

The Splintering Influence of Columbine

By participating in this study, you are consenting to help the researcher determine the perception of mass school shootings by current high school students. The questions in this study revolve around incidents that occurred between May 1940 and February 2018 on K-12 campuses in the United States perpetrated by adolescents and adults. The study excludes events on college campuses and organized gang shootings. Events regarded as intentional mass school shootings are the basis of this study; mass murders are classified as the killing of 4 or more individuals in the same incident (FBI, 2005). Some of these questions may be graphic in nature, but no stress is foreseen on behalf of the participants.

* Required

Consent Form

I agree to participate in the study “The Splintering Influence of Columbine: An Application of Cultural Scripts and Current Public Perception of Mass School Shootings” which is being conducted by Taylyn Cogswell, an undergraduate student at Boise State University. I understand that my participation is entirely voluntary, therefore I can refuse to participate or withdraw my consent at any time without penalty and have the results of the participation, to the extent that it can be identified as mine, returned to me, removed from the research records, or destroyed.

It has been explained to me that the goal of this research is to investigate the perception of and myths regarding the splintering effect of the Columbine Massacre in today’s high school student population. I understand that my part in the study will last approximately 10 to 15 minutes and that my responses will be kept confidential. I have been told that although neither discomfort nor stress is foreseen, some topics might be of a graphic nature. I further understand that my participation in this research is completely confidential and that results will not be released in any individually identifiable form without my prior consent unless otherwise required by law.

Participating in this research will give me a good chance to reflect on my own perception of school safety and media literacy. Through answering each question, I will have an opportunity to analyze my own situations and hopefully to think about the possible ways to more effectively deal with the related issues. The researcher will answer any further questions about the research, now or during the course of the project, and can be reached at (661-599-7094).

I understand the procedures described above. My questions have been answered to my satisfaction, and I agree to participate in this study.

1. I agree to participate in this study *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
 No

2. What is your current grade? *

Mark only one oval.

- Freshman
 Sophomore
 Junior
 Senior

3. What is your gender? *

Mark only one oval.

- Female
- Male
- Prefer not to say

4. Have you ever participated in a lockdown/active shooter drill? *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- I am not sure

5. Have you encountered any fictional works (i.e. Movies, Netflix shows, Video Games, songs or books) that have specifically referenced a school shooting incident? *

Mark only one oval.

- No
- Yes

6. If yes, which ones?

7. Between May 1940 and February 2018, approximately how many intentional mass school shootings do you think occurred? *

Mark only one oval.

- ~13
- ~35
- ~63
- ~97

8. Within this timeframe, how many of the shooters were female? *

Mark only one oval.

- 0
- 1
- 2
- 3

9. Which fact(s) about the Columbine School Massacre (1999) is/are TRUE? *

Check all that apply.

- Dylan Klebold and Eric Harris were severely bullied
- The Columbine Massacre was a failed bombing attack
- Dylan and Eric had specific targets/victims in mind for the attack
- Dylan Klebold and Eric Harris were members of the goth subculture and an organized gang called the "Trenchcoat Mafia"

10. What percentage of intentional mass school shootings between 1940-2018 were committed by white males? *

Mark only one oval.

- 70-74%
- 75-85%
- 86-92%
- 92-96%

11. What percentage of intentional mass school shooters between 1940-1999 do you think acted alone? *

Mark only one oval.

- 68%
- 76%
- 83%
- 97%

12. What percentage of intentional mass school shooters between 2000-2018 do you think acted alone? *

Mark only one oval.

- 71%
- 89%
- 93%
- 100%

13. Do you believe violent video games, music, and entertainment are to blame for desensitization towards real-life violence? *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes, I believe violent media is to blame for desensitization of real-life violence.
- No, I do not believe violent media is to blame for desensitization of real-life violence.

14. Have you ever missed school for one or more days because you felt unsafe? *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No

