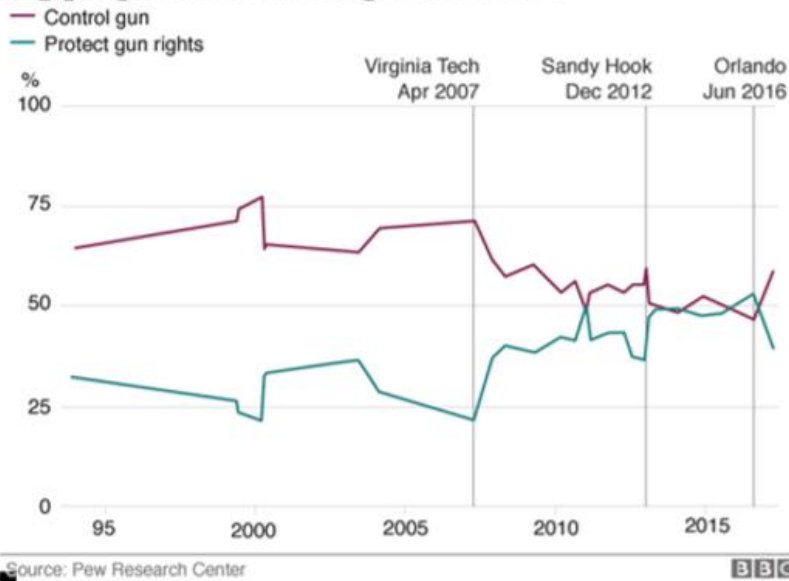
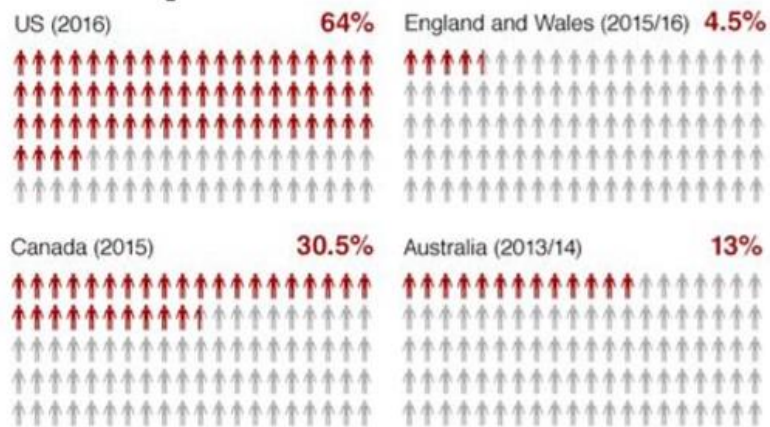


(1) America's gun culture in six charts

What do young people think about gun control ?



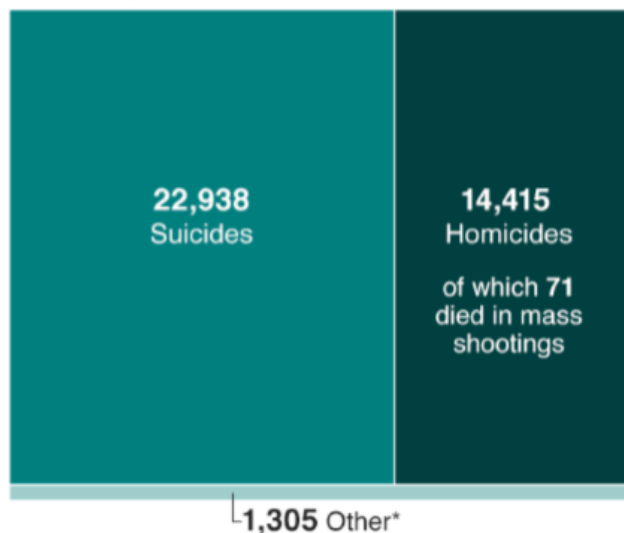
How does the USA compare to other countries ?



Source: FBI, Homicide Index Home Office, Statistics Canada, Australia Crime Statistics

How do gun deaths break down ?

Of the total 33,594 who died in 2016 there were...



*Other includes accidental deaths and war casualties

Source: CDC/Mother Jones. All figures 2016

② Six statistics about gun violence in 2018

(1) 39,773 : The number of Americans killed by guns in 2017

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention's latest gun deaths tally produced two grim milestones: At nearly 40,000 deaths, America recorded the highest absolute number of gun deaths in nearly 50 years. More significantly, the country's rate of deaths — 12 fatal shootings per 100,000 residents — also ballooned to its highest point since the mid-'90s.

(2) 1st : The rank of school shootings on a list of issues most likely to motivate young people to vote

When the Harvard Institute of Politics surveyed Americans 18- to 29-years old on the concerns driving them to cast a ballot, its pollsters were surprised to find that campus gun rampages scored the highest, with gun violence overall not far behind.

(3) 11 : The number of murder-suicides, on average, that happen every week

So far this year, there have been 576 murder-suicides by gun in the United States, according to Gun Violence Archive. That works out to more than one a day. At least 1,300 people have died in such incidents in 2018. In the vast majority of cases, the killer is a man.

(4) 80% : The share of all assault rifles in California owned by individuals who have 10 or more guns

A study published in November suggests that while there are a large number of so-called assault weapons in circulation among civilians in California, a very small group of hardcore "super-owners" possess the vast majority of them.

(5) 2:1 : The ratio of America kids killed by guns versus the number of American kids killed by cancer

According to a new analysis the University of Michigan Injury Prevention Center, the United States' rate of gun death among children is 36.5 times the overall rate observed in other high-income countries. A deeper dive into the American figures shows us that guns claim more children's lives annually than cancer. Car crashes remain the top cause of death among children, but the gap is shrinking. While the rate of vehicular fatalities has dropped dramatically in recent years, the gun death rate is on the rise.

(6) 10x : The amount of blood required by gunshot victims compared to victims of other trauma

When a person is shot, severe blood loss is one of the biggest threats to life. Once a victim arrives at a trauma center, he or she may need a transfusion to survive. But until recently, little research had been conducted on just how much blood gunshot victims require. Earlier this year, a new study found that gunshot victims need 10 times more blood, on average, than other victims of trauma. That volume of blood comes at a price. Researchers calculated the average cost of transfusing a gunshot patient was more than \$11,000 — almost twice the cost for victims of other types of traumatic injuries. In extreme cases, the cost reached as high as \$126,000.



The Trace is an American independent non-profit journalism outlet devoted to gun-related news in the United States. It was established in 2015 with seed money from the gun control advocacy group Everytown for Gun Safety, which was founded by former New York City mayor Michael Bloomberg.

(5) Gun TV, an ill-timed home shopping network for guns, to hit television in 2016

For decades, Americans have had the leisurely option to purchase items from the comfort of their home after seeing them on television. Networks like QVC and the Home Shopping Network often display and discuss products like jewelry, home décor, and even kitchen odds and ends for at home customers to call in and buy. However, this January, a new sort of home shopping channel will launch in the United States : Gun TV.

Besides the firearms themselves, Gun TV will offer ammunition, clothing, and concealed-carry holsters, presented by gun experts onscreen. The network promises that anyone from ex-Olympic marksmen to former military sharpshooters will provide demonstrations.

All buyers need to do to order a weapon is keep an eye out for a gun that fits their price range, and then call the number on television (or order online, which is another dangerously easy option). The gun or other items will then be shipped from the wholesale retailer to the buyer's closest federally licensed gun seller. A mandatory background check into the customer's criminal and mental health records will need to be completed before the customer can take home the firearm.

As one might expect, reactions to the new network vary. Valerie Castle, a co-founder for Gun TV tells the Guardian, "We saw an opportunity in filling a need, not creating one," adding that "the vast majority" of gun owners are responsible.

Not everyone is quick to agree : "The thing that's wrong with this is that it's a very serious decision when you bring a gun into your home," Laura Cutilletta, senior staff attorney at the Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence in San Francisco responded. "So many people are killed by guns every day in the US; we need to think long and hard about this. My gut reaction is that it's the last thing we need."

Gun TV is scheduled to go live on January 20, 2016 to cable TV providers and via national satellite. The network will at first broadcast from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. PST, with the plan to expand to daily 12 hour programming. The long term goal is to run 24 hours a day.

By Alyssa Pereira Thursday, December 3, 2015, San Francisco Chronicle | SFGate.com

Gun TV was an American shopping channel that allowed buyers to purchase firearms through the traditional home shopping television format. By coincidence and with some accompanying criticism, the network's launch announcement came out around the same time as the *San Bernardino shootings* occurred*

The concept proved to be unsuccessful, and the network ended their operations on January 9, 2017, only nine months after their April 1, 2016 launch.

**On December 2, 2015, 14 people were killed and 22 others were seriously injured in a terrorist attack consisting of a mass shooting and an attempted bombing at the Inland Regional Center in San Bernardino, California.*



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⑥ For or against guns

AGAINST GUNS : We need more restrictions on guns!

- Guns are not safe. There are too many accidents involving children playing with guns or accidental discharges due to careless or inexperienced adults.
- Too many criminals purchase guns legally and use them to commit crimes. background checks and mandatory waiting periods help to deter criminals while negligibly inhibiting us.
- Current gun registration laws are not adequate for law enforcement. To help prevent and to help solve crimes, guns should be registered and characterized before they are use to commit a crime. The only ones that would be threatened by this policy would be criminals.
- Semi-automatic weapons are intended for military use and have no business in the hands of civilians for either self-protection or sport.
- Where guns are readily accessible, they can more easily fall into the hands of children.
- The key to protecting our democracy is not in having armed citizens, but informed ones. Privately held guns would not be a match to our military's advanced weapons.
- There are significant loopholes in our current gun regulations. These need to be plugged.
- Unfortunately there are many misguided individuals in our society. We as a society would be better off if they had less access to guns.

FOR GUNS : Restricting guns is not the answer.

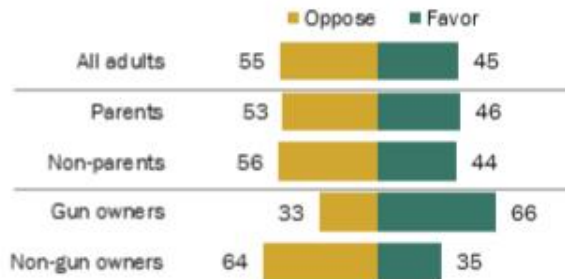
- The Second Amendment was added to our Constitution because the founders believed in private ownership of guns was necessary for protection of our liberties.
- Gun laws punish honest citizens. If guns were outlawed, criminals would still find ways to arm themselves.
- Restrictions to gun ownership put citizens at the mercy of gun-toting criminals.
- Guns protect the rights and freedoms of the individual. It was privately held guns that helped the colonists rise up against the British.
- In the past, evil governments have used gun registries as way of locating and seizing privately owned weapons.
- Citizens have the right to self protection. Local police forces are not able to protect it's citizens, they primarily investigate and try to solve the crimes after the fact.
- If people obeyed current laws, there would not be a need for more laws.
- Current laws are often poorly executed. Criminals are often able to buy guns even when the law says they should be prohibited. We need to enforce existing laws first.
- Guns don't kill people, people do. We need to concentrate on the values and morals of our citizens and at the role the media plays in glorifying violence and the lack of respect for law.

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⑧ Armed teachers in schools

Views on allowing teachers to carry guns in schools varied widely by party and gun ownership status in 2017

% saying they would ____ allowing teachers and school officials to carry guns in K-12 schools



Kate Wheeling, Feb 12, 2019,

Pacific Standard

