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Why We Must Protect Our Youthful Assets & Stop Their Suicides

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SOME FACTS AND FIGURES

1. According to statistics released by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) in 2017

POLICE *One hundred thirty million students (between the ages of 13 and 15) experience **bullying** in schools.*

POLICE *Seven hundred thirty-two million children (between the ages of 6 and 17) live in countries where **corporal punishment** in schools is not entirely prohibited.*

POLICE *During the past 25 years, **59 school shootings** that resulted in at least one reported fatality were reported in **14 countries**.*

POLICE *Close to **500 attacks** or threats of attacks on schools were documented or verified in the year 2016.*

<http://endviolence.unicef.or.kr/#section-3>



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2. According to a survey conducted by the Pew Research Center, a U.S. fact tank, in 2018, **57%** of U.S. teens fear that *shooting is likely to happen* at their school.

<https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2018/04/18/a-majority-of-u-s-teens-fear-a-shooting-could-happen-at-their-school-and-most-parents-share-their-concern/>

3. According to a report published by UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization) in 2016, more than **246 million** children are subject to *gender-based violence* in or around schools every year.
<https://news.un.org/en/audio/2016/12/620472>

4. To highlight the student suicide rate globally, according to the latest statistics available from India's National Crime Records Bureau in 2015, **every hour, one student commits suicide in India**.

<https://www.hindustantimes.com/health-and-fitness/every-hour-one-student-commits-suicide-in-india/story-7UFFhSs6h1HNgrNO60FZ2O.html>

In the USA, reported in 2017, the suicides of those under age 13:

One every five days! <https://www.cnn.com/2017/08/14/health/child-suicides/index.html>

5. In the wake of the horrific Columbine school shooting in the US in 1999, the **US Secret Service** and the US Department of Education jointly conducted a study (published in 2002) on the '*school shooter*' phenomenon. Some of the findings were as follows:

i. *Incidents of targeted violence at school rarely were sudden, impulsive acts. Most attackers progressed through a process that started with an idea, to a plan, to accessing weapons and ending with the attack. If noticed, this process may be interrupted at any time before the attack.*

ii. Along similar lines, *most attackers "engaged in some behavior before the incident that caused others concern or indicated a need for help."* Some of these behaviors included *talking about bringing a gun to school, or warning friends to avoid a specific area of the school on a given day.*

<https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/if-you-want-to-know-how-to-stop-school-shootings-ask-the-secret-service/>

Where have we gone wrong and why we can make a change!

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