

Cartoons for the Classroom

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Can the mentally ill easily get guns?



By Steve Benson, Arizona Republic / Courtesy of Cagle.com

Talking points

1. What do these cartoons say about the mass shooting at the Navy Yard?
2. Why was the shooter able to legally buy a gun despite earlier shooting incidents and a history of mental problems?
3. If someone fails a store background check, can they still purchase a gun? How?
3. What are the arguments for and against tougher background checks for guns?
4. Is it easier to get a gun than mental health care?

Between the lines

"We have significant and thorough disqualifications for mental health reasons ... We try not to favor prior restraint..." -Virginia, Gov. Bob McDonnell

http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/mcdonnell-says-navy-yard-bloodshed-compels-mental-health-review-not-new-gun-control-measures/2013/09/24/044a0ea2-2529-11e3-9372-92606241ae9c_story.html

Additional resources

More by Steve Benson

<http://www.cagle.com/2013/09/gun-o-rama/>

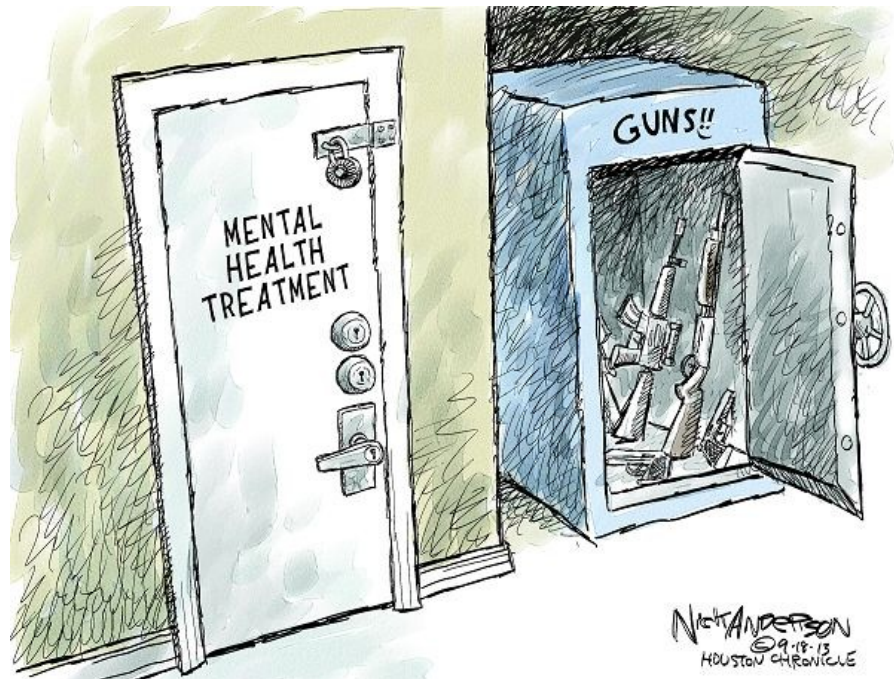
More by Nick Anderson

<http://editorialcartoonists.com/cartoon/browse.cfm/AnderN>

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