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Mental Health Reporting Hurts Patients

National Public Radio interviewed a therapist about the New York law requiring mental health workers to report patients if they think it reasonably likely that the patient will hurt themselves or others. The therapist fears that the law will lead to fewer patients seeking care or less honesty from patients. That would mean ineffective care.

I’ll also add that more patients will probably be reported to the State simply because therapists can be found guilty if a court decides a report should have been made. The therapist said it’s very difficult to determine with any certainty what patients will do in the future. That’s true, but it’s not hard to see what Obama wants to do to our second amendment rights in the future.