their AR-15 or driving their car into a crowd. Neutering killers could be an effective deterrent to stop future mass shootings. Insanity as a defense must not be allowed when there is evidence of preplanning.

2. **Design Bulletproof Helmets** for Police officers

During the middle ages, solders preparing for battle were called Knight in Shining Armor for a reason; they were covered in metal shields from head to toe to protect them in battles with opposing armies that fought with swords, bayonets, and spears. Today's police officers are less protected than medieval warriors. Today, police are under protected and out gunned.

Watching the Uvalde, TX standoff played out in slow motion. First, if the only guns the police had to respond with were pistols, they were no matches for an AR-15. Second, where was the protective gear for their heads? Governments should design, test and provide bulletproof helmets that protect the entire head and neck area and also the shoulders of police while requiring a separate shield for the front and sides of the chest. These need to be tested to withstand dangerous guns like the AR-15s or other military style weapons.

Police and sheriffs should never have to wait for a Swat team to arrive to take out an active shooter. Two police officers should have the equipment and training to rapidly put on their protective ear and go in to any building and take out an active shooter ASAP.

3. **Study the methods used by the safest school in the United States**

The following is quoted from https://bigthink.com/politics-current-affairs/5-ways-to-secure-our-schools-from-shooters/ *"Here's the security setup of one school in Indiana, dubbed "the safest school in America". It features a system with widespread panic buttons, automatic door lockdowns, red zones in the classrooms, real-time video links to the sheriff's department, and hot zones that spew out smoke to disorient the shooter. The system costs $400,000 to install. "* Congress needs to study the methods deployed in this school with an eye to cutting the cost of setting this up in other schools possibly targeted by mass killers.

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