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Session 79: A Behavioral Analysis of Mass Shooting Events with Merrill Winston, Ph.D., BCBA-D

Dear fellow Behavior Analyst,

In Session 79, I speak with Dr. Merrill Winston about the topic of mass shootings. Merrill discusses why he became interested in this subject, and how he has analyzed these events from a behavior analytic perspective. By the end of the podcast, listeners will be able to state the necessary and sufficient conditions that are often in place for mass shooters. Listeners will also be able to critically analyze simplistic assumptions regarding the causes of these events. Please note: Merrill and I spend the first 15-20 minutes talking about Merrill's background, and how he became interested in Behavior Analysis, so after the opening remarks (about 2-3 minutes in duration), you may want to skip ahead to get to the topical content.

There are 1.5 Type 2 Continuing Education credits available for participating in this event.

Objectives of this training:

1. The participant will be able to describe the role, or lack thereof, of mental illness on the part of mass shooting perpetrators.
2. The participant will be able to describe Merrill's concept of "dangerousness" as it relates to mass shooting perpetrators.
3. The participant will be able to state three conditions that are often present in mass shooting perpetrators.
4. The participant will be able to state why it is important for caregivers to teach empathy towards others.
5. The participant will be able to state why having a dog may prevent someone from becoming a mass shooting perpetrator.

Instructions for this event:

1. Listen to Session 79 of The Behavioral Observations Podcast. Click [here](https://www.behavioralobservations.com/start-here/) for the various places to download and listen to it (note: if the link does not work, cut and paste the following into your browser: <https://www.behavioralobservations.com/start-here/>)
2. [Purchase the CE](#). This will require creating an account for first time purchases, or logging in for returning customers.
3. Check your email for a link to a quiz.
4. Take the quiz in order to demonstrate attendance. NOTE: prior to taking the quiz, you will be prompted to enter your name and BACB Certificant #. ***Please enter your name in the way you want it to appear on your CE attendance certificate.*** This is important because some customers will occasionally enter their user names into this field, and in the event of a CE audit, the BACB will likely refuse to accept documentation with incorrect names.
5. Download the certificate of completion.
6. Save all materials, including emails confirming purchase.
7. Optional: complete C.E. feedback survey, again you may need to cut and paste this URL into your browser: (<https://goo.gl/forms/vA1Uyd5hsCcCdZAG2>)

Thank you so much for participating in this Type 2 Continuing Education event. If you have any questions about this event or anything else related to the podcast, please feel free to email me at Matt@behavioralobservations.com!