

**DAYS OF
DIALOGUE** PRESENTS



GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION: A LEADERSHIP DIALOGUE TRAINING

Saturday, January 19, 2013
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Days of
Dialogue

STOP
the
NRA

Violations subject to
increased criminal
penalties.
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The Issue:



On Friday, December 14, 2012 in Newtown, Connecticut, a gunman shot his way through the front door of Sandy Hook Elementary School and killed 20 six and seven year old students and six adults. Before leaving home, the gunman had apparently killed his mother. His mother, who has been referred to as a “gun enthusiast,” legally owned all of the guns used by the gunman.

The nation is outraged and stunned. All across the country, people have called for changes in gun policies and increased mental health support. Vice President Joe Biden, at President Obama’s request, convened a task force to make recommendations about how such tragedies can be prevented in the future.

Gun activists have been energized. Legal gun sales are increasing. A pro-gun activist has organized “Gun Appreciation Day,” scheduled for January 19, 2013.

Quotes:

“We’re going to need to work on making access to mental health care at least as easy as access to a gun. We’re going to need to look more closely at a culture that all too often glorifies guns and violence.”

— President Barack Obama

“Restricting firearms sales to honest, law-abiding American citizens will do little to prevent violence and much to undermine the core values of a free society.”

— David A. Keene, President, NRA

“Congress has effectively barred the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) from conducting or supporting research on firearm violence since 1995. The National Institutes of Health budget now contains the same restrictions. With the continuing epidemic of firearm violence, it is tragically clear that we need more research, not less.”

— Garen Wintemute, Director of the UC Davis Violence Prevention Research Program

“These junk science studies and others like them are designed to provide ammunition for the gun control lobby by advancing the false notion that legal gun ownership is a danger to the public health instead of an inalienable right.”

— Statement by the NRA, 2011

“A more promising response to Newtown would be one that stresses keeping guns out of the hands of criminals, and the dangerous mentally ill. These are goals that the NRA cannot credibly oppose.”

— Paul M. Barrett, Bloomberg Businessweek

“85% of the children in the world who are killed with guns are killed in the United States.”

— Mark Kelly, Americans for Responsible Solutions, husband of Fmr. Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords (D-AZ)

“Strong gun laws aren’t just constitutional. They’re also critical to reducing America’s gun violence epidemic.”

— The Second Amendment Battleground: Victories in the Courts and Why They Matter, www.smartgun-laws.org

“Gun safety advocates and hard line gun enthusiasts all want to live in a country where children are not shot dead in their classrooms. Maintaining the Second Amendment and protecting our children are not mutually exclusive.”

— Kaile Shilling, Coalition Director, Violence Prevention Coalition of Los Angeles

“I do not think there is going to be a ban on so-called assault weapons by this congress.”

— David Keene, NRA President

“There’s a concern that in the second term the Obama administration would lead an attempt to restrict gun ownership... (called ‘the Obama Effect’)... some people jokingly refer to President Obama as the salesman of the year for the industry.”

— David Keene, NRA President

“In light of the rekindled debate on gun control as a result of the Sandy Hook shooting, it is likely that gun sales will continue to increase at a rapid rate, spurred by fears of new gun control measures.”

— Terese Postel, policymic.com

“If I had 1,000 AR-15s I could sell them in a week... When I close (my store) they beat on the glass to be let in.”

— Jack Smith, independent gun dealer, Des Moines, IA

“I don’t let games like Call of Duty in my house. You cannot tell me that a kid sitting in a basement for hours playing Call of Duty and killing people over and over and over again does not desensitize that child to the real-life effects of violence.”

— Governor Chris Christie (R – NJ)

“Society would know more about how to prevent mass shootings like Newtown if the CDC and other federal agencies still studied why they happen.”

— Dr. Arthur L. Kellerman and Dr. Frederick P. Rivara, in the Journal of the American Medical Association

DO GUN LAWS WORK?

America's gun violence epidemic does not have to be an inevitable fact of life. Because strong gun laws are clearly associated with lower gun death rates, legislators should work to save lives in their communities by enacting smart gun laws.

TOP 10 STATES WITH THE strongest gun laws

1. California
2. New Jersey
3. Massachusetts
4. Connecticut
5. Hawaii
6. New York
7. Maryland
8. Illinois
9. Rhode Island
10. Michigan

TOP 10 STATES WITH THE lowest gun death rates

1. Hawaii
2. Massachusetts
3. Rhode Island
4. New York
5. New Jersey
6. Connecticut
7. Minnesota
8. Iowa
9. California
10. Maine

7 states
HAVE BOTH

*as of 1/1/13 www.smartgunlaws.org

"To me, one of the issues that I think comes screams out of this – is the issue of mental health and the care for the mentally ill in our country, especially the dangerously mentally ill."

— Senator Heidi Heitkamp, Senator (D-North Dakota)

"There is a big chunk of space between what the Second Amendment means and having no rules at all."

— President Barack Obama

"I'm a hunter, believe in Second Amendment rights. But you know what? I don't need an assault weapon to shoot a duck."

— Rep. Rick Nolan (D-Minn)

"Rational gun policy, one that puts public safety ahead of the interests of the gun industry and gun enthusiasts, would ban firearms and ammunition clips that hold more than 10 rounds. Such a policy might not prevent many of our mass shootings, but it should reduce the number of victims from these incidents."

— Daniel W. Webster, Prof. and Co-Director of the Center for Gun Policy and Research at Johns Hopkins School of Public Health

"The gun lobby doesn't work for us, they work for the gun manufacturers....The American people are starting to see that."

— Rep. Carolyn McCarthy (D-NY)

"Gun owners are not idiots. Gun owners are not in favor of gun violence."

— Harry Wilson, Political Science Professor, Roanoke College

"We can all agree that we are all 'anti-massacre,' even if we can't agree that we're all for gun control."

— Jon Stewart

"It's true that young offenders who have committed school shootings in America have also been game players. But young people in general are more likely to be gamers - 90 percent of boys and 40 percent of girls play. The overwhelming majority of kids who play do NOT commit antisocial acts."

— Henry Jenkins, PhD, Professor of Communications and Cinematic Arts at USC

"There is a significant relation between exposure to media violence and aggressive behavior. Exposing children and adolescents (or 'youth') to violent visual media increases the likelihood that they will engage in physical aggression against another person."

— Craig Anderson, PhD, Director of the Center for the Study of Violence

"We have an escalation of weapons in this country. This is a civilian country. Why do we give these kind of military-grade munitions in the hands of people that are as unstable as that person was? There is nothing wrong about changing your opinion when you have really strong evidence. What can be

stronger than what happened in Sandy Hook? As a country, we cannot move forward unless we change our gun laws."

— Andrei Nikitchyuk, Sandy Hook parent

"The original purpose of the Second Amendment was not a sport, I do think the laws need to be looked at. Look at lifestyles as they are today, as opposed to when they created the Second Amendment."

— Valerie Dixon, son killed by gang gun violence

"Every time we have these killings, people demand change. After that, we go right back to sleep, to normal. But for us, there is no normal."

— Annette Holt, son killed by gang gunfire

"The recent Sandy Hook incident put gun violence in the forefront but there's a Sandy Hook every weekend in Chicago."

— Russell Simmons, Hip Hop Artist (after weekend of Jan. 11 – Jan. 13, when 56 young people were shot in Chicago)

"Congress has done something quite extraordinary – namely- nothing at all."

— Mark Kelly, husband of Fmr. Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords (D-AZ)

Issue Overview:



THE SECOND AMENDMENT

“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.”

• According to *District of Columbia vs. Heller* (2008), the Supreme Court noted that the Second Amendment includes presumptive regulation regarding... laws forbidding guns in sensitive places such as schools and government buildings, prohibiting firearm possession by felons and the mentally ill, and is consistent with laws banning “dangerous and unusual weapons” and laws “regulating the storage of firearms to prevent accidents.”

—*Post-Heller Litigation Summary*, www.smartgunlaws.org

• The estimated total number of guns held by civilians in the United States is 270,000,000. The rate of private gun ownership in the United States is 88.8 firearms per 100 people. In a comparison of private gun ownership in 179 countries, the U.S. ranked #1.

—<http://www.gunpolicy.org/firearms/region/united-states>

• The exact number of legally owned firearms falling under the general assault weapons definition in the U.S. is unknown. Estimates range from four million to 10 million. Either way, that number is a small fraction of the (total of) firearms legally owned in the United States, according to the National Rifle Association.

—<http://www.home.nra.org>.

• Shortly after the Assault Weapons Ban (AWB) law was allowed to sunset in 2004, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released a study in which it found “insufficient evidence to determine the effectiveness” of the law for reducing crime rates.

—<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr5214a2.htm>

• As of December 2012, there were no federal laws banning semi-automatic assault weapons, military-style .50 caliber rifles, handguns, or large capacity ammunition magazines...

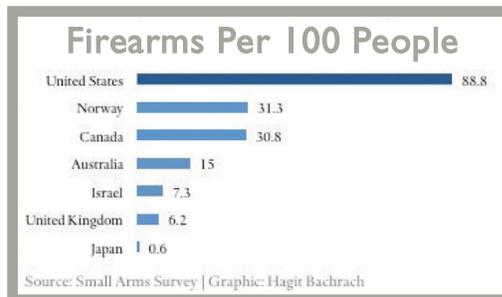
—<http://www.cfr.org/united-states/us-gun-policy-global-comparisons/p29735>

• The federal Centers for Disease Control has cut firearms safety research by 96 percent since the mid-1990s.

—<http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/01/10/nra-gun-safety>

• The U.S. accounts for 5% of the world’s population, but 35% of all firearms in civilian hands.

—www.cfr.org/united-states/us-gun-policy-global-comparisons



• Around 40% of all firearm sales are private sales and therefore take place without any kind of background check.

• 62% of gun sellers agreed to sell a

firearm to a buyer who said he probably couldn’t pass a background check.

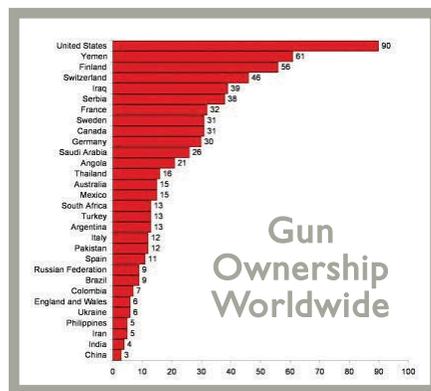
—*Point, Click, Fire: An Investigation of Illegal Online Gun Sales*, December 2011

• Between December 14, 2013 (Newtown) and January 15, 2013, there were 917 gun deaths in the United States.

—www.slate.com

• The so-called “gun show loophole,” (BradyCampaign.org) codified in the Firearm Owners Protection Act of 1986, effectively allows anyone, including convicted felons, to purchase firearms without a background check.

—<http://www.cfr.org/united-states/us-gun-policy-global-comparisons/p29735>



• 67% of respondents say they strongly support stricter enforcement of existing gun control laws, with 31% opposed.

• 69% oppose loosening current gun control laws, while 26% are in favor.

• 68% agree that the constitutional right to own and carry a gun is as important as other constitutional rights, while 30% disagree.

• White Americans are more likely than non-white Americans to agree that the constitutional right to own and carry a gun is as important as other rights. (75% vs. 56%)

—*August 2012 Survey on Gun Control Laws*, <http://publicreligion.org/research/2012/08/august-2012-prri-rns-survey/>

• 74% of NRA members support common gun safety regulation

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DAYS OF DIALOGUE TOPICS HAVE INCLUDED:

2012

- UNVEILING THE TABOO: DAYS OF DIALOGUE TO PREVENT CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE ■
- NO EXCUSES: A DAY OF DIALOGUE ON CREATING A BETTER FUTURE ■
- FROM WRECKAGE AND RUIN... THE ROAD TO REBIRTH: A DAY OF DIALOGUE ON THE ECONOMIC CRISIS AND COMMUNITY HEALTH ■
- 20TH ANNUAL EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS SUMMIT ■
- LEADERSHIP DIALOGUE - 20 YEARS LATER: A DAY OF DIALOGUE ON CIVIL UNREST ■

2011

- EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS SUMMIT: EMPOWERED TO REALIZE THE DREAM ■

2010

- ANNUAL EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS ■
- RAMPART/WESTLAKE LAPD COMMUNITY DIALOGUE ■
- EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS YOUTH SUMMIT ■

2009

- PACIFIC PALISADES HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH DIALOGUE ON STREET RACING & SCHOOL SAFETY ■
- BUDGET SUMMIT: WE ARE THE SECOND DISTRICT EMPOWERED FOR CHANGE ■

- 82% of all gun owners believe that all potential gun buyers should be subject to a criminal background check.
- 65% of Americans and 50% of gun owners believe that allowing people to own assault weapons makes the country a more dangerous place.
- 53% of Americans support banning high capacity ammunition clips (53%) and bullets designed to explode or penetrate bullet-proof vests (56%)
—<http://www.people-press.org/2012/12/20/after-newtown-modest-change-in-opinion-about-gun-control/>

• In 2010, firearms took the lives of 31,076 Americans in homicides, suicides and unintentional shootings. This translates to more than 85 deaths each day and more than three deaths each hour.
—www.cdc.gov/nchs/fastats/injury.htm

• The total costs of gun violence to American society are on the order of \$100 billion per year.
—*University of Chicago Crime Lab, Letter to Joseph Biden, Vice President, and Gun Violence Commission, 1-10-13*

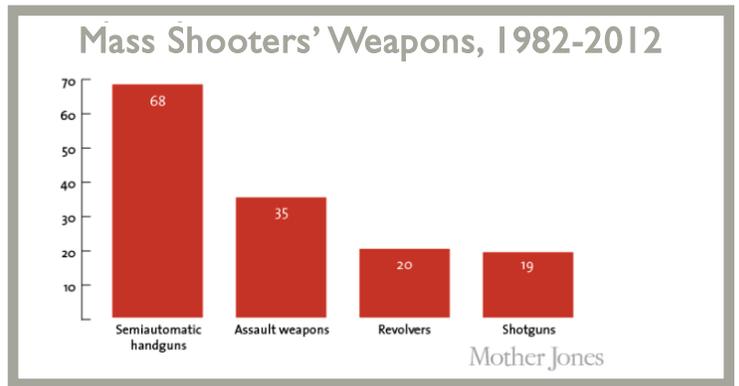
• More than half of youth who committed suicide with a gun obtained the gun from their home, usually a parent's gun.
—*"Protect Children, Not Guns," 1-11-13 www.childrensdefense.org*

• Eighteen youth age 24 and under are killed each day in the U.S. due to firearms.
—National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, www.cdc.gov, WISQARS Injury Mortality Reports

• In the U.S., over 1.69 million kids age 18 and under are living in households with loaded and unlocked firearms.

• Abused women are five times more likely to be killed by their abuser if the abuser owns a firearm.
—*"Firearms and Domestic Violence: A Primer for Judges," http://aja.ncsc.dni.us/courtrv/cr39-2/CR39-2MitchellCarbon.pdf* and www.smartgun-laws.org

• In the past four years, across 37 states, the NRA and its political allies have pushed through 99 laws making guns easier to own, easier to carry in public, and harder for the government to track.

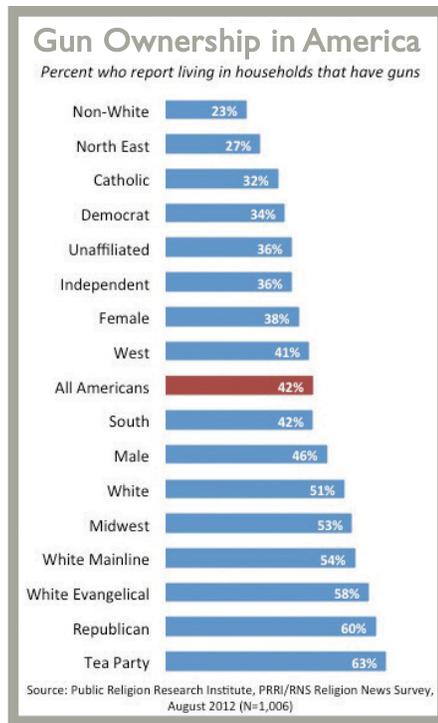


• 2012 was the worst year for mass shootings in U.S. history, with 151 killed or wounded.
—*More Guns, More Mass Shootings- Coincidence?, www.motherjones.com/politics*

• The number of people killed in mass shootings went down in the years that the Assault Weapons Ban was in effect. The number of mass shootings per year has doubled since the Assault Weapons Ban expired.
—<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/wonkblog/wp/2012/12/17/everything-you-need-to-know-about-banning-assault-weapons-in-one-post/>

• In a 2011 ruling that found restrictions on the sale of video games to be unconstitutional, the Supreme Court wrote that evidence linking games to violence was unpersuasive and that games had the same legal protection as violent literary classics like Grimm's Fairy Tales or Snow White.
—http://www.nytimes.com/2013/01/12/us/politics/makers-of-violent-video-games-marshall-support-to-fend-off-regulation.html?ref=ericlichtblau&_r=0

• The video game "Call of Duty: Black Ops" sold \$1 billion worth of copies in its first 15 days on the market.
—<http://www.forbes.com/sites/insertcoin/2012/12/05/black-ops-2-sells-1b-in-15-days-ties-modern-warfare-3-record/>



[TIMELINE]

■ SUSTAINING QUALITY SERVICE AFTER THE BUDGET CRISIS ■
2008

■ THE SUNLAND TUJUNGA COMMUNITY DIALOGUE ■
2007

■ THE POWER OF PEOPLE: EDUCATE, ENGAGE, EMPOWER ■

■ DIALOGUE ON DISCRIMINATION IN THE LOS ANGELES CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT ■

■ WORKING TOGETHER FOR BETTER HEALTH CARE (PARTNERSHIP WITH CALIFORNIA SPEAKS) ■

■ LAUSD SECONDARY TRANSITION EDUCATION PROGRAM (STEP) ■

2006

■ CONFRONTING VIOLENT CRIMES: OUR COMMUNITIES. CONTINUING CHALLENGE ■

■ CONSTRUCTIVE RESPONSES TO 9/11: CONFRONTING OUR FEARS, WORKING TOGETHER, MOVING AHEAD ■

■ EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR MENTAL HEALTH CONSUMERS: CHALLENGES, OPPORTUNITIES, AND SUCCESSES ■

■ IMMIGRATION, RACE, & JOBS: VALID JUSTIFICATION FOR INTERCULTURAL CONFLICT ■

■ IS OUR COMMUNITY HEALTHY? ENERGIZING & MOBILIZING AROUND PREVENTION, ACCESS & EDUCATION ■

The Rules:

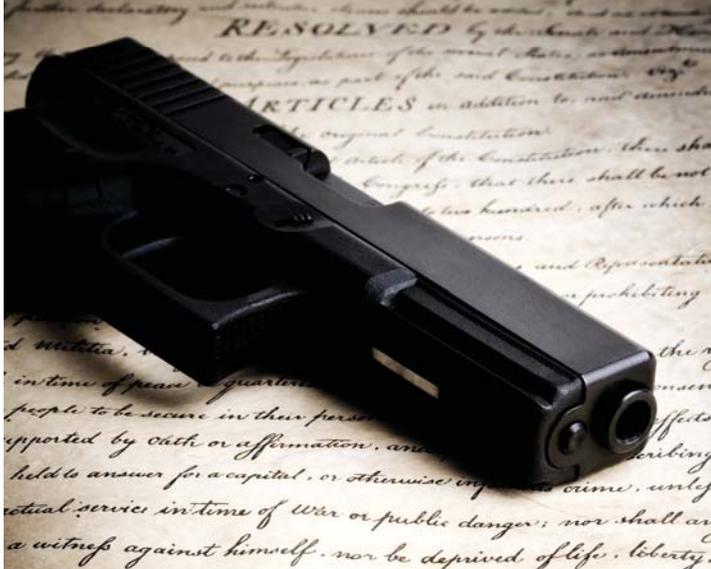
Ground Rules:

The following guidelines have proven very useful in creating an environment for honest and productive dialogue.

- Speak openly and honestly
- Listen carefully and respectfully to each person
- Keep comments brief and stay focused on task
- Explore differences respectfully and look for common ground
- Trust that the facilitator has the best interest of the group at heart
- Silence cell phones
- Be respectful of the opinions of others

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Discussion Questions:

Participants in this training will be provided basic tools to help others engage in authentic dialogue about the issue of Preventing Gun Violence.

Polling: Do you believe it is possible to significantly reduce gun violence in the United States?

Yes No Not sure

Polling: Should schoolteachers and administrators be allowed to lawfully carry permitted guns in the classroom?

Yes No Not sure

Polling: Would encouraging more mentally healthy, law-abiding adults to own and carry guns be an effective way to curb gun violence?

Yes No Not sure

Polling: Should gun owners be required to obtain an operating license, proving proficiency in handling firearms, in the same way that drivers are required to obtain a license to drive a vehicle?

Yes No Not sure

Who are we?

Introductions, Background and Ground Rules

Part 1: Introduce yourself.

- What is your name?
- What is your organizational affiliation, if any?
- Why did you come to this dialogue today?
- What are your expectations of today's dialogue?

Part 2: Background questions

- What did you learn about guns growing up?
- What guidance, if any, was given to you about how guns should be handled when you were growing up?
- What has been the most valuable guidance you received related to guns as a child, teen or adult?
- What has been the most direct impact of gun violence on you or people that you know?

[TIMELINE]

- SCHOOLS, COMMUNITIES & SAFETY IN SOUTH L.A. ■
- SCHOOLS, COMMUNITIES, AND STUDENT SAFETY: VIEWPOINTS FROM SANTEE HIGH ■
- SEEKING APPROPRIATE RESPONSES TO PREDATORY PRACTICES IN THE SUB-PRIME LENDING MARKET ■
- 2005
- A DAY OF DIALOGUE ON THE DEVIN BROWN SHOOTING ■
- HOMELESSNESS: OUT OF SIGHT, OUT OF MIND? ■
- IS OUR COMMUNITY HEALTHY? ENERGIZING & MOBILIZING AROUND PREVENTION, ACCESS & EDUCATION ■

- VIOLENCE IN OUR SCHOOLS: A DIALOGUE AMONG PRINCIPALS ■
- VIOLENCE ON WESTERN AVENUE: ENOUGH IS ENOUGH ■
- WHERE IS THE SAFETY NET? ■
- 2004
- STATUS OF EFFECTIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT AND POLICE REFORM ■
- 2003
- AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: THE NEXT FOUR YEARS ■
- MAKING A DIFFERENCE: FROM WORDS TO ACTION ■
- 2002

Part 3: Making Sure Our Time is Most Useful – Ground Rules

- Of the ground rules presented as most useful for dialogue, which of them stands out as most important to you? Are there other ground rules that you would like to have as part of this dialogue?

Critical Questions:

- *Why is the prevention of gun violence such a controversial issue to address in the United States?*
- *Are there concerns you have about the prevention of gun violence that are sometimes overlooked but you hope will be part of today's discussion?*
- *What are the issues that are hard but important to discuss about gun violence prevention if we are honest about what we face to prevent it?*

Where are we and how did we get here?

The Second Amendment to the United States Constitution 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.

Gun violence has been defined as the use of a firearm to threaten or inflict violence or harm.

- How do you define gun violence? How does the Second Amendment relate to gun violence?
- What are the most important factors that have brought our nation to the point where we are grappling with the issues of gun violence and the Second Amendment right now?

The United States has the highest rate of gun ownership in the world by far. And it has the highest rate of homicides among advanced countries. What factors contributed to this phenomenon? How did we get here?

- What good choices have we made related to guns in the United States?
- What poor choices have we made related to guns in the United States?

Moving Forward: Preventing Gun Violence

Polling: Do you think that it is too late to prevent gun violence?

Yes No Not sure

- What are the most important factors in the prevention of gun violence? Take one of the factors you have identified as important to preventing gun violence and explore what needs to happen to create effective solutions to reduce gun violence.

- What are the most important things that you can do as an individual to prevent gun violence?

- What are the most important things that need to be done by: Community organizations? Government agencies? Gun manufacturers? Families? Other decision-makers?

- What other sectors or groups should be included in the dialogue to prevent gun violence?

- How do we move forward to make progress in addressing gun violence? What specific things do we need as a primary focus to prevent gun violence?

Polling: What three things would have the most important impact in preventing gun violence?

1. Required gun safety training and an operating license to own a gun.
2. Banning high capacity ammunition magazines.
3. Banning civilian ownership of assault weapons.
4. Requiring universal background checks for all gun purchases.
5. Improving mental health services.
6. Closing gun show loopholes.
7. Reducing access to violent movies and video games.

- What commitment are you prepared to make to prevent gun violence?

- What do you advocate that others do to prevent gun violence?

- What should community organizations do? What should governmental agencies do? What should gun manufacturers do? What should policymakers do? What should gun advocates do?

- When others spoke about their views, did you hear anything that surprised you? What are the most significant points of agreement that you heard among others?

If, as a result of this dialogue, there are actions that you would like to take or be involved with others in taking, what are they?

Polling: As a result of this workshop/dialogue, do you plan to work with other organizations and individuals to organize a Day of Dialogue on Gun Violence Prevention?

Yes No Not sure

[T I M E L I N E]

- FROM TRAGEDY TO TRANSFORMATION: L.A. AFTER 9/11 ■
- REMEMBERING THE RIOTS ■

- UNITED COMMUNITIES TO STOP VIOLENCE ■

2001

- CARSON TOWN HALL ON SECESSION FROM LAUSD ■

- CARSON UNITY DIALOGUE: UNITY STARTS WITH YOU ■

- COMING TOGETHER IN A TIME OF CRISIS ■

- HOUSING DISCRIMINATION AGAINST FAMILIES & CHILDREN: SAN GABRIEL VALLEY ■

- HOUSING DISCRIMINATION BASED ON SEXUAL ORIENTATION, FAIR HOUSING COUNCIL ■

- TEEN SUMMIT ON RACE RELATIONS ■

- VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN DIALOGUE ON SEXUAL ASSAULT DENIM DAY LOS ANGELES ■

1996

- DAY OF DIALOGUE ON RACE RELATIONS & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ■

- DAY OF DIALOGUE ON RACE RELATIONS & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, YOUTH & FAMILY ISSUES ■

1995

- DAY OF DIALOGUE ON RACE RELATIONS & AFFIRMATIVE ACTION ■

- DAY OF DIALOGUE ON RACE RELATIONS ■

- NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR DIALOGUES ■

History of Days of Dialogue



In 1995, Los Angeles' deeply divided reaction to the verdict in the O.J. Simpson trial underscored how far apart the diverse communities of Los Angeles and the nation stand on some basic issues. As a result, then-Los Angeles City Councilman Mark Ridley-Thomas called a meeting with 20 civic leaders and community activists to defuse escalating tensions. Out of this was born an innovative nonpartisan initiative, Los Angeles' first citywide discussion —A Day of Dialogue.

Since then, thousands of people, both locally and nationally, have participated in Days of Dialogue programs; from political Town Hall forums in large civic auditoriums, to small group meetings in neighborhood libraries, churches, and fire stations.

www.daysofdialogue.org / (213) 444-6038

RESOURCE LIST

Facilitation and Dialogue Resources

National Coalition for Dialogue & Deliberation
Resources Center - sample ground rules from several sources
<http://ncdd.org/rc/item/1505>

Everyday Democracy
A Guide for Training Public Dialogue Facilitators
<http://www.everyday-democracy.org/en/Resource.106.aspx>

Gun Violence and Gun Legislation Information

Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence
<http://www.bradycenter.org/>

Coalition to Stop Gun Violence
www.csgv.org

Demand a Plan to End Gun Violence – Video + Petition to President Obama
<http://www.demandaplan.org/>

Girls & Gangs
<http://www.girlsandgangs.org/>

Gun Violence Reports and Data – extensive list of all players
www.HeedingGodsCall.org

Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence - current research and legislation guide
<http://smartgunlaws.org/>

Mayors Against Illegal Guns
<http://mayorsagainstillegalguns.org/>

National Rifle Association
www.home.NRA.org

Violence Prevention Coalition - current research
<http://new.vpcgla.org/>

Women Against Gun Violence
<http://www.wagv.org/>

White House Task Force
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/share-your-thoughts-reducing-gun-violence>

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