



Anxiety & Depression
Association of America
Triumphing Through Science, Treatment, and Education

ADAA Public Statement Policy

As the governing body of ADAA, from time to time it is asked by members or other individuals or organizations for ADAA to take a public position on social, political, or economic issues. The Board, or its authorized designee, the Executive Committee, is solely responsible for deciding whether ADAA should take a public position on such issues, weighing in the deliberative process the policies, objectives, mission and vision of ADAA.

Accordingly, in deliberating social, political, and economic issues ADAA is guided by the following general criteria in deciding whether it should make a public statement about such issues:

- Issues are of fundamental importance to the prevention, treatment and cure of anxiety disorders, depression and related disorders particularly through education, training and research.
- Issues are of fundamental importance to ADAA's mission.
- Issues are directly and clearly identified as consistent with the mission and goals of ADAA and its [Strategic Plan](#); and
- Issues are ones for which ADAA is recognized as an authoritative and knowledgeable source by both its membership and a broader constituency.

The foregoing policy is not intended to preclude any member of ADAA from expressing their own personal opinion on any social, political or economic issue. In so doing, however, the member must ensure that it is conspicuous and clear that they are speaking for themselves and that their opinion is their own and not attributable in any manner to ADAA or their relationship with ADAA.