

Compassionate Intervention as a Viable Solution to Violence

In a world that is becoming increasingly vulnerable and fearful of the loss of life and trauma caused by violence, Dr. Tau Braun's epistemological, humanistic, systems-based approach offers a compassionate, scientific, optimistic, and mindful solution to this complex issue. Dr. Braun provokes a strong reaction from his audience. He challenges us to think about the root causes of violence and inspires us to be empathetic in our response to those that cause harm to themselves and others. He makes a strong case to see violence as a public health issue, not a criminal-justice one, and to be proactive and adaptive in our response. He believes that not only is it the most ethical approach, but also the only option that is viable, sustainable, and in sync with a rapidly changing world. Dr. Braun's unbashful and unwavering commitment to reducing suffering and improving conditions for all will leave you feeling uplifted, hopeful, informed, and recruited in working towards a much-needed pathway to a safer and happier world.

Professional background

Dr. Tau Braun is a thought leader and eminent speaker on Violence Prevention and Response. He advises and trains educational institutions, healthcare facilities, and government organizations in Violence Prevention Strategies, including Threat Management; Mass Casualty Attack Prevention, Preparedness, and Response; and Counterterrorism. His research and teaching focuses on the use of a biopsychosocial (BPS) approach to violence prevention and intervention efforts. He regularly guest lectures at several universities and presents at global conferences, notably, FEMA Active Shooter Preparation for Higher Education, the National Healthcare Coalition Preparedness Conference, Master The Disaster, CBRAC Violence Prevention Symposium, the Preparedness Summit, INTERCEP Urgent Threat Forum, ACI-NA Airport Collaborative: Crisis Management Workshop, and the California Department of Public Health - EMSA Emergency Preparedness Training Workshop.

Dr. Braun serves as an advisor to Safe and Sound Schools (A Sandy Hook Initiative), Firestorm's Crisis and Emergency Management Expert Council, the RANE Network, and Metropolitan Healthcare Security Directors Association (MHSDA)

Dr. Braun is a member of ASIS International, the Association of Threat Assessment Professionals (ATAP - Past Vice President Northeast Chapter), the Health Professions Council of South Africa (as a licensed Clinical Psychologist), Human Resource Association of New York (HR/NY), the International Association for Healthcare Security and Safety (IAHSS), the Metropolitan Healthcare Security Directors Association (MHSDA), and the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM).

Diversity and Inclusiveness

Dr. Tau Braun's uncommon and innovative approach to Violence Prevention is shaped by many diverse factors. He was born in a volatile and politically unstable South Africa. His worldview and desire to reduce the suffering of others were shaped by many profound experiences that were caused by the impact of South Africa's racist Apartheid system. He has worked from an early age in intense settings and was exposed to the hardship and duress that people endured due to systemic injustice and limited access to resources. This fostered a deep desire and the tenacity to solve complex social problems. His viewpoint and knowledge are rare in his profession. He is able to act as a much-needed connector and concept translator for civilians, law enforcement, emergency managers, medical professionals, social workers, educators, public health officials, and community leaders.

Bold Innovative Approach

Violence and violence prevention are currently seen, and reacted to, from a limited, single-layered criminal justice perspective. This narrow law and law-enforcement viewpoint brings us a reactionary, dehumanized solution to a problem that can only be solved with a multidisciplinary, person-centered perspective and approach. Our current system lends itself to words like "evil" for the actions and perpetrators of harm. This has kept us stuck in a "Dark Age - Supernatural" model, devoid of the scientific and technological advancements of the medical paradigm that brought us compassionate, ethical, humane treatment of those suffering with ailments. It is time for violence and violence prevention to be ushered into the modern world by those with an interest to see us move from a punitive model to one characterized by healing, well-being, and dignity.



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