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Introduction

- According to thetrace.org it states, “ As of December 23, a total of 12,942 people had been killed in the Unites States in 2015 in a gun homicide, unintentional shooting, or murder suicide. As you see in this statement that the numbers are outrageous and something has to change. As a group we believe that there should be more regulations in regards to gun control. So in our presentation we will first discuss the definition of gun control. Next we will discover the statistics behind gun violence. Also, we will uncover the lack of requirements when it comes to purchasing guns and the lack of rules for gun control finally leading into how we can improve our gun control laws to make our country a better place.



What is Gun Control?

Gun Control laws refers to laws aim to restricts or regulate the sale, purchase, or possession of firearms through licensing, registration, or identification requirements.





- What should be done to decrease the number of people getting killed by guns?
- Some ways that we can try are having stricter policies when it comes to purchasing guns. Also, having people going to intense trainings if they decide to buy guns so they will know how to use them properly.
- Who is harmed by the lack of gun control laws?
- Currently in our country the people who are harmed by this the most are the minorities. Also, everyone can be harmed by this emotionally because we all live in the same country and to see the numbers of people getting killed by guns it can be tough to deal with.

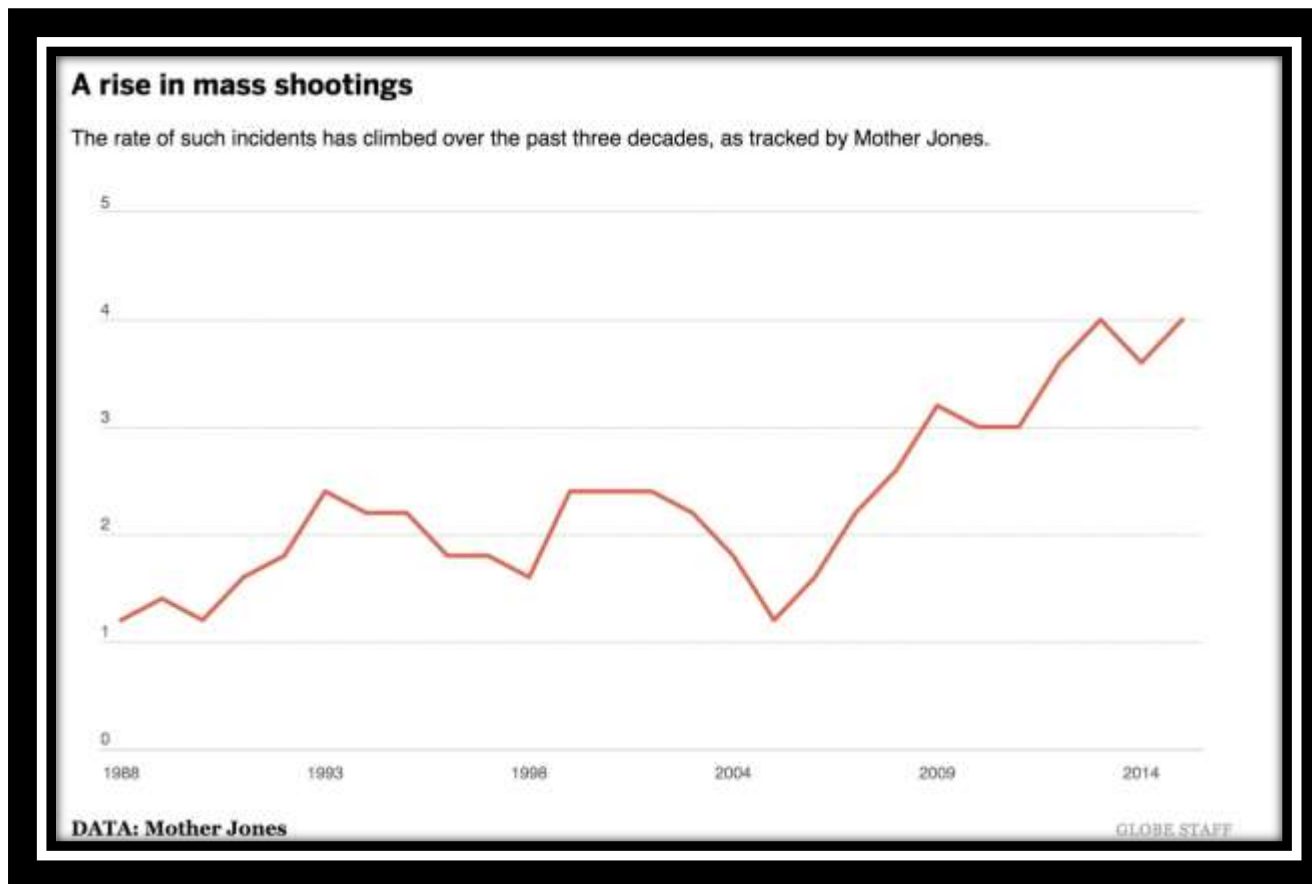
Identifying and Define the problem





Statistics

- According to bostonglobe.com it states in the graph, “ The rate of such incidents have climbed over the past three decades”.
- As of now we believe that till this day it is still rising.





Gun Violence in America

- **31** Americans are murdered with guns every day and **151** are treated for a gun assault in an emergency room.
- Every day on average **46** people are shot or killed in an accident with a gun.
- The U.S. firearm homicide rate is **20** times higher than the combined rates of 22 developed countries
- A gun in the home is **22** times more likely to be used to kill or injure in a domestic homicide, suicide, or unintentional shooting than to be used in self-defense.

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Suicides and homicides are resulted from:

- Conflicts
- Mental health problems
- Tendency of violence



Statistics shows that:

- States with higher gun ownership rates have higher gun murder rates
- Gun death rates are generally lower in states with restrictions such as safe-storage requirements or assault-weapons bans



Therefore,

The gun violence is because of people instead of guns.

The solution to improve the violence should be from two aspects to both restrict the number of gun owners and regulate on gun usage.

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Solutions



1 - Mandatory Mental Health Screenings

Mass shooters are often linked to undiagnosed and untreated mental health issues.

1 in 5 adults has a mental illness
60% of those with mental illness go without treatment

Half of all chronic mental illness begins at age 14



Pros & Cons

Mandatory Mental Health Screenings

PROs

- Opens communication
- Removal of stigma
- Reduction in all crime
- Reduction in suicides
- Provides more training for Health Care Professionals

CONs

- Privacy
- Margin of error
- Filling the mental health care positions
- Costly
- Database management



Solutions

2 – Tighten Up Background Checks

Stricter background checks reducing those who mean harm from acquiring a gun





Pros & Cons

Tightening Up Background Screenings

PROs

- Keeps guns away from felons
- Provides a stronger database of gun owners
- Makes the checks more uniform from state to state.

CONs

- Doesn't prevent gun "borrowing"
- Not everyone who means harm has a history of violence
- Could take a long time



Solutions

3 – Provide a Culture of Gun Safety

More requirements for gun ownership including

- Training
- Licensing
- Renewals





Pros & Cons

Providing a Culture of Gun Safety

PROs

- Creates a society not scared of guns
- Provides for more responsible gun ownership
- Knowledge is power

CONs

- Amount of tracking needed to implement
- Creation & Maintenance of the databases
- Cost to implement



V. OFFER THE BEST SOLUTION

To build a culture of gun safety

The strict regulations are effective to reduce the criminal rate, but they are not the real cures.



Proposed barriers
to gun ownership:



Convicted Felon or Fugitive



Illegal Alien



Drug or Alcohol addict



Dishonorably discharged from military service



Convicted of domestic violence



Arrested for harassment



We need:

- More detailed requirements to purchase a gun
- Mandatory training of proper gun usage

According to the FBI, in 2013 alone there were 21,093,273 background checks on new gun sales. Millions and millions of these were purchases by first-time gun owners





Regular gun usage training:

- Fully understand how to use a gun
- Be aware of responsibilities of possessing a gun

Also, firearm permits should be renewed once a few years like driver's licenses.



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