

## Annotated Bibliography: Gun Control

Agresti, J. D., Smith, R. K. (2010). Gun Control Facts. Retrieved from <http://www.justfacts.com/guncontrol.asp>

This article involves a research involving facts and surveys made to people. It also explains the different types weapons like which guns are considered “long guns”, and the difference between a semi-automatic firearm and a fully automatic firearm. This article also has some tables of several surveys made on gun ownership based on color of skin, gender, republicans, and democrats, etc. This article also shows Graphs of percentage deaths made with guns in various states, for example a graph shows murder rates in Washington, D.C. This source helps my topic because it shows rates of death by guns and percent of gun ownership in the United States in form of graphs and tables.

Congressional Digest, (2013). Gun Control Overview. 92(3), 3-7.

This article is based on debates between people in favor of gun control and the opposition. The opponents on Gun Control comment on how guns cannot only be for recreational use like hunting and target shooting but also for defending themselves and their property. It also says how the opponents believe that it would be hard to keep weapons from being obtained from “high-risk individuals.” This will surely help me understand more on why some people are in favor of passing Gun Control laws and why others oppose.

Congressional Digest. (2013). White House Plan to Reduce Gun Violence. Administration Proposals to Strengthen Firearm Laws and Protect Citizens, 92(3), 8-32.

This article explains some steps for reducing gun violence that Barrack Obama proposed. Like the “close background check loopholes, Strengthen the background check system, Ban military-style assault weapons and high-capacity magazines, and provide additional law enforcement tools.” There are several statistics in this article like the forty percent of gun sales made by some private sellers who don’t need to make a background check. This article is important to my topic because it shows what effective means our president suggest we should take to reduce violence in our country.

Domenech, B. (2013). The truth About Mass Shootings and Gun Control. Crime and killings have fallen as gun ownership has increased, 135(2), 25-29.

This article talks about mass murders in the history of the United States involving guns. It also gives the authors point of view in the proposals made by politicians and commentators, he says, “No law can make the murderously insane sane or remove the ability to destroy innocent life from the hands of every mentally ill American.” It also talks about how passing this gun control laws will leave citizens vulnerable against criminals. This article benefits my topic because it gives the view of people if this laws were passed.

Fox News. (2012). Connecticut tragedy stirs new debate over gun control, entertainment culture. Retrieved from <http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2012/12/17/connecticut-tragedy-stirs-new-debate-over-gun-control-entertainment-culture/>

This article talks about the tragedy in Connecticut that ended with 26 people dead including the shooter. It also gives some laws that president Obama proposed to stop this violent acts from happening again. The Bill they want to pass involves the stop of sales, transfers, and importation of 100 different types of guns but excluding 900 types of guns used for hunting and sports. This will certainly help my topic with giving more examples on laws proposed by the president.

Gayle, T. S. (2013). Should Congress Pass Stronger Gun Laws?. *Independent Women's Forum*, 92(3), 25-31.

This article debates on why Gun Control Laws should not be passed. Debates are that women feel safer when they carry guns because this way they can defend themselves or their companions that are not able to repel against the attacking person. Like in the case of Sarah McKinley alone in her home with her baby, before the police could show up two criminals broke in her house and she shot one of them while the other intruder fled. This article also shows some statistics like the research done in "states with nondiscretionary concealed handgun laws have 25 percent fewer rapes than states that forbid women from carrying concealed weapons." This is relevant to my topic because I not only want to write about why Gun Control Laws should be passed but to also write why they should not be approved.

Goldberg, J. (2012). The Case for More Guns (and more gun control), 310(5), 68-78.

This article talks about some tragedies involving guns and how easy criminals acquire them. The article talks of the Aurora shooting in Colorado, that ended with 12 people dead and 58 wounded. Also like the 1999 massacre at Columbine High school, the two criminals involved in

this shooting were under age but received the guns from an 18 year old female friend who bought these fire arms at a gun show where no background check was made. It also states how governors and politicians don't do anything to try to enforce stricter laws in the use of guns. This article is important to my topic because it demonstrates some violent tragedies and the lack of more effective gun laws.

Karr, J. (2007). *Gun Control*. Farmington Hills, MI: Greenhaven Press.

This book explains the second amendment and how it only limits the federal government but not the states, and how this amendment applies to individuals. It also talks deeply and in detail about the *Presser vs. Illinois* case. The book talks about lawsuits made to gun manufacturers and how the federal law protects them. This book will help me gather more information

Nation. (2013). *Gun Control and Congress*. 296(3), 4-6.

This article talks about a conference made by the NRA's vice president Wayne LaPierre. He criticized violent video games, media, and politicians by creating gun-free school zones, he said, "tell every insane killer in America that schools are the safest place to inflict maximum mayhem with minimum risk." It also mentions the solution he wanted to make, he wants more armed police at every school, he declared, "The only thing that stops a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun," This is a good article that provides the initiative of the NRA to stop gun violence.

Pew Research. (2013). In Gun Control Debate, Several Options Draw Majority Support.

Retrieved from <http://www.people-press.org/2013/01/14/in-gun-control-debate-several-options-draw-majority-support/>

This article talks mainly about people in favor of gun control laws. In this article theirs also various statistics showing favoritism vs. opposition, like the 64 percent in favor of having more security guards and police in schools vs. the 32 percent that opposed. It also says why more people are in favor of gun control than in favor of gun rights. This helps me see in what favor most of the people in this country are.