Students and teachers practice what they must do if someone attacks them with a gun. They have to go to a classroom and lock the door. In the past 5 years there has been a large increase in the number of school shootings in the USA.

There is no simple answer to this question. There may be several causes: bullying, violent video games and films, and the absence of stricter gun control laws.

In the USA, social support for the poor and homeless is very well developed.
Although international staff exchanges among librarians have grown in number in recent years, they are still relatively rare. Outlines a survey of British university libraries carried out in 1992, soliciting information and opinions on exchanges from chief librarians and exchange participants. Uses the survey and the author’s own exchange experience to outline some sources of information and funding, and other practical and financial considerations, when arranging exchanges. Discusses the motivation of exchange participants, together with career and staff development outcomes for those taking.