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The Topic of Mental Health Cannot Be Tabled

Why Talking about Mental Health Is So Important

Prohibitions and Bans: Serious, Unintended Consequences



Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (left) and Reverend Al Sharpton of the National Action Network are concerned about the proposed nationwide ban on menthol cigarettes.

By Reverend Al Sharpton, National Action Network and Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., National Newspaper Publishers Association

(NNPA) - Rapidly shifting U.S. demographics are fueling the urgency of civil rights leaders, social scientists, policy makers, and public health professionals to focus their attention on policies designed to close the gap in racial and ethnic health disparities and ensure justice and equity in communities of color. In the interest of social justice, the good intent of policies developed and endorsed by dedicated public servants requires, however, a thorough and thoughtful consideration of the impact of unintended consequences of those policies in communities of color across the nation.

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By Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-Texas)

(NNPA) - During the month of May, we recognize Mental Health Month, and raise awareness for the millions of Americans living with a mental health condition. Since 1 in 5 adults, or approximately 43.8 million people, will experience mental illness during their lifetime, it is safe to say that everyone is affected by this issue. Approximately 20.2 million adults in the United States experience a substance use disorder each year and 50 percent of them have a co-occurring mental illness.

Quite often people are alarmed when you begin discussing mental health, but there is only one way to overcome that fear and that is through transparency and awareness. According to the U.S Department of Health and Human Services, mental health includes our emotional, psychological, and social well-being. It affects how we think, feel and act.

This year, Instagram launched a #HereForYou campaign, which encourages users of the social media platform to open up about their mental health. Since the launch, teens and young adults have been taking to social media to share their stories of overcoming the obstacles of mental health and leaning on each other in a safe space by offering friendship, support and collaboration. As a result of this campaign, Instagram has become a social media platform where users can post about feelings and mental health as a coping mechanism and get support from those who share their experiences and those who don't.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) also provides several forums for individuals with mental health issues or substance use disorders to speak freely and without judgment. I believe it is vital for individuals with mental health issues to be able to talk openly and without facing unnecessary stigma.

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The Wells Fargo Scandal Continues to Create Fall Out



Photo Credit: (Freddie Allen/AMG/NNPA)

By Dr. John E. Warren, Publisher

The Wells Fargo scandal is far from over and it continues to provide insight into the "Cherry Picking" culture of providing select help in places where it seeks to get the greatest impact.

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Portland mayor aims to nix free-speech rally, fears 'hatred'



(AP) - The mayor of Portland, Oregon, on Monday urged U.S. officials and organizers to cancel a "Trump Free Speech Rally" and other similar events, saying they are inappropriate and could be dangerous after two men were stabbed to death on a train as they tried to help a pair of young women targeted by an anti-Muslim tirade.

Mayor Ted Wheeler said he hopes the victims will inspire "changes in the political dialogue in this country."

It comes amid a wider debate in the U.S. about the First Amendment, often in liberal cities like Portland and Berkeley, California, and on college campuses, where violent protests between far-right and far-left protesters have derailed appearances by contentious figures.

Taliesin Myrddin Namkai Meche, 23, and Ricky John Best, 53, were killed Friday as they tried to stop Jeremy Joseph Christian from harassing the women, one of whom was wearing a hijab, authorities say. Another who stepped in was seriously injured.

Christian's social media postings indicate an affinity for Nazis and political violence. He is accused of aggravated murder, intimidation — the state equivalent of a hate crime — and being a felon in possession of a weapon and is scheduled to be in court Tuesday.

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(AP) - Officers found Woods asleep at the wheel

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EDITORIAL PAGE



Rev. Johnny C. Smith
Editorial Columnist

“The Confident Affirmations of the Psalmist”

Psalm 124:1-8; Psalm 125:1-5

In these pilgrim psalms of degrees (Psalms 120-134), the psalmist asserts that the Lord was responsible in both Psalm 124 and 125 for Israel's victory over their enemies, and for the spiritual progress of their journey. In Psalm 124:1-5, the psalmist affirms mightily that the Lord preserved the nation of Israel and that their victory was due to the Lord being on their side. If the Lord had not been on their side, then the nations would have destroyed Israel. The psalmist plainly acknowledges in verses 1-3: “If it had not been the LORD who was on our side, now may Israel say; If it had not been the LORD who was on our side, when men rose up against us. Then they had swallowed us up quick, when their wrath was kindled against us:”

The portion of history that the psalmist had reference to may have been Israel's deliverance from the Babylonian Captivity. The psalmist makes reference to Israel's physical deliverance, but we should reflect in thanksgiving to the Lord for our spiritual deliverance. We should be elated in the fact that God loved us and He has saved us through Jesus Christ, for Romans 5:8 says: “But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” Yes, God was on our side and provided a sinless substitute for our wretched condition, in that II Corinthians 5:21 says: “For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.”

In verses 6-8, the psalmist

acknowledges that it was because of the Lord's help that the nation of Israel escaped. The Lord was responsible for Israel's rescue and He certainly safeguards His children in the present. He concludes with verse 8 by saying: “Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.”

In Psalm 125:1-3, the psalmist asserts that the Lord secures and protects believers by saying: “They that trust in the LORD shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever. As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the LORD is round about His people from henceforth even for ever” (vv.1-2). What a source of comfort to know that the Lord secures and protects us, for Psalm 121:3-4 says:

“He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: He that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.” Although the nation of Israel might be burdened from a foreign nation, their test is only temporary (v. 3). The psalmist then prays for God's blessings upon the righteous: “Do good, O LORD, unto those that be good, and to them that are upright in their hearts.” He affirms that God will judge the wicked for verse 5 states: “As for such as turn aside unto their crooked ways, the LORD shall lead them forth with the workers of iniquity: but peace shall be upon Israel.”

May God Bless!

Prohibitions and Bans: Serious, Unintended Consequences

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While many Black Americans have made significant advances in professional and educational achievement, heightened political and social status, far too many are still burdened with poverty, few employment and educational opportunities and poor health. Compounding this situation is the tense relationship between police and the Black community because of use of excessive force, profiling, over incarceration, and selective prosecution. It has also been well documented that Black people are sicker, experience bias and discrimination in the healthcare system and die sooner than other groups in American society.

It stands to reason why conscientious policymakers and public health professionals are zealous in their efforts to do whatever it takes to improve the safety, quality of life and health in Black communities—even if it means making selected harmful products unavailable by imposing bans and prohibitions.

Prohibitions and bans are official public proclamations and legislative orders forbidding, limiting, restricting and making illegal a behavior or forbidding, limiting, restricting and making illegal the use, manufacture or selling of a product. In 1920, Congress ratified the 18th Amendment to the Constitution prohibiting the manufacture, transportation and sale of liquor.

The good intentions of those who aggressively supported the prohibition on alcohol were to reduce access to alcohol as a way of reducing drunkenness, the crime and accidents caused by drunkenness and to reduce the death, illness and disease associated with the use and abuse of alcohol.

The national prohibition of alcohol (1920-1933) was extremely difficult to enforce. While the consumption of alcohol

dropped at the beginning of Prohibition, it subsequently increased. Banning alcohol did not stop its use. Unregulated, illegally produced alcohol was more dangerous to drink, crime increased and became “organized,” courts and prisons were stretched to the breaking point. When the production and sale of alcohol went underground, black markets developed controlled by the Mafia and gangs in communities. By 1933, public sentiment had turned against prohibition and Congress repealed the prohibition by constitutional amendment. The unintended consequences of alcohol prohibition were real and far outweighed the good intent of the prohibition and led to the failure of this noble experiment.

The lessons learned from the failed policy of alcohol prohibition are important for us today when a ban on menthol cigarettes has been proposed to reduce smoking among African Americans. Since over 80 percent of African Americans who choose to smoke, smoke menthol cigarettes, prohibitions, restrictions and bans would affect Black communities more than other communities in America.

When police have to spend time enforcing prohibitions and bans, they have less time to focus on solving violent crime and ensuring public safety. Tensions between police and the Black community have focused national attention on the pervasive inequities in the U.S. criminal justice system. In 2014, the National Research Council issued a comprehensive report on America's overgrown criminal justice system. The rate of imprisonment in the United States has more than quadrupled during the last forty years. The U.S. prison population is largely drawn from men under age 40 and mostly men of color. The Council found that high incarceration rates came about not

because of an increase in crime, but because of policy choices. A menthol ban could make a bad situation in the criminal justice system worse for Blacks.

We do stand united with policymakers, public health professionals and tobacco control advocates – Smoking is bad and not good for public health. We support the regulation of the manufacture and sale of tobacco products, especially restricting the sale of tobacco products to youth. We strongly encourage Black people to stop smoking and educate our youth about the dangers of smoking. The National Action Network and the National Newspaper Publishers Association do not promote smoking nor endorse or advertise smoking products. Our concerns about the impact of a menthol ban are based on our experience and understanding of how law enforcement works when bans and prohibitions are imposed.

On June 22, 2009, when President Barack Obama signed into law the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act, the new law gave the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) comprehensive authority to regulate the manufacturing, marketing, and sale of tobacco products. The good intent of the law is to reduce smoking that is the leading preventable cause of death in the United States.

We are very concerned that while the FDA is considering a national menthol ban, state and local governmental agencies are implementing ordinances that will prohibit, restrict and ban menthol cigarettes, the preferred tobacco product of African Americans. A ban on menthol cigarettes would give police another way to interact negatively in Black communities on the retail level or with individual citizens for a low-level, non-violent offense. A ban, prohibition or restriction on menthol cigarettes would mean

punitive consequences, if the prohibition or ban is violated.

History has proven that prohibitions and bans don't work.

Education and treatment work. Young people are less likely to smoke if they get open, honest health information and tools to deal with peer pressure. Adults who struggle with smoking addiction are more likely to make healthier decisions when they have access to counseling, treatment, smoking cessation aids and are helped to develop stress management skills.

We welcome the opportunity for positive, realistic, solutions-oriented dialogue with supporters of a menthol ban, public health professionals, law enforcement officials, community leaders, and civil rights activists to reduce smoking in the Black community.

At the same time, we hold our public health professionals and policymakers accountable to address the social determinants of health that include a broad range of factors that are reasons for health disparities and poor health outcomes in the Black community.

We urge tobacco control advocates, public health professionals and policymakers not to defer to the criminal justice system by imposing prohibitions, bans and the threat of punishment to solve an urgent public health crisis.

In the words of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., “We are confronted with the fierce urgency of now. This is a time for vigorous and positive action.”

Reverend Al Sharpton is the founder and president of National Action Network. Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., is the president and CEO of the National Newspaper Publishers Association. Follow Rev. Sharpton on Twitter @TheRevAl and follow Dr. Chavis on Twitter @DrBenChavis.

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Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson Announces \$128,484 Federal Grant to the City of Dallas Fire Department

Today, Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson announced that the City of Dallas was awarded \$128,484 in Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) funding from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The funds will be used toward the city's improved response capabilities and to more effectively protect the health and safety of the public and emergency response personnel.

"I am very pleased to see the City of Dallas Fire Department be awarded additional funding," said Congresswoman Johnson. "The men and women who serve at the Dallas Fire Department work tirelessly and courageously by putting their lives in danger every moment to keep us safe, so it is imperative that we continue to support the work and service they provide our communities. I am positive that the award granted to this department will be used to provide better resources for training and help improve the emergency response equipment, firefighting and emergency vehicles, etc. I will continue to fight for the resources and support they need as a senior member of Congress from Texas."

This grant was awarded as a part of FEMA's Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. Since 2001, AFG has helped firefighters and other first responders obtain critically needed equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training and other resources required to protect the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards. Congresswoman Johnson has been a strong advocate for grants to local first responders in the 30th Congressional District.

ProPublica Maternal Mortality OnePager

The United States has become the most dangerous industrialized country for women to give birth.

American women are more than twice as likely to die of pregnancy-related causes as British women, three times as likely as Canadians, and six times as likely as Norwegians – that's according to 2015 data from the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation at the University of Washington.

Many wealthy nations have been successful in reducing maternal deaths in recent years. The U.S. has not followed suit. The maternal mortality rate jumped more than 25 percent from 2000 to 2014, researchers said.

For every expectant or new mother in the U.S. who dies, as many as 100 women come close to dying, often with devastating long-term physical, emotional and economic effects. Maternal near deaths are on the rise, and now exceed 65,000 a year, says the Centers for Disease Control.

The racial disparities are striking: African-American mothers are three to four times more likely to die or nearly die compared to white mothers.

ProPublica, a non-profit investigative media organization, is seeking the help of Texans in understanding why so many American women die and nearly die because of pregnancy and childbirth. The goal is to figure out how healthcare system can be improved to protect future mothers from harm.

Do you know someone who died or nearly died in pregnancy or childbirth? ProPublica is interested in hearing your story.

- Contact ProPublica Staff: maternal@propublica.org

The Dallas Post Tribune Prayer List

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SPORTS PAGE

7 Day Weather Forecast for DFW

Thursday, June 1

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Serena's back at a Slam! OK, sort of; she watched Venus win



AP PHOTO/ Petr David Josek

PARIS (AP) — Serena Williams was back on the Grand Slam scene Wednesday, only she was snacking on a piece of fruit while sitting in a shaded part of the stands at the French Open, watching her older sister win in straight sets instead of playing a match herself.

About six months pregnant, and off the WTA tour for the rest of this season, Williams was blase about attending a major tournament as a spectator rather than a participant.

"It feels fine. I don't feel anything," she said Wednesday before leaving the Roland Garros grounds. "It's just a part of my life."

As everyone connected to the sport acknowledges, tennis events simply are not the same without Williams in the draw. She generates attention and wins more than her share of trophies — the Australian Open championship in January, while she already was expecting, was her 23rd at a Slam.

She beat her sister Venus in that final. Now Venus is the only Williams who'll be in tournament brackets until 2018, when Serena vows to return.

"I'm sure she feels the excitement of being at a major and not having the pressure to play and prepare. Must be an interesting feeling, to say the least," the 10th-seeded Venus said after taking 11 of the last 12 games and beating Kurumi Nara of Japan 6-3, 6-1 to get to the third round. "But she knows exactly what it's like out there, and she's had a lot of success here."

Serena has won the French Open three times, in 2002 (Venus was her opponent in the final), 2013 and 2015.

So what's it like for her to be an observer now-days?

"It's like any athlete:

When you watch another player, you can see everything that they're not doing and you want to get out there and do it yourself. That's the way it is," said the sisters' mother, Oracene Price. "She can't wait to come back, though. Actually, she's working toward it now."

Yes, Serena is not staying idle.

Her coach, Patrick Mouratoglou, said Serena recently texted him "and she said: 'It's going to sound weird, but I'm going on the court. I don't want to lose my touch.' That was her joke, talking about losing her touch. But she wants to keep in contact with the racket and the ball. There is no doubt that she plans to come back."

Mouratoglou added that Serena already is talking about making it back in time to play the Australian Open next January.

"For anyone, it sounds impossible, because it's too short a time after you give birth," said Mouratoglou, who noted that he is planning to continue as her coach whenever she is ready to return to competition.

"But Serena is Serena. There is no rule that you can apply to Serena. She has a body that is not anybody's body. She has a will that is also completely unusual. She is one of a kind," he said. "I never see any limits for her and put any limits to her, because that would be wrong. So if she says Australian Open, it's going to be the Australian Open."



AP PHOTO/ Petr David Josek

Officers found Woods asleep at the Wheel



(AP) - Police say Tiger Woods was asleep at the wheel but had no alcohol in his system when officers spotted his car stopped along a Florida road.

An affidavit released Tuesday said Woods was alone and wearing his seat belt when Jupiter Police officers found his Mercedes early Monday in the right lane. The car's engine was running and its lights were on.

The report says officers woke Woods, who had "extremely slow and slurred speech" and told them he took several prescriptions.

According to the report, Woods was confused and asked how far he was from his Hobe Sound home. Officers said Woods was cooperative but failed a roadside sobriety test. Breath tests showed no alcohol in his system, and Woods also agreed to a urine test.

Woods' arraignment in Palm Beach County court on a DUI charge is scheduled for July 5.

The Wells Fargo Scandal Continues to Create Fall Out

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In New York City, there was an investment of over \$10 billion dollars in affordable housing construction. But that alone appears not to be enough to keep the City from following its own rules when considering where to bank. Perhaps other customers of Wells Fargo should take a close look at these facts.

In March of this year, federal regulators, using the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) changed the banks rating from "satisfactory" to "needs improvement", citing an extensive pattern of discriminatory and illegal lending practices. Under New York City rules, in order to get government deposits, a bank must have at least a "satisfactory" rating with the Comptroller of the Currency following the CRA. The City of New York reportedly has hundreds of millions of dollars deposited with Wells Fargo bank. The city's Banking Commission meets May 31st and could vote to move those funds based on its own rules. Meanwhile, a spokesperson for the city says that they have recommended a number of steps for the bank to "began restoring investor, customer and public confidence".

Clearly if other cities and individuals, customers and investors followed the Community Reinvestment Act policy of the federal regulators, there would be more people taking a closer look at doing business with Wells Fargo Bank.

Earlier this month, lawyers in San Francisco, representing customers who are suing Wells Fargo, stated that the bank opened 3.5 million unauthorized accounts over the past 15 years, instead of the 2 million unauthorized accounts previously reported, "Based on public information, negotiations, and confirmatory discovery." This information was based in part on the fact that federal regulators, when looking at the scandal, only went back as far as 2009. Last month the bank said the problem dates back to 2002.

Where the bank had initially agreed to pay \$110 million dollars in settlements going back to 2009, it has now agreed to add an additional \$32 million dollars to include claims starting in May of 2002. These dollars are in addition to the \$185 million fine Wells Fargo agreed to in September 2016. The September fine is to be paid to the federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and the federal Office of the Comptroller of the Currency and the Los Angeles city attorney. Following this announcement, shares of Wells Fargo fell 1.3 percent. So far in 2017 Wells Fargo shares have dropped 3.8 percent.

It appears that Wells Fargo is willing to pay everyone except the African American community and it appears that the use of our newspapers to reach a wounded, underserved and omitted customer base with which the bank is seeking to "Restore Customer Confidence" continues to include all newspapers and media outlets except the African American community. The bank has decided to serve the Black customer base through "Cherry Picking" those among us it deems important while omitting others who still do business with Wells Fargo Bank. The Community Reinvestment Act as a matter of public policy requires outreach to all communities. The present conduct of Wells Fargo is exactly what led to the creation of the CRA in the first place.

AP Sources: Jeb Bush No Longer Interested in Buying Marlins

(AP) — Jeb Bush has dropped out of the race for the Miami Marlins.

The ex-presidential candidate and former Florida governor is no longer interested in buying the Marlins and has ended his pursuit of the team, two people close to the negotiations said Tuesday.

One of the people said former New York Yankees captain Derek Jeter, who had been part of Bush's group, is still exploring a bid with other investors. The two people spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the parties involved aren't commenting publicly on the status of negotiations.

Jeter becomes the frontman for an investment group competing with a group led by businessman Tagg Romney, son of former Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney. The Romney group includes Hall of Fame pitcher Tom Glavine and former Arizona Diamondbacks general manager Dave Stewart.

Earlier this month, Commissioner Rob Manfred said the Romney and Bush-Jeter groups were relatively even in their price offers. Both bid about \$1.3 billion to buy the team from Jeffrey Loria, who bought the Marlins for \$158.5 million in 2002 from John Henry.

Four weeks ago, Bush said he was optimistic he could close the deal. But one of the people confirming Bush's withdrawal said he didn't put up enough of his own money to have the controlling interest he sought.

The commissioner's office wants the purchasing group to demonstrate it has enough cash both to close the deal and operate the team. Because of MLB's debt service rule, more than half of the winning bid could require cash.

Both people confirming Bush's withdrawal said his departure from the negotiations was amicable.

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The Topic of Mental Health Cannot Be Tabled

Why Talking about Mental Health Is So Important

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However, communities of color do face higher levels of stigma, receive less access to treatment, and are less likely to receive treatment. In fact, even though the prevalence of mental illness by race is similar between White adults and Black adults, the use of mental health services among these adults differs. According to NAMI, White males use 11.3 percent of mental health services and White females use 21.5 percent of mental health services while Black males use 6.6 percent and Black females use 10.3 percent. This may be due to a culturally insensitive healthcare system, less health insurance coverage, racism in health treatment settings, or general mistrust of healthcare providers.

Unfortunately, there are serious consequences for a lack of treatment. Untreated mental illness can cause further emotional, behavioral, or physical health problems. We have seen the impacts of mental illness gone untreated in our veteran and homeless populations. Far too often, our veterans and the homeless are ignored and do not receive proper treatment. When they go without treatment their liveli-

hood is affected tremendously—broken relationships with family and friends, loss of financial stability, or feeling they have no purpose in life.

Serious or severe mental illnesses, which are schizophrenia or schizoaffective disorder, major depression, or bipolar disorder, cost America about \$193.2 billion in lost earnings per year. Individuals living with serious mental illness die 25 years, on average, earlier than others. Not to mention, suicide is the tenth leading cause of death in the U.S. and the second leading cause of death for individuals aged 15-24. In Texas, one person commits suicide every three hours on average and 44,193 Americans commit suicide each year. In many cases, it is common for those who attempt suicide to have a mental illness.

We must do more to support individuals who suffer from mental illnesses and be willing to involve ourselves in programs that support them. As we continue to have open conversations about mental health, with respectful language, we can abandon the social stigma associated with mental illness.

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