In 2016, enough painkillers were dispensed for every Tennessean to receive nearly 107 pills of hydrocodone 10mg.
In 2016, there were 1,631 drug overdose deaths in TN. This is equivalent to over 31 bus loads.
The Growing Risk of Suicide in Rural America

Young people in the countryside have more guns, fewer doctors, and are more isolated than their urban counterparts—and a new study says they’re killing themselves in greater numbers.

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'Deaths of Despair' Rates Across Countries

Deaths per 100,000 by drugs, alcohol and suicide among men and women ages 50-64

Source: Anne Case and Angus Deaton, *Brookings Papers on Economic Activity*
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