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States that haven't had school shootings.



Lines of the Lord
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Define
School Shooting
Shooting of a person or persons in a school.
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From 2000-2015
70% of mass shootings in US were 17 victims
27 total victims, 17 deaths, and 10 injuries
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The NRA Factor
Founded in 1871
144 years ago
The NRA's mission is "to protect and extend the Constitutional rights of Americans to own, acquire, and use firearms."
Over time, the NRA evolved from a group focused on marksmanship to the most powerful organization in the gun rights lobby.

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Did the 1994 law have loopholes? Yes, lots. Even after the ban took effect it was not difficult for someone to get their hands on an assault weapon or high-capacity magazine.
A 2004 University of Pennsylvania study commissioned by the National Institute of Justice explained why: for starters, only 78 firearm models were eligible for the ban. But it was easy for gun manufacturers to modify weapons slightly so that they didn't fall under the ban.

Denver Colorado
May 1999
Still-grieving Colorado turns out to protest NRA convention
NRA remains defiant as 8,000 oppose presence in light of Columbine tragedy



So, as we set out this year to defeat the divisive forces that would take freedom away, I want to say those fighting words for everyone within the sound of my voice to hear and to heed, and especially for you, Mr. Gore: From my cold, dead hands.

2000
2016 NRA convention in Dallas, Texas
2000
The NRA complained to Congress that the CDC was using the results of its research to essentially advocate for gun control. They called it propaganda. And back at that time, Congress slashed the CDC's funding by the exact amount that was used for gun-related public health research.
The CDC is Center for Disease Control and Prevention
There is a ban in effect on the CDC still to this day, banning gun violence research.

Why did the ban lift in 2004?
The original assault weapons law was written so that it would expire after ten years. When 2004 came around, some Democrats tried to renew it, but there wasn't much interest in Congress or the President at the time who was George W. Bush. A few states, including New York, Massachusetts and New Jersey, still have their own versions of the law on the books.
Would it be possible to tighten the law?

On December 19, 2012, Obama announced the formation of an interagency gun-violence task force headed by Vice President Joe Biden. The task force held 22 meetings and collected ideas from 229 organizations.
On December 21, 2012 - between the formation of Biden's task force and the announcement of Obama's proposals - Wayne LaPierre, executive vice president of the National Rifle Association (NRA), expressed the gun-rights group's sympathy for the families of Newtown. LaPierre said that gun-free school zones attract killers. He said, "The only thing that stops a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun," and that debating legislation that won't work would be a waste of time. He called on Congress "to act immediately to appropriate whatever is necessary to put armed police officers in every single school in this nation"

In theory, yes. Back in 1996, Australia imposed a much stricter version of the assault weapons ban after a mass shooting. The Australian version avoided many of the loopholes in the U.S. law. Not only did the country ban all types of semiautomatic rifles and shotguns, but it also spent \$500 million buying up nearly 600,000 existing guns from private owners.

I dont think we have to become another country or renounce to our 2nd admntment in order to reduce gun violence in the United States, but it is clear that we need to start thinking about solutions. As the NY Daily News front page suggested on Dec 3rd 2015: sending out prayers is not enough:

As latest batch of innocent Americans are left lying in pools of blood, accidents who could truly said gun violence continue to hide behind meaningless religious prayers

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States that haven't had school shootings.

Map showing states that have not had school shootings: Alaska, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming.



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The second amendment and gun rights

It is well recognized that, being necessary for the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.

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 • four or more people killed in a shooting (FBI)
 • four or more people shot (mass shooting tracked)

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45 SCHOOL SHOOTINGS THIS YEAR
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From 2000-2013

16.9% of mass shootings in US were K-12 schools

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6 of 10 cases in 2013 were in K-12 schools
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Former President George H.W. Bush suggested that the Republicans in 1993 shut an NRA fundraising dinner described some National Rifle Association "junk theater."

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**AS OF JUNE 8, 2015 126 SCHOOL SHOOTINGS SINCE
SANDY HOOK, AVERAGING ONCE A WEEK**

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High School	Middle School
Incidents 10 (37%)	17 (63%)
Deaths 17 (30%)	40 (70%)
Injuries 20 (33%)	40 (67%)
Weapons 10 (37%)	17 (63%)
Perpetrators 10 (37%)	17 (63%)
Victims 10 (37%)	17 (63%)
Locations 10 (37%)	17 (63%)
Methods 10 (37%)	17 (63%)
Outcomes 10 (37%)	17 (63%)





As of September 30, 2015 since 1990

144 SCHOOL SHOOTINGS!!

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Midwest

30 INCIDENTS, 27 DEATHS, AND 40 INJURIES

 Victim <i>Chae Luster and his son, Dylan, the day after the birth</i>	 Shooter Jeffrey Heise
 Victim Alicia White	 Injured Jeffrey May

Deadliest: Red Lake High School March 21, 2005

Northeast

11 INCIDENTS, 40 DEATHS, AND 23 INJURIES

 Injured Natalie Hammond	 Victim Victoria Soto
 Victim Emilie Parker	 Shooter Adam Lanza

Deadliest: Sandy Hook Elementary December 14, 2012

West

46 INCIDENTS, 54 DEATHS, AND 114 INJURIES

 Victim Rachel Jay Scott	 Injured Jeanna Park
 Shooter Eric Harris	 Shooter Byron Klebold

Deadliest: Columbine High School April 20, 1999

South

57 INCIDENTS, 39 DEATHS, AND 84 INJURIES

 Victim Emilynny Vorser	 Injured Whitney Irving 7 Years Later
 Shooter Mitchell Scott Johnson	 Shooter Andrew Golden

Deadliest: Westside Middle School March 28, 1998

Psychological Shooting Perspective

Red Lake High School : Jeffrey Weise

- Killed his grandpa, his grandpa's companion, and himself. He shot 8 people total at the high school
- 11 years old his mom was in a car accident causing severe brain damage and putting her in a nursing home. 9 years old his dad committed suicide forcing him to live with his grandparents on the reservation
- Struggled in school due to relocations, bullying, personal life, and his attendance
- Students were aware of his violent illustrations and interest in school shootings
- May and June 2004 he tried to commit suicide, he went under treatment for depression

Columbine High School : Dylan Klebold & Eric Harris

- Killed 13 people, injured 20, then killed themselves
- Dylan lived an upper middle class life, his mom was gun enthusiastic, played baseball but didn't feel like he fit in
- He was shy and started wearing dark clothes and had low self-care
- Eric's dad was in the air force which made them move around a lot
- He wore preppy clothes, played soccer but began to "hate people and school", he was very interested in violence and death, and also didn't feel like he fit in
- They were both in an outcast group at school called Trench Coat Mafia

Sandy Hook Elementary: Adam Lanza

- Killed his mom, 20 students, 6 adults, then himself
- 16 his parents got a divorce, his mom was gun enthusiastic
- People described him as fidgety, deeply troubled, and he had Asperger's
- Police found numerous weapons in his room and books on mass shootings

Media Impact/Westside Middle School

- Obnoxious journalists and reporters stir up emotions
- School shootings were highly publicized in the media during the late 1990s
 - Since 1946
- Violent movies, television and video games
- Violence against students in schools actually occurred significantly in the late 1990s
- Jonesboro AK, the first day of hunting season was a school holiday
- "What bothered many of the town's citizens and still tears at me weeks later--was the way that many journalists looking for quick answers out of Jonesboro seemed to have brought them along in their luggage." (schwartz, 1998)



Why Shooters Shoot?

- The shooters aren't loners, it's when they are entangled in social friction
- Antihero and feared verses a loser and to be rejected
- They join groups and are involved but they experience rejection all the time and failure constantly
- Shootings aren't much of a surprise
- Shooters want attention, they talk about violence and their plan to catch others attention
- Kids lack in talking to adults because there is no trust

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Individual rights vs. collective rights theory: The second amendment and constitutionality of gun laws

- Gunrights activists argue that the "well-regulated Militia" is meant to guarantee the right to guns for individuals (individual rights theory)
- Supporters of stricter gun laws argue that the second Amendment was referring expressly to the state's right to have a Militia to protect their citizens, and not to an individual's right to guns (collective rights theory)
- "The Framers intended only to restrict Congress from legislating away a state's right to self-defense." (Cornell University Law School)
- District of Columbia v. Heller in 2008

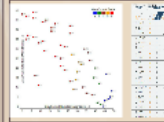
Something else...

"Having just used guns and other arms to ward off the English, the amendment was originally created to give citizens the opportunity to fight back against a tyrannical federal government." (Chad Brooks)

Does this change how we might interpret the second amendment within the confines of modern society?

What about State laws? Does stricter gun control actually help to curb violence?

States with stricter gun laws tend to have less gun violence. Here, the Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence has ranked each state by their gun laws, and their corresponding gun death rate. (Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence) (2014)



How does Washington stack up?

- B- on smartgunlawscorecard
- Gun law rank: 11
- Gun death rank: 35

