



50 women are shot to death by an intimate partner each month due to domestic violence

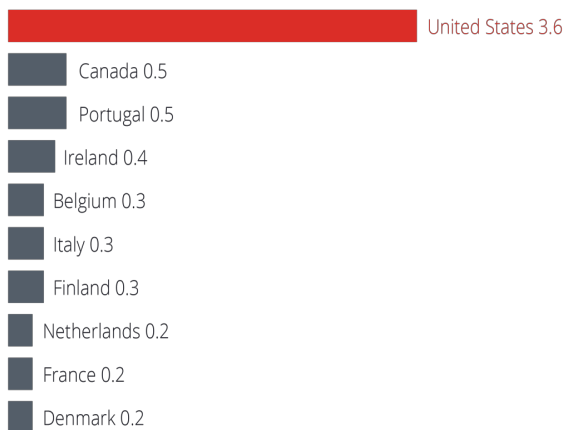
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What is the Issue?

The primary issue at hand is the fact that millions of people lose their lives every year due to gun violence. Every year, approximately 124,760 people in America are shot in assaults, murders, suicides, unintentionally, and police intervention (Brady Campaign). Currently, there are gun laws, such as background checks, in place; however, they are not strict enough. In the past, stricter background checks have been a suggestion, but the system is flawed with loopholes (Lopez). Therefore, new solutions must target specific issues, including safe storage to prevent guns from falling in the wrong hands, and permitting courts to issue gun violence restraining orders.

842 people in America are killed or injured everyday due to gun violence

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Per 100,000 Residents

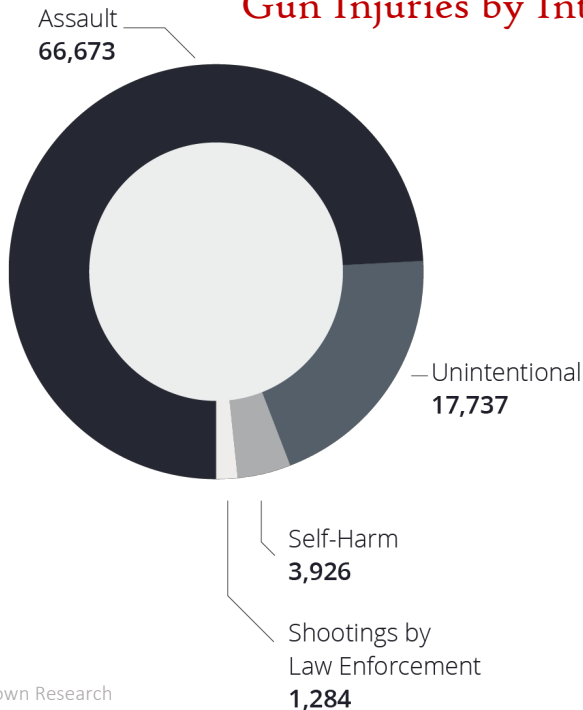
THE U.S. GUN HOMICIDE RATE IS 25 TIMES THAT OF OTHER HIGH-INCOME COUNTRIES.

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Why is this Important?

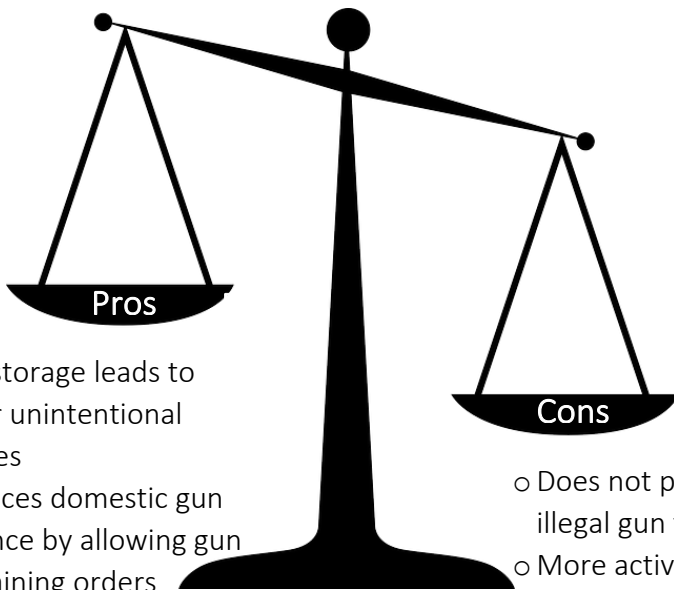
Stricter gun laws are crucial to ensure that as many loopholes are avoided as possible, and the laws are fair. It is important to create stricter gun laws because it is vital that further atrocities are prevented from occurring every day. Although 94% of Americans are in favor of requiring background checks on all gun purchases, background checks are insufficient because there are too many federal and state loopholes that allow unauthorized people to obtain guns (Khalid). Instead, what is needed are stricter gun laws that work in conjunction with background checks.

Gun Injuries by Intent



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Pros and Cons of House Bill 723



- Safe storage leads to fewer unintentional injuries
- Reduces domestic gun violence by allowing gun restraining orders
- Limiting the size of ammunition magazines, decreases the number of people who may be injured in mass shootings

- Does not prevent illegal gun transfers
- More activity on the black market
- Does not promote gun safety education

Key Details of House Bill 723

Currently, House Bill 723, in the General Assembly of North Carolina, has numerous missions. A few of the goals aim to...

- *Strengthen the law regarding safe storage of firearms*

It is now a Class 1 misdemeanor to have a firearm that is not securely locked and stored in the same premise as a minor or unauthorized person (someone who is unauthorized to purchase a firearm under State or federal law).

- *Limit the size of ammunition magazines*

It is illegal to sell or possess a large-capacity magazine, unless the magazine is being transported to an entity outside of the state on the behalf of a manufacturer in North Carolina.

- *Authorize the courts to issue gun violence restraining orders*

Family members and domestic partners may request a firearms restraining order if they feel like an individual is at risk of hurting him/herself or someone else. Under court order, a restrained person must surrender all firearms and ammunition in one's custody to the local law enforcement agency.

(General Assembly of North Carolina)

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