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Introduction

Research Question: How is it possible to affect the accessibility people have to guns without affecting the 2nd amendment?

The reason why I chose this question is because of the repeated instances where people had died from a shooting or got injured and got interested in this topic. Have you ever wondered how easily accessible guns could be, and how people often obtain guns without even trying too hard to look for them? why would you think it's hard at all since there are rising death rates from guns every year it rose by 6 people out of 100,000 from last year which is almost reaching the highest since 1990 which is absurd because back then there weren't security or cameras to identifying the shooter, but that's how out of control the weapon restrictions have gotten and from certain stores you could buy 2 to 3 guns for 1000\$. Another reason I got interested in this topic is because of how this could affect me and how it's a rising issue, and the possibility of it happening isn't zero. Which got me thinking how easily they can get their hands on a weapon because I know that during the two world wars guns were mass produced and most of society were armed. What I want to know is when they are going to get serious about the control of how accessible guns are from the research done. The rising mortality rates and lack of emotional control lead to the increasing number of people wanting more safety which brought back the gun industries that

were on the verge of bankruptcy. This was also reinforced by having covid-19 and people had wanted even more protection as the protests for the voting election had gone out of hand and people were robbing small businesses. How you might ask if all this is related is that the gun industries used emotionally vulnerable people who use social media as their information source and wanted safety and protection that led to the gun industries to survive from bankruptcy.

Citation 1:

Smith, Jacob and Jonathon, Spiegler. "Explaining Gun Deaths: Gun Control, Mental Illness, and Policymaking in the American States." Smith, Jacob, and Jonathan Spiegler. "Explaining Gun Deaths: Gun Control, Mental Illness, and Policymaking in the American States." *Policy Studies Journal*, vol. 48, no. 1, 2020, pp. 235–56, <https://doi.org/10.1111/psj.12242>.

Summary:

How combining two different methods to deal with or help get effective results for gun control. The methods mentioned are one which is tougher gun control laws, and two greater access to mental health services. Why both approaches are needed to ensure outcomes with lower overall death rates. The combination of both ways to lower mortality rates can help reduce the stress and struggles of the people who are affected or will be affected by helping the cause which is mental illness and not having tougher gun regulations to keep the public safe from the effects of guns. The suggested measures include how to lower death rates by using these measures but the reason it can't be enforced is that the 2nd amendment will be blocked and the people won't want that law removed or else it will just make public safety chaotic.

Reflection:

Personally I agree with the two different types of approaches because most people don't usually think about the physiological effects of guns, and that the way it's approached is too lax. They need to improve the handling of guns, and how much self defense is required to protect yourself from a home invader because why would you have an ak-47 to defend your home from a break in, it's just unnecessary. Owning such powerful weapons can also affect you mentally especially in unstable households. It's more dangerous with you than without having owned one.

Quote:

“Seeking to test two commonly proposed solutions to gun deaths in the United States, we examine the extent to which (1) tougher gun control laws, (2) greater access to mental health services, and (3) a combination of both approaches affect the rate of gun deaths in American states. We find that tougher gun control laws, as well as a combination of both approaches, are associated with a lower overall rate of gun deaths, and with a lower rate of nonsuicide gun deaths.”

This quote shows examples of what types of methods can be used to help control gun violence.

Citation 2:

Chelsea Parsons, Eugenio Weigend Vargas, and Rukmani Bhatia. “The Gun Industry in America The Overlooked Player in a National Crisis.” Report Aug 6, 2020

<https://www.americanprogress.org/article/gun-industry-america/>

Summary:

It's a report of many different types of injuries caused by guns and how there is no talk about the industry that is responsible for making and providing people with weapons that are not too expensive and easily obtained. And how these industries are producing weapons for an all time high from 2009 and it increased 255 percent from licensed gun manufacturers. This report shows how there is no responsibility from the manufacturers and that there is no control over the production rate and distribution. Not only is it sold in America, it's distributed to other countries.

Reflection:

The reason why I chose a report is that most information is implementations about mental health and control but that's only possible if the people support the idea which is not happening so a report of licensed gun manufacturers are required is to provide an overview of how there is no responsibility from the manufacturers they aren't even talked about. This information is kinda scary how production rates increased by 255 percent from 2009. That's not a long time because since production rate is up so is the amount of mortality rates and injuries. As for the amount of shootings taken place there hasn't been accountability taken from gun industries.

Quote:

“This debate often occurs in the aftermath of specific gun-related tragedies and tends to focus on the individual who pulled the trigger and what could have been done to intervene with that person to prevent the tragedy.

But largely absent from the national conversation about gun violence is any mention of the industry responsible for putting guns into our communities in the first place.”

If you just realized what the quote represents is shocking because like you when i first read these words i recalled and not once was there industries about gun manufacturers talked about.

Citation 3:

Gov. Kathy Hochul, Mayor Eric Adams & NYPD officials discuss new gun laws for Times Square and New York City. Youtube, Uploaded by CBS New York, september 2022,

 New York officials share update on gun safety .

Summary:

Governor Kathy Hochul talked about how there was a shooting and that this issue had been on the rise So there had been restrictions placed on people who want to own a firearm there were background checkups, mental health awareness, and many more types of restrictions about how to keep firearms away from teenagers so the new age limit is 28 i believe. These new laws are more about restricting the accessibility teens have but it will become an issue on how much force will police use for instances where firearms are involved.

Reflection:

I believe that most of the issues regarding gun violence are being implemented by the governor but what I want to know is the amount of force or what type of measures will be taken to prevent

people that are armed and have hidden weapons. What I also want to know is why haven't there been restrictions on licensed gun industries that supply firearms, the governor only fixed half the issues regarding non violence. But since she restricted people from accessing guns know but that doesn't change the fact that a majority of people own a firearm and it's only accountable to new york not outside of it.

Quote:

“So that theory is over yet the supreme court with all this data with all this knowledge with the law that was working just fine in our state decide to take is backwards possibly opening the door to more tragedies when people can carry guns concealed makes it harder for law enforcement im sure youll hear about the challenges that this has created now for our law enforcement community.”

Imagine if the supreme court passed down this law there would be a weapon on everyone.

“we didn't back down we stood up and fought back and as governor my number one responsibility is keeping new yorkers safe that's why when it came down the supreme court decision we were ready for it we knew this case was on the docket since last fall we work with legal experts from all over the country i mentioned the gifford center every town new yorkers against gun violence we went to academic institutions we went to thought leaders and we prepared for this moment and what i had to do in the aftermath of that decision.”

It's a good thing that the governor did not support the supreme court's idea. Instead of solving the problem they tried to make it worse.

