

STUDY GUIDE – FOR **SHOT**



FACT: More than 100,000 people are killed or injured by guns each year in the U.S.

FACT: Since 1970 more than 1.4 million Americans have been killed by gun violence. More than in all our wars combined since the American Revolution.

How many gun deaths do you think there are in the U.S.?

How many were homicides?

What proportion were suicides?

How many people were injured by guns?

Guns kill about 36,000 people every year in the US.

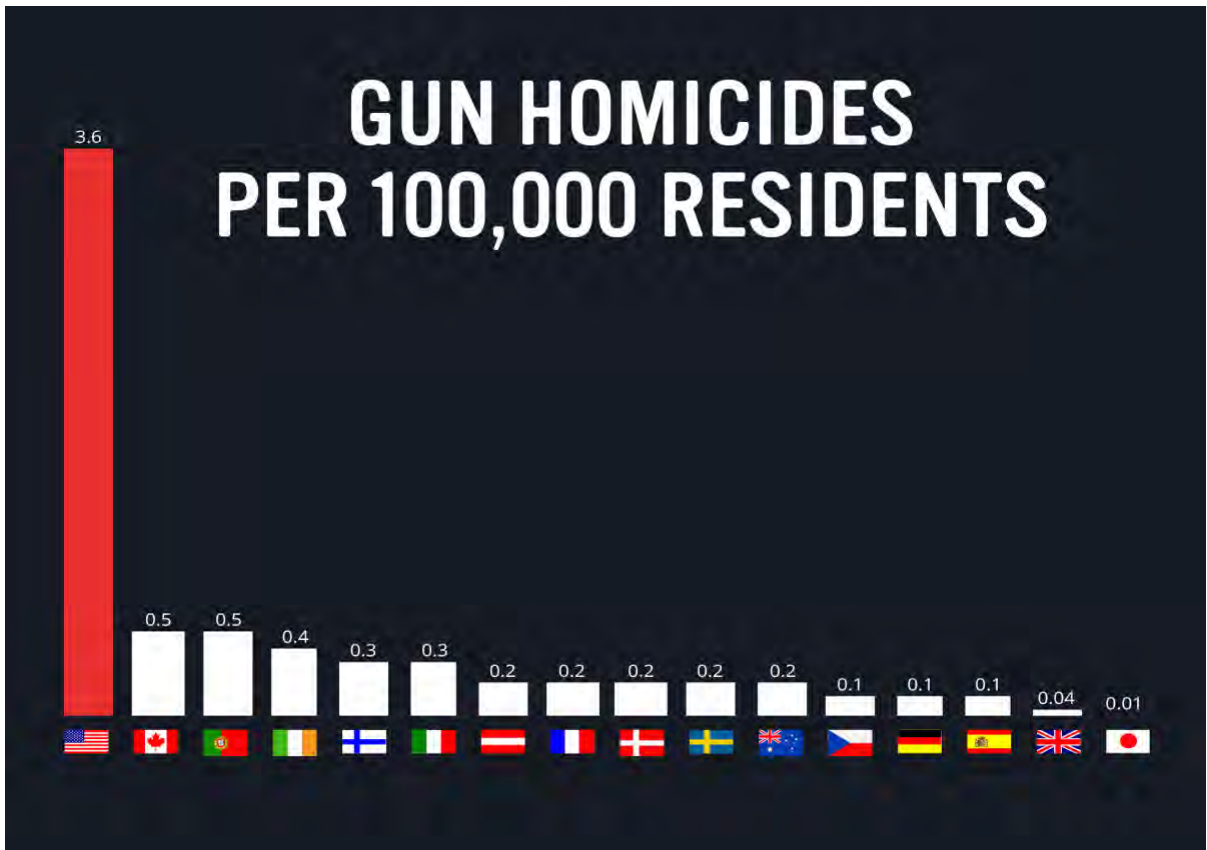


7 of those killed are children and teenagers every day.

**In 2016 there were 14,925 homicides.
Of the deaths, 22,018 were suicides, over 50%.**

**In 2015 there were 84,997 nonfatal injuries.
On average that is 230 people every day.
40 of those injured are children and teenagers.**

**FACT: America's gun death rate is 25 times higher than
another high-income country.**



**FACT: American children die by guns 11 times more
than any other country.**

What surprises you about the statistics?

Were they higher or lower than you thought?

How big a problem is this?

Of those killed on average every day, 58 are suicides and 30 are homicides.

What does this tell you?

FACT: Handguns are used in 80% of shooting incidents.

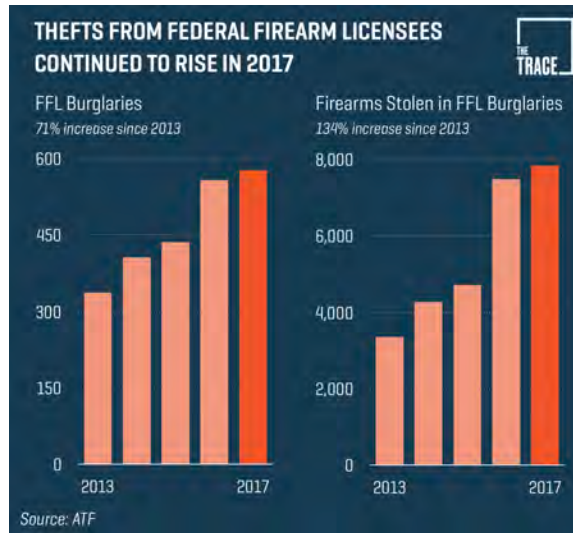


IN THE MOVIE: MIGUEL GETS AN ILLEGAL HAND GUN

Are firearms too easy to buy in our country, too hard or about right? Why?

If there are differing opinions in the group, debate the issue.

FACT: Burglars nabbed 7,841 guns from licensed gun firearms dealers last year, an uptick of about 5 percent over 2016,



FACT: Over 1.8 million guns have been stolen in the last decade.

What should be done about it?

FACT: Our nation's gun laws permit civilians to own many guns and accessories that are geared specifically for police or military use.



On the scale of loose to strict, where would you place your state's gun laws?

Is that where they should be?

Why or why not?

If you had the chance, how would you change them?

What responsibility do gun owners have to keep their firearms away from others, including unstable family members who might do harm?

How much is it a gun problem and how much a mental health problem?

Should all gun owners be licensed?

Should training and education be required for gun owners?

Should gun storage and security be required by law?

Should guns that are being made be safe with microchips like phones have, where only the user can use the device?

FACT: In Australia after a mass shooting in 1996 the citizens passed a gun restriction laws and 650,000 guns were confiscated and gun violence plummeted.



Because laws on firearms sales vary widely, police say it's easier for criminals to skirt tough gun laws in one state by traveling elsewhere to buy guns.

FACT: Right-to-carry and concealed carry laws are associated with 10.6 percent increase in a states' handgun homicide rate.



Should there be a national gun sale law?

If so, why, and what should that law look like?



IN THE MOVIE: THE SHOOTER IS A LATINO BOY

How do you feel about that?

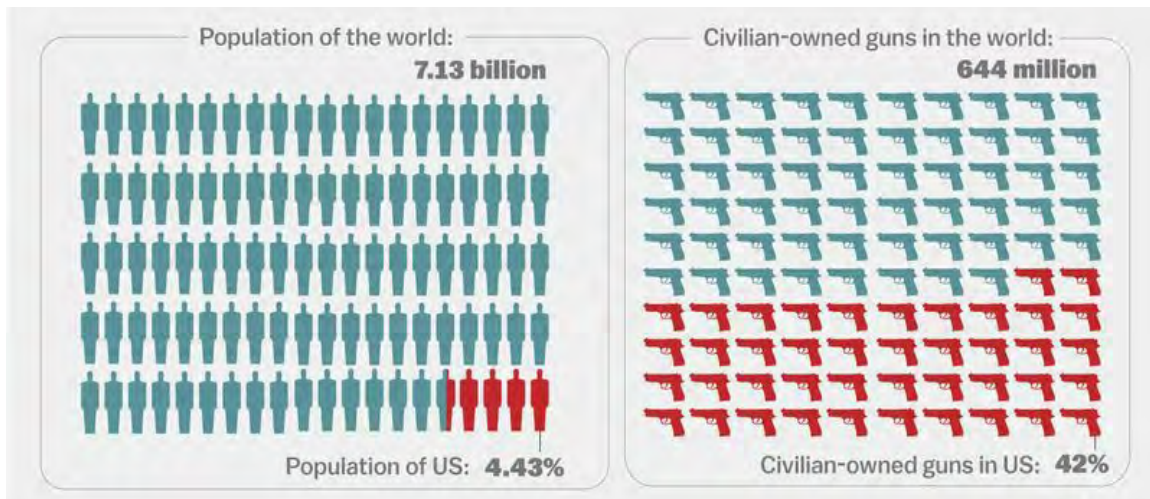
Are guns more easily accessed in poorer ethnic communities?

What factors contribute to gun violence being a problem in some areas and not others?

What could be the impact of these factors: an area's population density, average income, state gun laws, gun availability, poverty rate, unemployment level, social mobility, education level?



FACT: There are over 300 million guns in the US .



Discuss the pros and cons of uniform, *mandatory background checks for all gun sales.*

What are the pros and cons of having accessible firearms in the same house as troubled, potentially dangerous individuals?

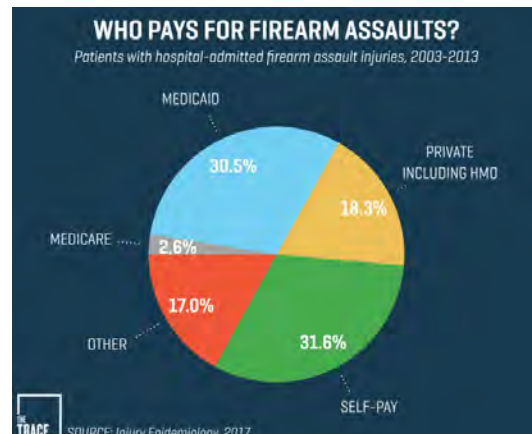
It's been said, "Guns don't kill people; people kill people."
 Do you agree?
 Is the statement entirely true or entirely false?
 What is true about the statement?
 What is untrue?
 Does the statement clarify or confuse the issue?



IN THE MOVIE: MARK ENDS UP IN A WHEEL CHAIR

FACT: Hospital costs for firearm injuries total over \$600 million a year.

Medical treatment, criminal justice proceedings, new security precautions, and reductions in quality of life are estimated to cost U.S. citizens \$100 billion annually



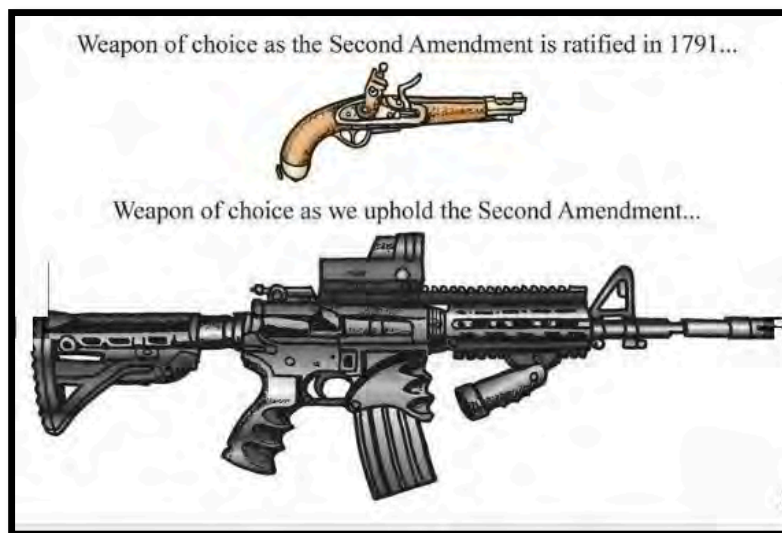
Opponents of new gun laws often cite the second amendment which states:

“A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.”

Others say that defining “well regulated” justifies gun control.

Historians also cite that when this amendment was passed there were in operation laws that regulated gun use.

And some wonder if the founding “fathers” knowing of assault weapons would have approved of them.



FINAL FACT: Over 135,000 students have lived through school shootings. 77 incidents of gun violence were reported in primary and secondary schools in 2017.

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