

Hi. I would just like to comment briefly on a matter which refers to many of the individual Ts-o-R, and is, I believe, worthy of further investigation by this inquiry. The matter I refer to is the very high rate of suicide by very old men, aged 85 years and more. I understand this male age group has, and has for a very long time, the highest suicide rate of any age group in our population. However, despite this alarming situation for these men, and its enduring risk status, it seems that very little has either been noted, let alone researched, or had any program response targeted at these men. One might almost think there is a discriminatory attitude toward older men that their high suicide rate is not important because they are just old men. As stated, their highest risk status has been known for a very long time, yet they are hardly ever recorded as an at risk group, let alone a group we need to more clearly identify, research and develop programs for. Thus, I would like the inquiry to investigate this important but often overlooked matter and discuss / recommend an appropriate response.

Thanks. signed John McCormack