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Gun Control Laws, Will They Stop Violent Acts?

Connick, Wendy. "Gun Violence in America." The Suit Magazine . The Suit, 24 2011. Web. 19 Nov. 2012.

The Government needs to be more proactive in stopping gun violence instead of reactive. It gives very valuable statistics like "In the United States, 31,224 people die from gun violence each year and 66,768 other people are injured by guns yet survive." The Government needs to be more proactive in stopping gun violence than reactive like they are being. There needs to be more controlling laws put in position to stop the mentally ill from getting guns and doing those horrible things that have been done in the past. Changing the size of the magazine or clip isn't going to stop shootings from happening.

Fifield, Anna. "Gun Lobby Pours Millions of Dollars into Campaign to Unseat Obama." Financial

Times. 04 Oct 2012: 2. SIRS Issues Researcher. Web. 23 Oct. 2012

Reporter Ann Fifield interviews the NRA's chief lobbyist and chairman about the 100 million gun owners and how they won't support a president who tries to violate the second amendment. The NRA is suspected to spend 20 million dollars this November to "unseat" President Obama because of his anti-gun justices. The President doesn't need to hunt but he

needs to support the second amendment. This article is used to talk about how the President of the United States needs to support the Second Amendment. Why are guns and the Second Amendment being controlled when none of the other Amendments are?

Anonymous. "Gun Control Timeline" ProQuest Staff. 2012: n.p. SIRS Issues Researcher. Web. 22 Oct. 2012.

This article gives us a timeline on all of the gun actions that are taken in the United States from 1791 to July 20th 2012. This article is used throughout the article and is used for certain times that guns were banned or people were trying to ban guns.

Anonymous. "Guns Kill 500 Kids a Year." What are Moms Talking About . Momlogic, 01 2008. Web. 19 Nov. 2012.

This article is used in the paper to describe an event where a 3 year old boy found a gun in his parent's car in the gas station parking lot and shot himself in the face. It talks about a recent study published by Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine that found 39 percent of kids knew where their parent's guns were, while 22 percent said they had touched the guns even with adult's warnings to stay away. Age was not a factor; 5-year-olds were just as likely to report doing so as 14-year-olds.

Longstreth, Andrew. "Test Ahead for U.S. Law Limiting Gun-Seller Liability." Reuters Media. 10 Aug. 2012: n.p. SIRS Issues Researcher. Web. 23 Oct. 2012.

Recent shootings in Wisconsin and Colorado are making people call for more gun control. The question "Should gun makers or sellers be held liable?" Has been missing from this debate. This article argues an essential gun control case which may impact the liability of firearm makers and sellers. Why should they be held liable is this going to change the way that

guns are made. Is it going to make it harder for people who are mentally ill to obtain weapons?

This article is used to point out how much more paperwork is going to have to be done by the licensed firearm dealers and how much harder it will make it for felons and people with past violent criminal records to obtain a firearm.

Luo, Michael. "Felons Finding It Easy To Regain Gun Rights." *New York Times*. 14 Nov. 2011: A.1. *SIRS Issues Researcher*. Web. 31 Oct. 2012.

This is used to help the people who are for guns but also for harsher laws on them. It tells a story of a young man, Erik Zettergren, who had felonies and wasn't able to legally possess his own firearms but he filed a plea to where he was able legally get his guns back. Erik Zettergren came home from a party after midnight with his girlfriend and another couple. They had all been drinking heavily, and soon the other man and Mr. Zettergren's girlfriend passed out on his bed. When Mr. Zettergren went to check on them later, he found his girlfriend naked from the waist down and the other man, Jason Robinson, with his pants around his ankles. Enraged, Mr. Zettergren ordered Mr. Robinson to leave. After a brief confrontation, Mr. Zettergren shot him in the temple at point-blank range with a Glock-17 semiautomatic handgun. Had the laws not been lifted and had Erik not had his gun who knows if he would have killed the man. He might have... but, with his pistol it made it that much easier to just pull the trigger.

Stone, Geoffrey. "Guns Don't Kill." *Huffington Post*. Huff Post, 20 2012. Web. 23 Oct. 2012.

After the horrific shooting in Aurora, Colorado the author of this article checked to see what was said about it on the NRA's website, to his dismay he found nothing. Why should the NRA have said anything about it in the first place? It is not their fault that 71 people were shot, because, "Guns Don't Kill People, People Kill People." This article is used to give important statistics between The United States, England, and

Canada. Living in the United States you are 40 percent more likely to be killed by a gun than either of the later.

Thompson, Don. "Colorado Shooting Prompts Gun Bills in Big States." Denver Post. 16 Aug. 2012: n.p. SIRS Issues Researcher. Web. 23 Oct. 2012.

Don Thompson, the author of this article talks about the shooting on July 20th 2012 in a midnight showing of a movie theater. "Democratic leaders in three big states have used this summer's (2012) Colorado mass shooting to push bills that would crack down on assault weapons and ammunition sales, rekindling a debate that has not gained much traction in Congress or the presidential campaign." (Denver Post) This article discusses the legislative impact of the Colorado mass shooting, and details how it may affect the 2012 Presidential election.

Wright, Stephen. "Gun Control Laws Will Not Save Lives." Opposing Viewpoints in Context. Greenhaven Press, n.d. Web. 14 Nov. 2012.

This Article was written to defend those who are pro-guns. Handguns are limited to one purchase per month, why would a larger magazine make a gun more lethal? It's what's in the heart of the mass murderer, not what's in their hand, that determines their lethality." Concealed guns should be allowed, "Concealed carry laws, which allow ANY law abiding citizen to carry a concealed pistol, have spread to 40 states across the US since 1987. Millions of "average" Americans exercise this right, and there have been no explosions of crime, shootouts over parking spots, or road rage gunfights." The article continues to go into depth on how guns are not used against the owner, more guns do not result in more accidental shootings, and Anti-gun groups misconstrue the facts.