

Candidate 1 evidence

Title

That the American government should take action to get rid of guns in the United States of America.
By

Introduction

This report will show my opinion of whether the American government should take actions on gun law. I think that guns should be ban all together in the United States unless it is for sport or police. This report will show the main reasons why the government should take actions on the gun law.

Recommendations

1. That less guns means fewer deaths and more guns mean more deaths.
2. Guns have an influence on suicide as it is much easier to act on impulse with a gun.
3. Guns lead to school shootings and massacres

Possible criticisms

1. Suicides and guns have no relationship
2. The second amendment is a human right, take the guns away means you're taking human rights away

Recommendations

That guns means fewer deaths and more guns mean more deaths

Australia's 1996 gun law reforms: faster falls in firearms death, firearm suicides and a decade without mass shooting. In 1996 Australia banned semi-automatics, automatics and shot guns after there was a massacre in Tasmania where 35 people were shot dead by a crazed gun man. In the 18 years before the guns laws reformed, there were mass 13 mass shooting in Australia. No evidence of substitution effect for suicides or homicides was observed. The rate per 100,000 of total firearm deaths, fireman homicides and firearm all least doubled their existing rates of decline after the revised gun laws. This shows that taking away guns helps decrease the deaths and homicide by guns making worth the American government taking away guns within America.

Guns have an influence on suicide as it is much easier to act on impulse with a gun

At the dangerous stage of a person wanting to take their own life having a gun is more lethal than anything else because everything else takes time and gives you time to think unlike a gun, which takes two seconds to put the gun to your head and pull the trigger. Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the United States and homicide is 16th. Three out of 5 people who die from gunshot wounds take their own life. In 2010, the number of gun deaths by suicide in the United States was 19,392, whereas suicide by suffocation and poison put together didn't reach the figure of suicide by

a gun. This is showing people can commit suicide too easy but by taking guns away that means that they can't act on impulse and would be less likely to take their life.

Guns lead to school shootings and massacres

Between 2000-2010 the number of school shootings in the USA was only on less than all the other 36 countries in put together America had 27 schools shooting where the 36 countries put together had 28 school shootings. The gun free schools act was passed in 1994 in response to gun related violence in schools, as resulted to that a lot of school systems started adopting the zero-tolerance law. The gun-free schools act required people to be expelled from the school for a year, By the year 1997 the zero tolerance for any type of weapon was implemented by more than 90% of united states publics schools. One of the most hitting school attacks was "Sandy hooks". This is where a gunman came into the school and shot dead pupils and teachers before committing suicide with the weapon he used on the people he killed and before he went to the school he shot dead his mother. This puts the questions into mind, why and how did someone with a mind like him manage to get his hands on a gun? This just shows that guns should be banned in America because anyone can get their hands on a gun, meaning they are more likely to commit suicide or kill someone with the gun.

Possible criticisms

Suicides and guns have no relationship

Having already spoken about guns and suicide having a strong link isn't not just guns that people use for suicide. In the 1980s increase in suicide among young American men, an increase that, although relatively modest, inspired perfervid denunciations of gun ownership. What these denunciations failed to mention was that suicide of teenagers and young adults was on the increase in most countries, regardless of gun availability. However the only unusual aspect in the United States was that it involved guns. The irrelevancy of guns to increase in American suicide is evident because suicide among English youth actually increased 10 times more however in America over 50% of suicides were committed by using a gun showing that is the most common way of committing suicide.

The second amendment is a human right, take the guns away means you're taking human rights away

Taking someone's humans rights away is a crimes and should be punished such as taking guns away from the Americans because in the second amendment it states that people are allowed to bar armed to protect them self's. The supreme court of the United States has ruled that the right does belong to individuals; the second amendment was adopted on the 15TH December 1791, as part of the 1st ten amendments contained by the bill of rights. Although people have the rights to bear arms this means that suicide and killings by guns increase which just show guns have an only cause badness in the world with killings and suicides. People say that they have the right to bear arms which is true but taking someone's life away is taking their human right to life away so with the amount of killings surely they have been enough human rights away to take away the guns, plus the

second amendment was written in 1791, this now 2015 the amendment was written over 200 years ago meaning for America then, surely taking guns away would help America now.

Evaluations of sources

Comparing my two sources

Looking at the sources I have used I have tried to use sources with hard facts and one with the peoples opinion, this is showing that we are getting a better understanding of the actual peoples side and the hard facts

My people's source is www.theseecrettruth.com/mauser.pdf which shows the people opinion and facts which you get a verity

Comparing it to my facts source www.law.cornell.edu/wex/secondamendment which is a law an facts page which gives you very good information about guns

Conclusion

My conclusion is that the American government should get rid of gun completely unless it is police or sport. There has been too many deaths by guns to let these weapons of madness continue to cause deaths in America. I know it is people human rights according to the second amendment but people need to realise that life is much more worth keeping than a bit of paper with a rule on it.

SOURCE 1

Australia's 1996 gun law reforms: faster falls in firearm deaths, firearm suicides, and a decade without mass shooting In Prev. 2006 Dec; 12(6): 365–372

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2704353/>

- In the 18 years before the gun law reforms, there were 13 mass shootings in Australia
- No evidence of substitution effect for suicides or homicides was observed.
- The rates per 100 000 of total firearm deaths, firearm homicides and firearm suicides all at least doubled their existing rates of decline after the revised gun laws.

SOURCE2

Guns and Suicide

https://www.vpc.org/fact_sht/Guns%20and%20Suicide.pdf

- Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the United States. Homicide is the 16th.
- Three out of five people who die from gunshot wounds take their own lives.
- In 2010, the number of gun deaths by suicide in the United States was 19,392, Whereas suicide by suffocation resulted in 9,493 deaths and suicide by poisoning resulted in 6,599 deaths.

SOURCE3

How school killings in the US stack up against 36 other countries put together

<http://qz.com/37015/how-school-killings-in-the-us-stack-up-against-36-other-countries-put-together/>

- Between 2000-2010 the number of school shootings in the USA was only one less than all the other 36 countries put together in America there was 27 shooting incidents there was 28 in the other 36 countries all together.
- The Gun-Free Schools Act was passed in 1994 in response to gun related violence in schools, as a result to that a lot of school system started adopting the Zero-Tolerance Law.
- The Gun-Free school act required people to be expelled from the school for a year. By the year of 1997 the Zero-Tolerance for any type of weapon was implemented by more than 90 percent of U.S public schools.

SOURCE 4

**WOULD BANNING FIREARMS REDUCE MURDER AND SUICIDE?
A REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL EVIDENCE**

<http://www.theseecrettruth.com/mauser.pdf>

- In the 1980s increase in suicide among young American men, an increase that, although relatively modest, inspired perfervid denunciations of gun ownership.

- What these denunciations failed to mention was that suicide of teenagers and young adults was on the increase in most countries, regardless of gun availability.
- The only unusual aspect of suicide in the United States was that it involved guns. The irrelevancy of guns to the increase in American suicide is evident because suicide among English youth actually increased 10 times more however
- In America over 50% of suicides were committed by using a gun, showing that is the most common way of committing suicide,

SOURCE 5

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[http://www.law.harvard.edu/students/orgs/jlpp/Vol30 No2 KatesMauseronline.pdf](http://www.law.harvard.edu/students/orgs/jlpp/Vol30%20No2%20KatesMauseronline.pdf)

- The first concerns the 1980s increase in suicide among young American males, an increase that, although relatively modest, inspired fervid denunciations of gun ownership
- By omitting such facts the articles blaming guns for increasing American suicide evaded the inconvenience of having to explain exactly what social benefit nations with few guns got from having their youth suicides occur in other ways.
- Banning guns, or making them less available, cannot reduce the amount of suicide. Once again, all it reduces is the number of suicides by fir

SOURCE 6

Second Amendment

https://www.law.cornell.edu/wex/second_amendment

- The Supreme Court of the United States has ruled that the right belongs to individuals, while also ruling that the right is not unlimited and does not prohibit all regulation of either firearms or similar devices.
- State and local governments are limited to the same extent as the federal government from infringing this right per the incorporation of the Bill of Rights. The Second Amendment was adopted on December 15, 1791, as part of the first ten amendments contained in the Bill of Rights.
- Banning guns will take away yet another piece of America's liberty, which is one more step to socialism and totalitarianism.
- Although people have the right to bear arms, this makes suicide and killings by guns increase because over my three arguments for my point I have showed that guns just cause badness in the world with more killings and more suicides