



Why March for Our Lives Isn't Dead

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March for Our Lives is a demonstration organized and founded by #NeverAgain, the students who had survived the months earlier shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School that occurred on February 14, 2018. As that shooting was the eighth of that year, people were furious and demanded stricter gun control laws, March For Our Lives having their own demands as well.

March for Our Lives became very big after its demonstration led in Washington D.C on March 24, 2018. Having many sibling marches all in the US and all over the world, this movement got a lot of attention.



What is March for Our Lives?

After the shootings, #NeverAgain had a few demands on behalf of the issue of the safety of their students.

1. Pass a law to ban the assault weapons frequently used to carry out mass shootings”
2. “Stop the sale of high capacity magazines, restricting the amount of ammunition”
3. “Close Loopholes in America’s background checks and implement laws that require background checks on every firearm purchase, including those that occur online or at gun shows”.



**What is March
for Our Lives?**



How Big Is This Issue?

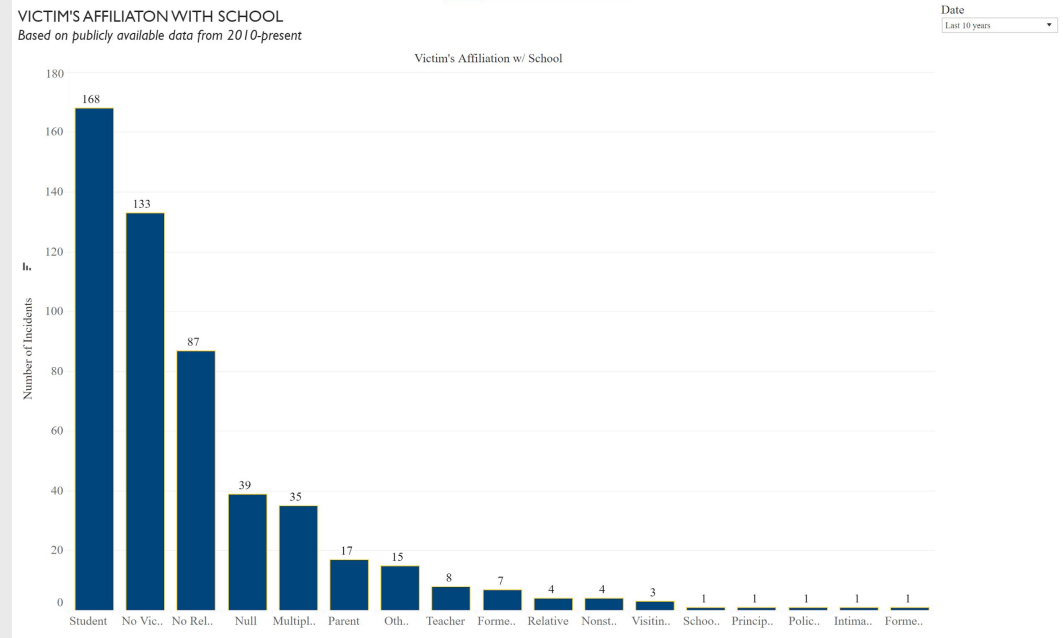
Statistics

- $\frac{3}{4}$ of all U.S. murders involved a firearm, 51% of all suicides involved a firearm
- From 1994-2018, 95% of multiple-victim school-associated youth homicides were caused by firearm-related injuries.
- While single-victim school-associated youth homicide rates remained stable from 1994-2016, multiple-victim school-associated youth homicide incidence rates increased significantly from July 2009 to June 2018.

Statistics

- Firearms used in school-associated homicides and suicides came primarily from the perpetrator's home or from friends or relatives.
- U.S. makes up 5% of the world's population, but has 31% of the world's mass shooters.

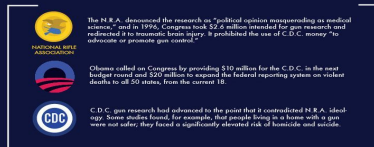
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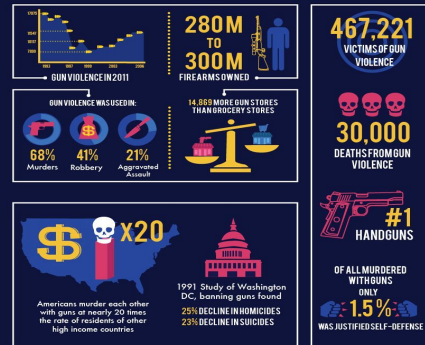
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GUN VIOLENCE IN AMERICA

What We Don't Know



What We Do Know

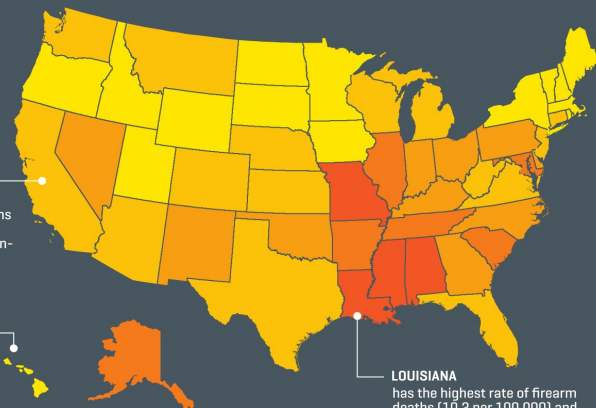


FIREARM DEATH RATE PER 100,000



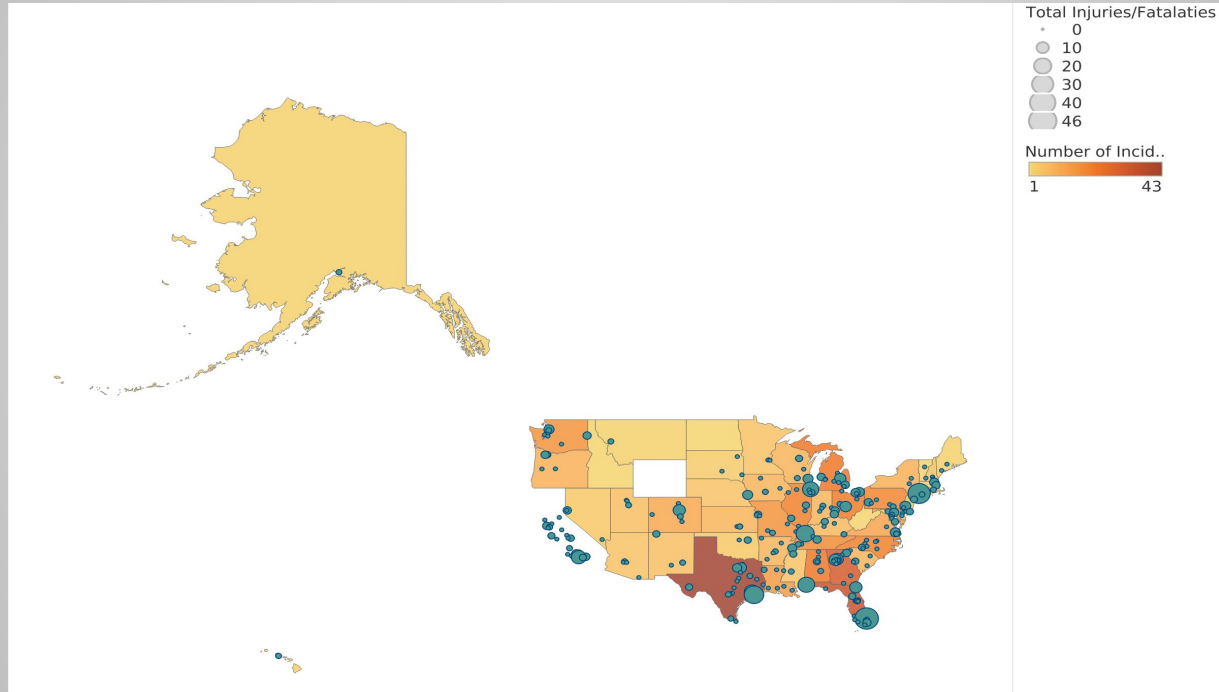
CALIFORNIA has the most firearm-deaths (1,088) but a low population-adjusted rate (2.8 per 100,000).

HAWAII has the both the lowest number of firearm deaths (5) and rate (0.4 per 100,000) in the U.S.



LOUISIANA has the highest rate of firearm deaths (10.2 per 100,000) and a low number of firearm law provisions (12).

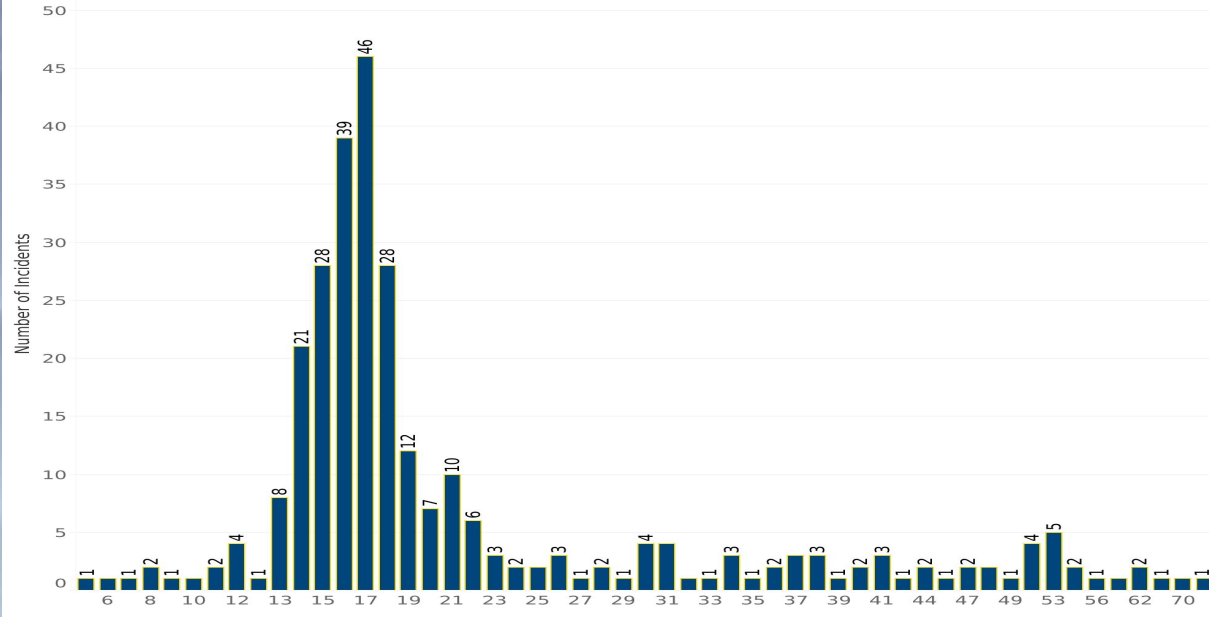
School Shooting Incidents in the U.S.



School Shooting Incidents by Age of Shooter

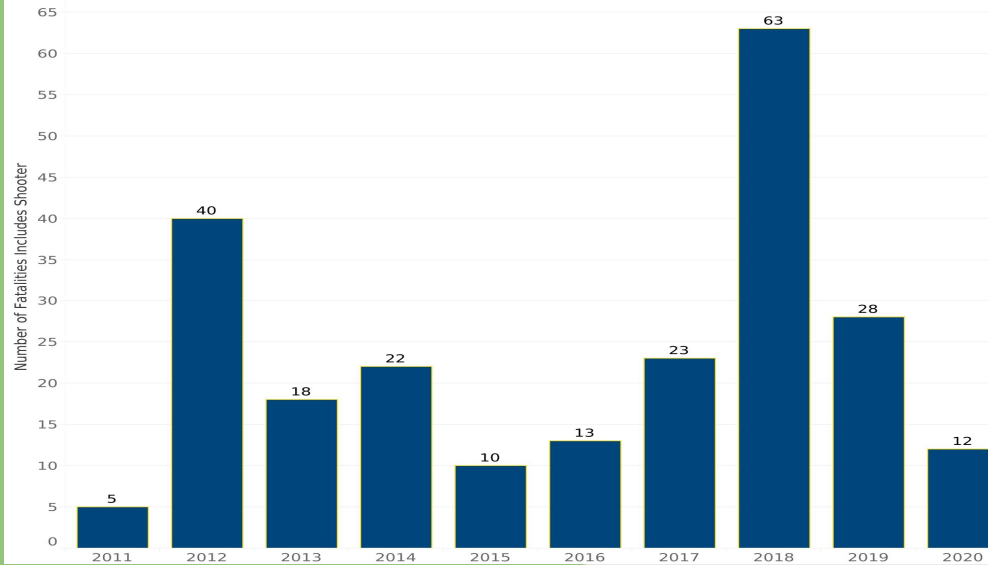
INCIDENTS BY AGE OF SHOOTER

Based on publicly available data from 2010-present



Number of School Shooting Fatalities

NUMBER OF FATALITIES INCLUDING SHOOTER BY YEAR
Based on publicly available data from 2010-present



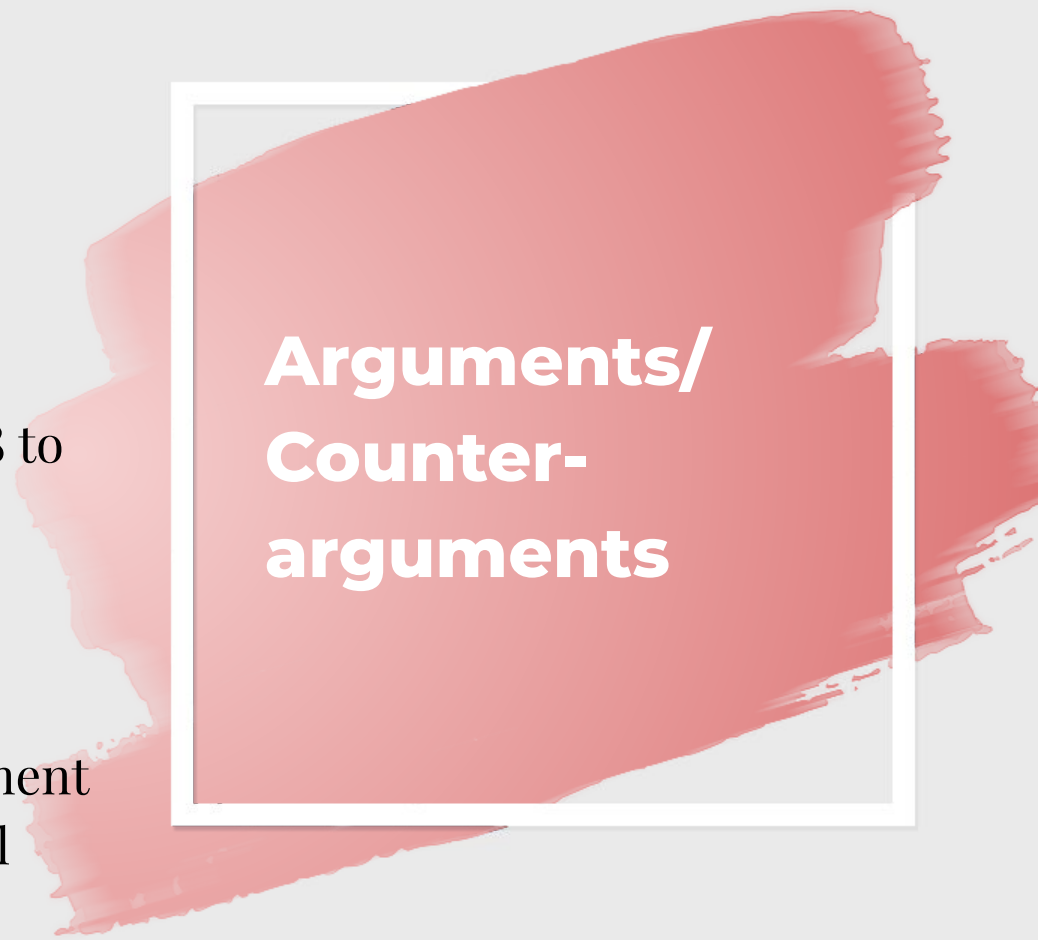
Gun control:

There are calls to:

- Ban assault weapons
- Implement universal background checks
- Raise the buying age from 18 to 21

Problem:

- Many see gun control as a violation of the 2nd Amendment
- The idea that “guns don’t kill people, people kill people”



**Arguments/
Counter-
arguments**

Arming Teachers:

- Lack of law enforcement on school campuses has led to calls to arm teachers

Problem:

- [Studies](#) show that in any community, more guns = more homicide
- Many believe that giving teachers another responsibility on top of the ones they already have is problematic

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Video Game Violence

- Many argue that the advent of violent video games has led to an increase in school gun violence

Problem:

- No causal link between violent video games and school shootings
- In *Brown v. Entertainment Merchants Assoc.*, the Supreme Court also rules against this correlation
- Video games 8x more likely to be brought up when the shooter is white rather than black



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Mental Health Reform:

- In a Wash. Post-ABC poll, 77% of Americans believe that better mental health screening/treatment could have prevented the Parkland shooting

Problem:

- Such rhetoric creates a stigma around all mentally ill people
- Oversimplifies the link between violence and mental illness
- Singular focus obscures often larger cultural issues

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Policy Changes

Congressional bills

- ❑ The first gun safety legislation in over a decade was passed (H.R. 8 Bipartisan Background Checks Act)
- ❑ Congress is currently discussing a number of gun violence prevention bills (H.R. 5717, H.R. 3999, H.R. 4240, etc.)

Gun Control state laws

- ❑ 280 gun safety bills have been signed into law since the Sandy Hook massacre
- ❑ 110 gun safety bills have been signed into law in 32 states since the Parkland Shooting
- ❑ 9 states have passed laws to reform background checks
- ❑ 13 states have passed laws to prevent domestic abusers from purchasing guns
- ❑ 12 states and DC have passed extreme risk protection order laws

**What Progress
Has Been Made
So Far?**

Movement Achievements

Mass demonstrations and protests

- ❑ In March 2018, more than 800 protests were planned in every state. Sister protests also spanned internationally across 6 continents.
- ❑ The March for Our Lives crowdfunding campaign has raised about \$3.5 million

Corporations no longer affiliated with NRA

- ❑ As of February 24, 2018 over 25 major American corporations cut ties with the NRA (National Rifle Association) as an effort to boycott the organization.

Pushed youth-led movement initiative

- ❑ March for Our Lives is a 100% student-led initiative; its progress over the past 2 years has significantly increased the magnitude of youth-led social/political justice initiatives.

Gun violence program investments

- ❑ California increased funding to \$30 million for its community violence reduction programs. Illinois also began to invest \$25 million to a similar program. Six states total have begun funding or increased budgets for community violence/gun violence prevention programs.

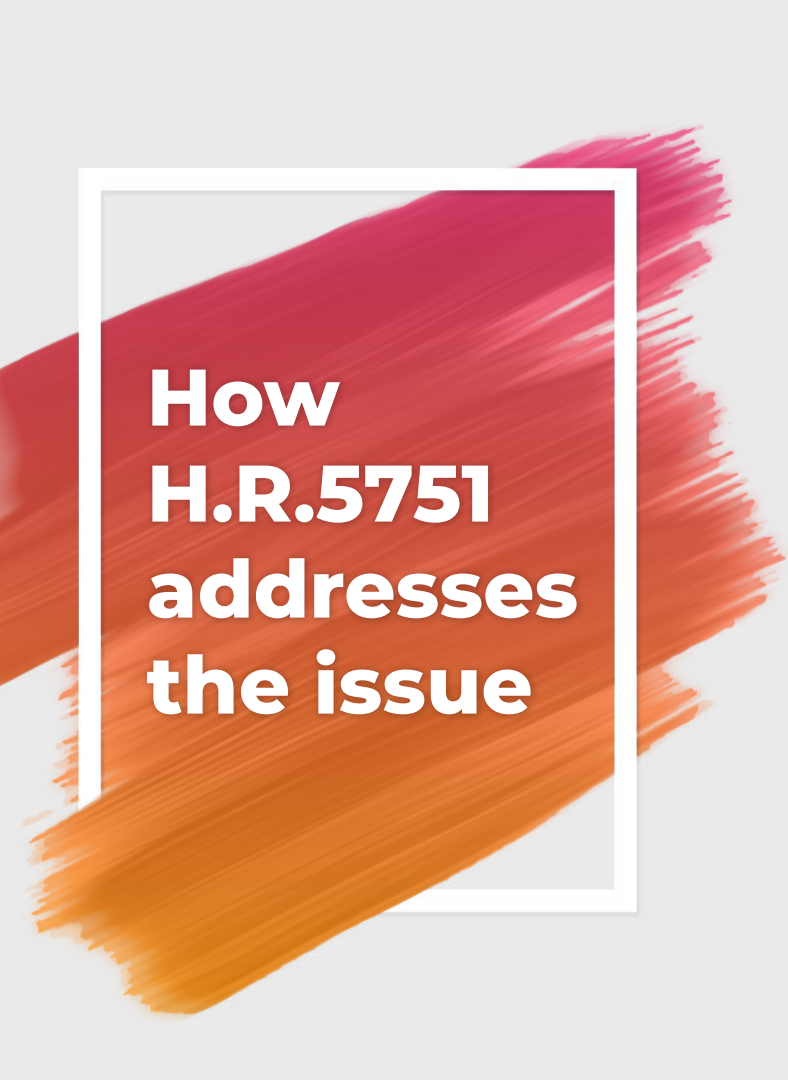


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Our Solution:

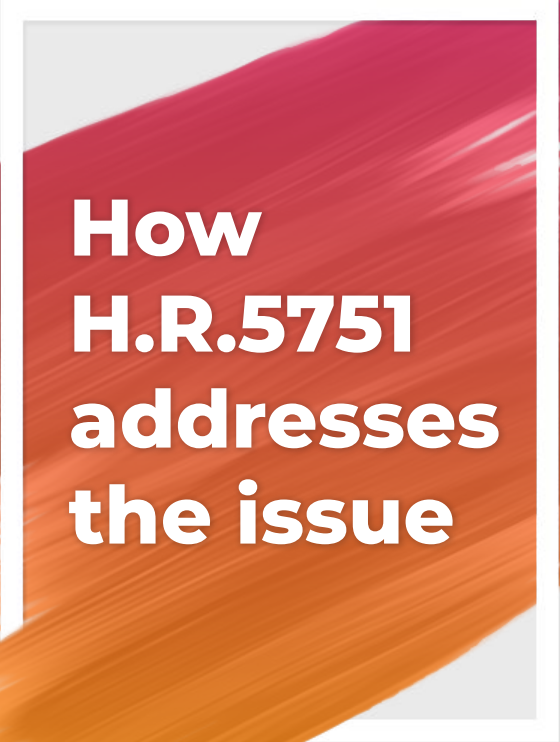
**H.R.5751-Gun Violence
Prevention and Community
Safety Act of 2020**



How H.R.5751 addresses the issue

Bill Provisions

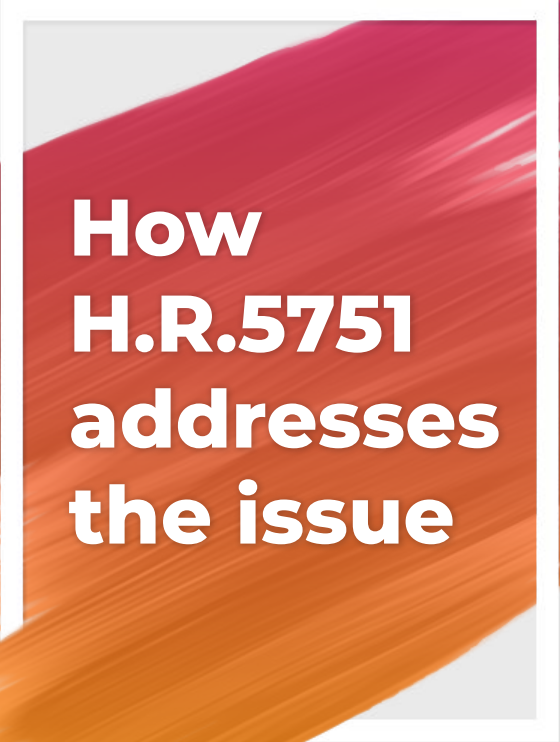
- generally requires individuals to **obtain a license to purchase**, acquire, or possess a firearm or ammunition;
- **raises the minimum age**—from 18 years to 21 years—to purchase firearms and ammunition;
- establishes **new background check requirements** for firearm transfers between private parties;



How H.R.5751 addresses the issue

Bill Provisions (cont.)

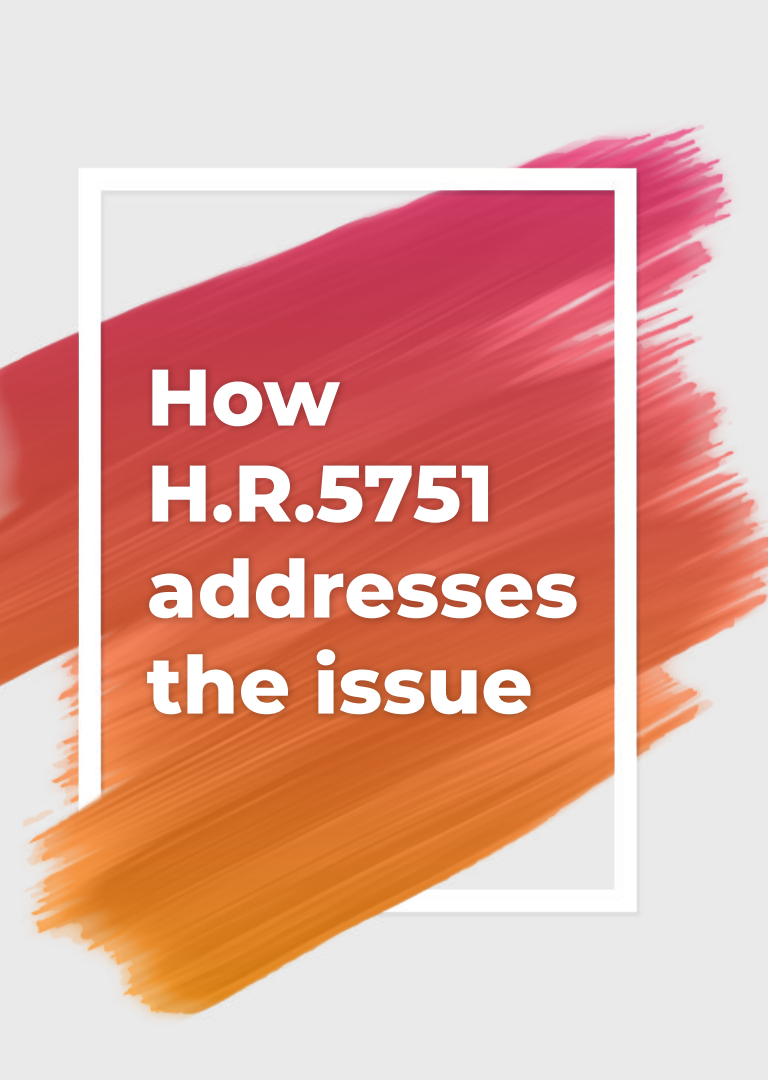
- **requires law enforcement agencies to be notified** following a firearms-related background check that results in a denial
- **creates a statutory process** for a family or household member to **petition a court for an extreme risk protection order to remove firearms** from an individual who poses a risk of committing violence;



How H.R.5751 addresses the issue

Bill Provisions (cont.)

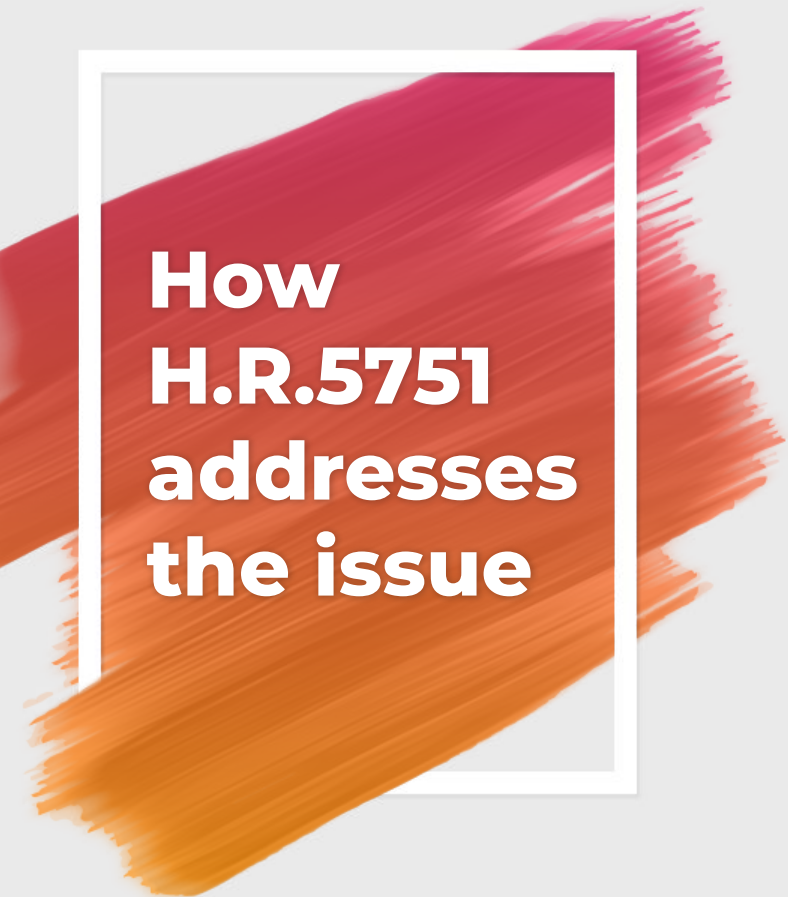
- **restricts** the import, sale, manufacture, transfer, or possession of **semiautomatic assault weapons** and large capacity ammunition feeding devices;
- **restricts** the manufacture, sale, transfer, purchase, or receipt of **ghost guns** (i.e., guns without serial numbers);
- **makes trafficking in firearms a stand-alone criminal offense;**



How H.R.5751 addresses the issue

Bill Provisions (cont.)


- requires federally licensed gun dealers to **submit and annually certify compliance with a security plan** to detect and deter firearm theft;
- **removes limitations on the civil liability of gun manufacturers;**
- allows the Consumer Product Safety Commission to **issue safety standards for firearms** and firearm components;



How H.R.5751 addresses the issue

Bill Provisions (cont.)

- establishes a **community violence intervention grant program**; and
- **promotes research on firearms safety and gun violence prevention.**

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Where is H.R.5751 currently?

01/30/2020: introduced in the House of Representatives

03/10/2020: referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security

This bill is only in its very early stages, which is why we need your help to advocate for it!



Why YOU Should Care

You should care about gun safety because of where these shootings are occurring. Being that they are at schools, it seems as if you cannot be safe anywhere, not even in your own classroom. You should care because you should want these schools safe for you and for the next generation of students.



What Can YOU Do to Help?

❖ **Start the Conversation in your Community**

- Talk to your friends and family about the issue of gun violence in America
- Encourage your eligible family members and friends to vote for gun safety bills
- Speak up about your experience with gun violence and challenge the effectiveness of existing laws in place
- Attend your local town halls
 - Listen and converse with your neighbors about ways to combat gun violence



What Can YOU Do to Help?



VOTE!

- Pay attention the platform of your representatives during election season
- Put your vote towards a candidate who you feel will push to put an end to gun violence in your community



What Can YOU Do to Help?

❖ **Contact your legislators!**

- Find your congressional District Representative
 - <https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative>
- Find your federal and state representatives and their agendas
 - <https://www.commoncause.org/find-your-representative/addr/>



What Can YOU Do to Help?



Contact your legislators!

- Research their stance on gun regulation and encourage them to support the “**Gun Violence Prevention and Community Safety Act**” by:
 - Emailing them
 - Calling them
 - Scheduling a meeting with them to discuss ways to promote gun safety in your district

****you can do this even if you are under 18!**

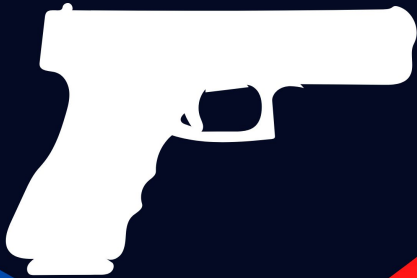
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**DO YOU FEEL
SAFE?**



**THERE ARE 393
MILLION **CIVILIAN-OWNED**
FIREARMS IN AMERICA**

U.S population: 328.2 million

We have enough guns for
every **man, woman, and**
child in the U.S., with **65**
million guns leftover

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ABUSED women are
5X more likely to be
killed if their partner
has a gun



RED STATES ON AVERAGE HAVE THE
MOST DEATHS FROM GUN VIOLENCE



FIREARM DEATHS ARE LOWER IN
STATES WITH **STRICTER GUN**
CONTROL

GET INVOLVED



**SIGN PETITIONS ADVOCATING
FOR STRICTER GUN REGULATION**



**EMAIL YOUR REPS. PUSHING
THEM TO PASS GUN CONTROL
LEGISLATION**



**JOIN LOCAL YOUTH ADVOCACY
GROUPS & START CONVERSATIONS
IN YOUR COMMUNITY!**

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WHAT IS H.R.5751?

ALSO KNOWN AS THE GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION
AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ACT OF 2020, H.R. 5751
IS A PROPOSED BILL THAT WOULD IMPLEMENT GUN
LAWS ON A FEDERAL LEVEL



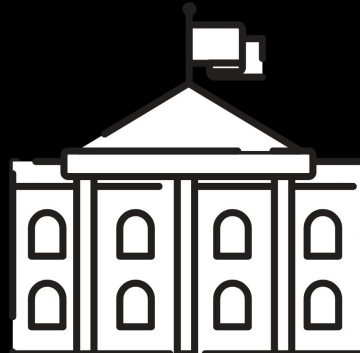
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THE BILL WOULD...

- RAISE THE MINIMUM AGE FOR PURCHASE OF FIREARMS FROM 18 TO 21
- WIDELY RESTRICT THE USE OF SEMIAUTOMATIC FIREARMS
- RESTRICT THE MANUFACTURE AND SALE OF GHOST GUNS
- PROMOTE RESEARCH ON FIREARMS SAFETY AND GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION
- AND MORE

WHERE IS THE BILL NOW?

AS OF JAN 30, 2020, THE BILL HAS ONLY
BEEN INTRODUCED TO THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES



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HOW CAN I HELP?



CONTACT YOUR STATE REPRESENTATIVES!
ASK THEM TO ADVOCATE FOR THE BILL.

FIND YOUR STATE REPRESENTATIVE HERE AT:
[HTTPS://WWW.HOUSE.GOV/REPRESENTATIVE
S/FIND-YOUR-REPRESENTATIVE](https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative)

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