

Dear House Judiciary Committee members,

Hand in glove with rational thoughts concerning violence and suicide is the emotional toll that comes to those who must live with the aftermath. My heart goes out to those who must carry this burden. I myself endured some domestic violence directed towards me in childhood. It left it's mark I can assure you. It is the most unfortunate of things when a person must confront a sociopath/psychopath from no fault of their own, just bad luck. If they survive the encounter the emotional and physical scares will be with them always. If they are wealthy enough, they might reduce the sting of the emotional trauma with some form of psychiatric care, but the 99% just have to suck it up and make the best of the result. If it proves to much, there is where despair and thoughts of self-destruction can enter the victim's mind. This same sequence holds for the brave men and women who choose to serve in harms way, be it military, police, or first responders of all kinds. They can accumulate the same overpowering emotional and physical scars, that all too often result in despair and suicide. Where can they turn in the present deplorable state of mental healthcare in this nation? Booze and drugs?

As for the perpetrator, the sociopath/psychopath, not another thought is given to the matter by them, except perhaps at how best to avoid society's consequences. For the them social norms are only an inconvenience along their path of narcissist destruction. They may plead empathy, and contrition before the court, but it's all theatre to fool the straights. To often they are successful, receiving light sentences, and early release, free to continue victimizing the innocent for their pleasure. For it is pleasurable to the sociopath/psychopath to inflict pain and suffering on others make no mistake. There is the root problem, sorting these demented monsters out of society. Limiting or revoking civil rights will not address this in any possible way. It merely improves the odds in favor of the sociopath/psychopath.

Regards,

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