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Quiz: Media Hype Questionable Gun Control Study

Directions: Select the answer that best completes the sentence.

1) According to John Lott, Adam Lankford's study is misleading because _____.

- A) Lankford did not research sufficiently to obtain complete data for his study
- B) the United States doesn't count mass shootings accurately
- C) Lankford only studied a small number of European countries
- D) the study only included English and Spanish speaking countries

2) When asked by multiple people for his data on mass shootings, Adam Lankford _____.

- A) provided data printed copies of the data, which was in 140 different languages
- B) pointed reporters to the research he found on mass shootings in each country
- C) refused to share it
- D) published it online

3) Which of these is *not* part of Lankford's definition of a mass public shooting?

- A) The shootings were done with a semi-automatic or automatic weapon
- B) Four or more people were killed in a public place
- C) The shootings were not part of a war
- D) The shootings were not related to another crime, an act of genocide, or terrorism

4) Research by John Lott, Jr., and his think tank, Crime Prevention Research Center, found that Adam Lankford _____.

- A) grossly over-counted U.S. mass shootings
- B) grossly under-counted foreign shootings
- C) should have reported the U.S. among the top 5 countries in mass shootings, but not number one
- D) used a different definition of "mass shooting" than is commonly accepted

5) The main idea of this video is not only that Lankford's report is wrong, but also that _____.

- A) Lankford intentionally misled people about his study
- B) the media lied when it published the results of Lankford's study
- C) the government did not sufficiently review his report before allowing it to be published
- D) journalists publicized his study without confirming its accuracy

Media Hype Questionable Gun Control Study – Answer Key:

1. A
2. C
3. A
4. B
5. D