



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

ADAA Public Statement Policy

From time-to-time, the [Board of Directors of ADAA](#) is asked by members or other individuals or organizations to take a public position on social issues. According to the bylaws of ADAA, "...the property, business and affairs of ADAA shall be managed by its Board of Directors, which may exercise all authority and powers and perform all functions of ADAA...". It is the Board, then, that determines the policies of ADAA and takes such actions as it considers necessary to carry out the objectives, mission, and vision of ADAA.

To this end, the manner and method of ADAA deciding to take or not to take a position on social issues is solely within the authority of the Board or its authorized designee, the Executive Committee.

Accordingly, in deliberating social, political, and economic issues in this regard ADAA is guided by the following general criteria and should make public statements only when those issues meet the following general criteria:

- 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, and or economic issues. In so doing, the member must ensure that they are speaking for themselves and that their opinion is their own and not attributable in any manner to ADAA.