

Study shows raising minimum wage could prevent thousands of suicides a year in the U.S.



Washington, January 12 (RHC)-- In the United States, a new study suggests that raising the minimum wage by one dollar an hour could save thousands of people from dying by suicide each year — and that if the minimum wage had been at least \$2 an hour higher, nearly 60,000 lives could have been saved between 1990 and 2015.

Suicide is now the second leading cause of death in the United States among children and youth ages 10 to 24, with the suicide rate among black youth rising faster than any other racial group. Most of those who commit suicide did so because of lack of employment or poverty-level wages.

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