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In Lawsuit Alleging That AI Chatbots Pushed Teenager to Kill Himself, Judge Rejects Notion That Chatbots Have Free-Speech Rights

A federal judge on Wednesday rejected arguments made by an artificial intelligence company that its chatbots are protected by the First Amendment, the AP reports. The developers behind Character.AI are seeking to dismiss a lawsuit alleging the company's chatbots pushed a teenage boy to kill himself. In her order Wednesday, U.S.



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The BJS bulletin, [Homicide Victimization in the United States, 2023](#), describes the number and rate of homicide victimizations reported by law enforcement agencies in the United States, including victim demographic characteristics, victim-offender relationships, the type of weapon(s) present, and the number of victims involved in the incident.

The BJS Just the Stats report, [Firearm-Involved Homicide of Children Age 11 or Younger, 2014–2023](#), presents data on child homicides and compares it with data on child homicides involving firearms.

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Could National Crime Victimization Survey Be On DOGE Chopping Block?

The National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS) may be at risk. The Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) posted on X that it is reviewing surveys done by the U.S. Census Bureau. DOGE said the bureau performs 102 surveys costing \$2.2 billion, "many of them obsolete but the results not being used to drive any action nor..."

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Opioid Abuse Disorder Costs \$700K Per Case, Report Finds

Opioid abuse is as much an economic problem as a public health one, according to a comprehensive analysis that concludes it costs an average of nearly \$700,000 to treat each affected person, Axios reports. The cost burden falls unevenly, with states in a belt stretching through Appalachia to New England typically having bigger caseloads and...

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High Court Allows Trump to Halt Protections for Venezuelans

The Supreme Court allowed the Trump administration to end immigration protections that had allowed 350,000 Venezuelans living in the U.S. to receive work permits and temporarily avoid deportation. The justices granted an emergency Trump administration appeal to rein in a federal program known as Temporary Protected Status (TPS), in which the homeland security department can...

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The cruel nexus of mental health and mass incarceration

There is [a ton of outstanding research](#) about the links between mass incarceration and mental health

- The Treatment Advocacy Center has [an amazing report](#) (with data from all 50 states) that explains how the limited number of hospital mental health beds and the flawed system for determining who gets access to that treatment mean that most people can only access care if they end up behind bars first.
- The mental health harms of incarceration cannot be overstated. We pulled [some of the best research available](#) that shows how being incarcerated takes a mental toll, and how that continues even after a person is released.
- Suicide continues to be a leading cause of death in [prisons](#) and [jails](#). But [new research](#) shows that the elevated risk of suicide follows someone throughout their life after incarceration.
- Mental health conditions are often present at the same time as substance use disorder. [This recent study](#) suggests that justice-involved women, who we know have a higher likelihood of dual diagnoses, face immense physical and social barriers to getting the mental health care they need.

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The Sentencing Project / U.S.A. (May 2025)

This year's Racial Justice Fund grantees include:

- **Family Support Network**: Helped lead the Maryland Second Look Coalition to pass the state's landmark legislation that allows Marylanders to petition for a judicial review after serving at least 20 years behind bars.
- **Millions for Prisoners New Mexico**: Its directly impacted leadership helped expand voting rights to more than 11,000 people on felony probation and parole, and is developing a civic engagement curriculum for incarcerated people.

- **Youth Sentencing & Reentry Project**: YSRP has succeeded in over 70% of their youth cases in preventing a young person from going to adult prison. They are working to expand diversion and eliminate the automatic charging of children as adults in Pennsylvania.