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dhs cdc -60 day 06 06 bm - randomized violence - study on it

i think this is nonsense spending of american tax dollars. we have a budget deficit of trillions of dollars - no wonder with useless surveys like this.

i can tell you about brutality though.,it is very much tied up with the ownership of guns. you see men with guns using them as power on their women and children.

the brutality of gun violence is there. we dont need a survey to prove that. it is in the newspapers every single day.

do away with this stupid survey and recognize reality when spending tax dollars in the future please.

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survey on violence - what a waste of taxpayer money.
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it is clear this kind of gun whacko is the cause of alot of brutality to women and children and animals.

we need to focus on the gun perverted. they are the source of far too much problem in the united states.

the gun lobby spends the most money of any lobby in the u.s. and they get what they want. brutality.

violence. columbine, jonesboro, red lake and on and on and on.

we dont need surveys. it is in the paper every single days.

face up to reality and stop wasting tax dollars on these stupid survey.

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> [there is a photo of the killer with the online article]
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> Teen describes a night of fury
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> Youth said firing rifle 'was a way to relieve the pressure,' police
> say
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> July 27, 2006
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> By Tim Evans
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> BROWNSTOWN, Ind. -- A hunting trip with friends and relatives sparked
> a rage in Zachariah Blanton on Saturday night when it came time for
> the messy work of gutting a deer.
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> PHOTO CAPTION: INITIAL APPEARANCE: A Jackson County sheriff's officer
> led suspect Zachariah Blanton in to the Jackson County Courthouse in
> Brownstown on Wednesday. A not guilty plea was entered on his behalf.
> - SAM RICHE / The Star
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> A fight erupted, and although investigators have not said what it was
> about, the 17-year-old interstate sniper suspect bolted for his car

> and headed for his Delaware County home.
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> As the teen drove north through the rolling Southern Indiana farmland,
> his anger over the scrap with family turned into a tormenting fury.
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> "I was just so bound up inside I didn't know what to do," Blanton
> later told an Indiana State Police investigator, according to
> testimony presented at a probable cause hearing in Jackson Superior
> Court.
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> At Seymour, Blanton turned his maroon 1997 Pontiac Bonneville north
> onto U.S. 31 -- but soon pulled off the highway and onto County Road
> 700 North.
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> "I found myself driving to the overpass," State Police forensic crime
> scene technician John Kelly recalled Blanton telling him.
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> Then, Kelly testified, the teen offered his explanation for firing a
> high-powered hunting rifle into the windshields of two southbound
> pickups on I-65, then driving about 100 miles north and firing on two
> other vehicles in Delaware County.
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> Blanton gave Kelly a simple motive.
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> "I felt that was a way to relieve the pressure."
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> During questioning that spanned parts of Monday and Tuesday, Kelly
> testified, Blanton "never indicated that he was actually shooting at
> vehicles."
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> "He just said, 'I started shooting.' "
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> But Kelly testified that it would have taken a deliberate aim to
> strike the two trucks rolling down
> I-65 at nearly 70 mph from nearly a quarter of a mile away.
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> "It would be unlikely that you would strike both vehicles in the same
> spot if you were firing randomly," he said.
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> The Jackson County shooting killed 40-year-old Jerry Ross, New Albany.
> He was a passenger in one of the trucks that was hit on I-65.
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> Testimony by Kelly and other investigators persuaded Judge Bruce
> Markel III to issue an arrest warrant for Blanton late Tuesday. The
> teen made his first appearance in court Wednesday at Brownstown.
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> Blanton remained silent and emotionless during the 15-minute hearing
> as he was formally charged with one count of murder, one count of
> attempted murder and three counts of criminal recklessness in the
> shooting spree.
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> Judge William E. Vance entered not-guilty pleas to the charges on
> behalf of Blanton, who was not represented by an attorney. Vance
> explained that Blanton could request a court-appointed attorney and
> urged him to seek counsel within the next 20 days, but the teen did
> not ask for legal representation during the hearing.
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> Wearing gray-and-white striped jail clothing, his feet and hands in
> shackles, Blanton did not acknowledge about a dozen family members and
> friends who were in the courtroom, ringed by more than a dozen police
> officers. As he shuffled out, someone from the group called out, "Love
> you, Zach."
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> Family members declined to comment after the hearing.
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> But in Blanton's hometown of Gaston, Cecil Blanton, the 59-year-old
> great-uncle of the suspect, said he still had trouble comprehending
> all that had happened.
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> "Overall, he's a good kid," Cecil Blanton said. "But something like
> this happens, and it is so sad.
> Sometimes I think I'm dreaming, but this is not a dream."
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> Cecil Blanton's brother, Richard, was helping to raise Zach Blanton
> and is the boy's legal guardian.
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> As Blanton was making his first court appearance, friends and
> neighbors in Gaston appeared weary of the attention the case had
> brought to their small, close-knit community.
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> Several said they were advised by attorneys or police not to talk with
> reporters. Others said they were angered by a decision by officials at
> Wes-Del High School, where Blanton was a student, not to offer any
> counseling to students until classes begin next month.
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> Blanton would have been a senior at the high school when classes
> resumed. Instead, he will remain in the Jackson County Jail, where he
> is being held without bond. Vance set his next court appearance for
> Sept.
> 13 and a trial date of Dec. 13.
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> Jackson County Prosecutor Stephen Pierson said he believed the case

> qualified for the death penalty because Blanton "laid in wait" before
> the shootings.
> He said he planned to make a decision on whether to seek that death
> penalty by the Sept. 13 hearing.
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> However, Pierson later said, that may not be a possibility because of
> a U.S. Supreme Court ruling last year that prohibits anyone charged
> with a crime before their 18th birthday from being put to death.
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> "I haven't had the chance to research that," Pierson said of the
> change. "If there's a statute that says that he can't be executed
> under 18, wonderful -- that just takes a very hard decision off of my
> shoulders."
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> Pierson said Blanton "acknowledged what has been alleged." The most
> telling details were revealed in the probable cause hearing Tuesday by
> investigators who interviewed Blanton.
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> As the teen drove his car east on the dark County Road 700 North
> shortly after midnight, Kelly said the youth told him, he first went
> across the overpass about a mile north of the U.S. 50 interchange at
> Seymour, then turned around in a driveway and returned to the bridge.
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> "He said he drove his vehicle along the concrete wall on the north
> side of the bridge," the officer testified.
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> "He got out and placed his hands on the concrete, stood there for a
> few moments and then reached inside his vehicle, took out his gun and
> fired shots down at the traffic."
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> After firing at least three times -- Kelly said Blanton couldn't
> recall the number of shots he fired in Jackson County, and his
> recollection of subsequent events was "a blur" -- Blanton drove back
> to U.S. 31 and continued north to Delaware County, the crime scene
> technician said.
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> About two hours later, Kelly said, Blanton positioned himself in a
> ravine along I-69 near the 41-mile marker and fired into a semi
> heading north on the highway.
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> "Like a bomb"
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> "It sounded like a bomb went off in my cab," driver Richard G. Greek,
> 57, Kunkle, Ohio, told investigators. Greek was not injured.
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> Minutes later, Blanton "repositioned himself back up on (Ind.) 332"
> about 250 yards from a convenience store, Kelly said, and fired two
> more shots into a parked, unoccupied SUV.
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> Kelly said investigators found shell casings at the scene of the
> shootings in Delaware and Jackson counties and discovered a site about
> 100 feet off
> I-69 where they think Blanton hid as he shot the semi. Grass at the
> site was matted, and a couple of limbs were broken from a tree, he
> said.
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> Pierson, the prosecutor, said markings on the shell casings found near
> the shooting scenes in both counties matched a rifle recovered from
> the attic of Blanton's home.
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> Authorities in Delaware County on Tuesday charged Blanton's
> grandmother, Patricia Blanton, with obstruction of justice, said
> Indiana State Police 1st Sgt. David Bursten.
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> Delaware County Sheriff George Sheridan said the 58-year-old woman's
> charge related to the rifle but would not say whether she hid it or
> knew where it was.
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> SIDEBAR TO ARTICLE:
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> HUNTING PARTY WAS LEGAL
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> Avid hunters might have thought the only people shooting deer in July
> would be poachers, since the regular season is in the fall.
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> But Indiana Department of Natural Resources records show the hunting
> party that included Zachariah Blanton last weekend was within the law.
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> Washington County property owner Denver Hackman was issued a deer
> damage-control permit July 17, good for taking 10 deer from July 19 to
> Aug. 19, DNR spokesman Russ Grunden said.
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> That was the second permit issued this year for Hackman. Under the
> first permit, good for July 7 to Aug. 7, Blanton and several others
> shot a total of 10 deer; Grunden said Blanton reported taking two deer
> July 8.
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> The state restricts the types of weapons that can be used during
> hunting season, banning the Remington Model 710, which friends said
> Blanton used during the hunting trip last weekend, because it fires

> bullets too far.
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> But center-fired weapons, including the 710, are allowed in Indiana if
> hunters are shooting deer under a damage-control permit. That's
> because fewer people are hunting, deer behave differently this time of
> year, and the hunt is on private property.
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> "It is an appropriate weapon to use this time of year," Grunden said.
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> -- Tammy Webber
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> The Associated Press and Star reporter Theodore Kim contributed to
> this story.
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