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### Comment

I think that the collection of this data can be particularly beneficial for our country because it will help pinpoint specific factors that could lead to suicide. We cannot start the process of lowering the number if we do not understand the reasons that could lead to this occurring. This data collection alone is not enough to completely solve the problem, but I think that it is a solid beginning. I am curious as to who the respondents for this collection would be. I think that asking the individuals around those who have committed suicide would view it as a sensitive topic and might not want to give responses. While mental illness is a common factor, a lack of a support system could lead to higher numbers of suicide which would mean that those around the individual who committed suicide would not be the best respondents for this data. Security in this data would also be important because of the subject matter. I think that our country needs to take mental illnesses more seriously and I believe that this could be a significant start for research.

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