

Tougher Gun Control

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Introduction

The horrific tragedy at a high school in Florida and others in the recent past, have heightened the discussion on gun control. The National Rifle Association (NRA) is a staunch supporter of the Constitution's second amendment, but has been opposed to changes recommended by gun control supporters. While the Constitution states that all Americans have the right to bear arms, laws in some states have loopholes that adversely affect the public. Those that support tougher gun control laws believe that better control will make people safer and lower the amount of killings by guns. If we are to alleviate catastrophes such as the one mentioned above and to preserve life from the violence of guns, tougher gun control laws are necessary.

The NRA is an organization that has fought to ensure the rights of the people to bear arms is maintained. They are widely recognized today as a major political force. Their belief is additional gun control is not necessary. According to Leah Libresco (2017), Two-thirds of gun deaths in the United States every year are suicides. Almost no proposed restriction would make it meaningfully harder for people with guns on hand to use them. In stating this, gun control would not be necessary because those who legally own guns can take their own lives with no control over the situation. According to according to Richard Pérez-Peña (2015), Wayne LaPierre, the N.R.A.'s executive vice president, famously declared that school employees should have been armed, because "The only thing that stops a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun."

According to the Richard Pérez-Peña (2015), it was stated that according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the nation had more than 33,000 firearms deaths: 70 percent of all homicides (11,208), more than half of all suicides (21,175), and hundreds of accidental and unsolved deaths. These numbers are alarming and shows that people that own guns both legally

and illegally are dying. People who favor gun control say the opposite is true: the more people carry weapons, the more likely it is that an everyday dispute can escalate to lethal force.

(Pérez-Pena, 2015). There are people that will take advantage of the weak and disadvantaged.

There must be meaningful gun control and the arming more people is not the answer. According to Klein, B. and Merica, D. (2018), President Trump recently made statements regarding teachers being armed with guns and receiving bonuses for receiving training. This is not a good solution.

Conclusion

Gun control will continue to be a hot topic in our nation as long as organization like the NRA has a strong political presence. The monetary and voter influence they have on elected officials keep them in the forefront to keep gun laws where they are and in their favor. While this is an ongoing battle with proponents of gun control, the mass killings of students and adults alike, is reason enough to take a closer look at gun control and make the necessary changes to protect society. Statistics show that there is a direct correlation to death and gun ownership. Supporters of gun control believe if you had better monitoring of who owns guns, it will be a safer society.

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