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My name is Vimalsan Manoharan and I am a student at NYC College of Technology and topic I want to come to light and believe that should be talked about a lot as it's been increasing each year. Gun Violence is such a talked about issue that never really gets talked about enough. For example, so many kids or teens lose their lives due to gun that there parents have and don't have any sort of safety lock integrated on to said weapon can because of it, resulting in accidental disregards which almost all the time doesn't result in the positive outcome. One of the bigger issues that involve guns is allowing these huge rifles to be brought that can be used to harm people, banning these high-powered weapons allows in overall less casualties when it comes to mass shootings because in these situations the person that's causing the issue tends to have a high powered rifle to inflict the most amount of casualties, negating these weapons will not only save a ton a lives, it also wouldn't be in the hands of any of person that wants to cause these mass shootings. With that being said, there should be universal back ground checks or any firearm so that felons should never get their hands on these guns to once again harm other people with them, also factoring in that if these background checks were to happen, it can prevent the death of teens and kids. Gun Violence needs to be understood more and there needs to be funding of the research to find and tackle all the causes, giving citizens more information on this topic allowing them to be more equipped so that it won't happen to them. Lets say if all of these

problems get solved, that can decrease teen shootings which were at 4,142, the highest its ever gotten, and also decrease Mass shootings which is currently at 522. Not the mention, Unintentional Shootings being at 2,315 will no longer be a fact allowing the safety of children in homes with firearms.

In the Presentation, I hope to give teens and children more of an incite of the problems that are happening and ways to fix them giving them a further understanding of the problem that is gun violence. Also, I want to show that every single year, gun violence is slowly increasing which hit its highest peak in terms of casualties in 2020. The reason I wanted to bring this topic up is because I feel that Gun violence gets heavily over looked and not talked about enough, also wanting to talk to the teens that just about the come into the adult world to learn about these problems and prevent your selves to get into these situations with guns. To add on, also informing about this information to the government to allow these changes to be set in stone and try to decrease the amount so that they can save lives in the long run, in result allowing citizens and kids to be safe without the worry of guns ever being involved.