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## **The National Black Church Initiative Calls Upon The Centers for Disease Control To Launch A Comprehensive Study On Why 99% of Mass Murders Are Committed By White Males**

*Society should be afraid of white males*

**Washington DC** – The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI) a faith-based coalition of 34,000 churches comprised of 15 denominations and 15.7 million African Americans, expresses deep concern that society is willing to tolerate a small but significant subgroup of white males ranging in age from 64-17 years old, who feel entitled enough to commit mass murders upon the general public. This type of behavior cuts at the very heart of our society, largely because no one is acknowledging the elephant in the room.

Rev. Anthony Evans, President of the National Black Church Initiative says, “As a clergy who has studied medical ethics and is versed in all ethical systems across denominations and religious faiths, I am disturbed that modern science has refused to focus on this deadly subgroup of white males who have been committing mass murder on the general public. This must be studied at all costs.”

Throughout history, white Europeans as a group have perpetuated genocide on minority populations during either the Middle Passage, the Holocaust, native Mayan and Indian populations or other acts of human atrocities.

It was unacceptable, wicked and cruel then and it is unacceptable, wicked and cruel now. As a society we keep tolerating such mass murder by white males as normal. It is not. It is wrong and is morally reprehensible. It should be condemned at every ethical level known to man. The sociological, psychological, political and economic social patterns that have emerged from white male mass murder behavior should at least be studied as a medical or a genetic major malfunction.

We cannot continue to accept this as a normal practice in our society. This is why the National Black Church Initiative is calling on either the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) or the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to begin to study this as a major health, societal and genetic concern. Two days ago, in the Omnibus spending Bill of 1.3 trillion dollars, that President Trump recently signed, the Democrats were successful in sticking in, a requirement for the CDC to begin to study gun violence for the first time in our nation's history. What we are clearly saying here is that the CDC and NIH should extend that study to this subgroup of white males who commit mass murders.

According to CNN's list of the deadliest shootings and school shootings committed in the United States, over 90% have been carried out by white males:

**58 killed - October 1, 2017** - In Las Vegas, 64-year-old Stephen Paddock of Mesquite, Nevada, sprays gunfire on a crowd of 22,000 concertgoers from the 32nd floor of the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino, killing 58 people and injuring almost 500. Witnesses say the gunshots last between 10 and 15 minutes. Officers breach Paddock's hotel room to find him dead. Authorities believe Paddock killed himself and that he acted alone.

**49 killed - June 12, 2016** - Omar Saddiqui Mateen, 29, opens fire inside Pulse, a gay nightclub, in Orlando. At least 49 people are killed and more than 50 are injured. Police shoot and kill Mateen during an operation to free hostages, officials say he was holding at the club.

**32 killed - April 16, 2007** - Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia. A gunman, 23-year-old student Seung-Hui Cho, goes on a shooting spree killing 32 people in two locations and wounding an undetermined number of others on campus. The shooter then commits suicide.

**27 killed - December 14, 2012** - Sandy Hook Elementary School - Newtown, Connecticut. Adam Lanza, 20, guns down 20 children, ages six and seven, and six adults, school staff and faculty, before turning the gun on himself. Investigating police later find Nancy Lanza, Adam's mother, dead from a gunshot wound.

**25 and an unborn child killed - November 5, 2017** - A gunman opens fire on a small church in Sutherland Springs, Texas killing 25 people and an unborn child and wounding 20 others. The shooter, identified by two law enforcement sources as Devin Patrick Kelley, is found dead after a brief chase, but it's unclear if it was self-inflicted.

**23 killed - October 16, 1991** - In Killeen, Texas, 35-year-old George Hennard crashes his pickup truck through the wall of a Luby's Cafeteria. After exiting the truck, Hennard shoots and kills 23 people. He then commits suicide.

**21 killed - July 18, 1984** - In San Ysidro, California, 41-year-old James Huberty, armed with a long-barreled Uzi, a pump-action shotgun and a handgun, shoots and kills 21 adults and children at a local McDonald's. A police sharpshooter kills Huberty one hour after the rampage begins.

**18 killed - August 1, 1966** - In Austin, Texas, Charles Joseph Whitman, a former US Marine, kills 16 and wounds at least 30 at the University of Texas while shooting from a tower. Police officers Ramiro Martinez and Houston McCoy shoot and kill Whitman in the tower. Whitman had also killed his mother and wife earlier in the day.

**17 killed - February 14, 2018** - A former student unleashes a hail of gunfire at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, killing at least 17 adults and children. Nikolas Cruz, 19, has been charged with 17 counts of premeditated murder.

**14 killed - December 2, 2015** - Married couple Syed Rizwan Farook and Tashfeen Malik open fire on an employee gathering taking place at Inland Regional Center in San Bernardino, California, killing 14 people.

**14 killed - August 20, 1986** - In Edmond, Oklahoma, part-time mail carrier armed with three handguns, Patrick Henry Sherrill, kills 14 postal workers in 10 minutes and then takes his own life with a bullet to the head.

**13 and an unborn child killed - November 5, 2009** - Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan kills 13 people and one unborn child and injures 32 at Fort Hood, Texas, during a shooting rampage. He is convicted and sentenced to death.

**13 killed - April 20, 1999** - Columbine High School - Littleton, Colorado. Eighteen-year-old Eric Harris and 17-year-old Dylan Klebold kill 12 fellow students and one teacher before committing suicide in the school library.

**13 killed - February 18, 1983** - Three men enter the Wah Mee gambling and social club in Seattle, rob the 14 occupants and then shoot each in the head, killing 13. Two of the men, Kwan Fai Mak and Benjamin Ng, are convicted of murder in August 1983. Both are serving life in prison. The third, Wai-Chiu "Tony" Ng, after years on the run in Canada, is eventually convicted of first-degree robbery and second-degree assault. He is deported to Hong Kong in 2014.

**13 killed - September 25, 1982** - In Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, 40-year-old prison guard George Banks kills 13 people including five of his own children. In September 2011, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court overturns his death sentence, stating that Banks is mentally incompetent.

**13 killed - September 5, 1949** - In Camden, New Jersey, 28-year-old Howard Unruh, a veteran of World War II, shoots and kills 13 people as he walks down Camden's 32nd Street using a German-crafted Luger pistol. He is found insane and is committed to a state mental institution. He dies at the age of 88.

We're only a 3 months into 2018, and there have already been 17 school shootings where someone was hurt or killed. That averages out to 1.5 shootings a week.

**March 20: Lexington Park, Maryland**

An armed student shot two others at Great Mills High School before a school resource officer fired a round at the shooter. The shooter was killed.

**March 13: Seaside, California**

A teacher accidentally discharged a gun during a public safety class at Seaside High School, injuring a student.

**March 8: Mobile, Alabama**

One person was hospitalized after a shooting at an apartment building on the campus of the University of South Alabama.

**March 7: Birmingham, Alabama**

One student was killed and another critically wounded after an accidental shooting during dismissal time at Huffman High School. Police wouldn't elaborate further.

**March 7: Jackson, Mississippi**

A student was shot inside a dormitory at Jackson State University. His injuries were not life-threatening.

**March 2: Mount Pleasant, Michigan**

Two people were shot to death at a dormitory on the campus of Central Michigan University. The victims were not students and police think the incident stemmed from a domestic situation.

**February 27: Norfolk, Virginia**

A student at Norfolk State University was shot from an adjacent dorm room while he was doing homework. He was not seriously injured.

**February 27: Itta Bena, Mississippi**

A person was shot in a rec center at Mississippi Valley State University. Police said the person was not a student and the injury was not life-threatening.

**February 24: Savannah, Georgia**

A person was shot on the campus of Savannah State University and taken to a nearby hospital where he later died. Neither the victim nor the shooter were university students, the college said.

**February 14: Parkland, Florida**

A 19-year-old man gunned down students and staff with a rifle at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, slaughtering at least 17 unsuspecting students and adults. The shooter, Nikolas Cruz, had been expelled from the high school over disciplinary problems, officials said.

**February 9: Nashville**

A high school student was shot five times in the parking lot of Pearl-Cohn High School.

**February 5: Oxon Hill, Maryland**

A high school student was shot in the parking lot of Oxon Hill High. The victim was treated and later released. Police arrested two teens and said they are acquaintances of the victim.

**February 1: Los Angeles**

A 15-year-old boy was shot in the head and a 15-year-old girl shot in the wrist at Sal Castro Middle School in Los Angeles, officials said. Two other students were grazed by bullets. A 12-year-old girl was booked for negligent discharge of a firearm in that shooting, which was considered "unintentional," Los Angeles police said.

**January 31: Philadelphia**

A fight led to a shooting in the parking lot of Lincoln High School, fatally wounding a 32-year-old man.

**January 23: Benton, Kentucky**

A 15-year-old student shot 16 people -- killing two other 15-year-olds -- at Marshall County High School, authorities said. The student faces two charges of murder and 12 counts of first degree assault.

**January 22: Italy, Texas**

A 15-year-old student was wounded in a shooting at a high school in Italy, Texas, authorities said. The suspect, also 15, was quickly apprehended.

**January 20: Winston Salem, North Carolina**

A Winston-Salem State University football player, Najee Ali Baker, was shot to death at a party on the campus of Wake Forest University.

## **About NBCI**

The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI) is a coalition of 34,000 African American and Latino Churches working to eradicate racial disparities in healthcare, technology, education, housing, and the environment. NBCI's mission is to provide critical wellness information to all of its members, congregants, Churches and the public. Our methodology is utilizing faith and sound health science.

NBCI's purpose is to partner with major organizations and officials whose main mission is to reduce racial disparities in the variety of areas cited above. NBCI offers faith-based, out-of-the-box and cutting edge solutions to stubborn economic and social issues. NBCI's programs are governed by credible statistical analysis, science based strategies and techniques, and methods that work. Visit our website at [www.naltBlackChurch.com](http://www.naltBlackChurch.com).