

If you really care about

Ending Gun Violence

Then you should care about **Reproductive**

Justice

November 16, 2016



Planning for Next Year...

Let us know what topics you would like to hear.



**The Reproductive Justice
Movement was Created as a
Response to Movements that
Failed to Meet the Needs of
Communities of Color**



What are the components of Reproductive Justice?

- The right of individuals to:
 - have the children they want
 - raise the children they have, and
 - plan their families through safe, legal access to abortion and contraception.

http://www.sistersong.net/documents/ACRJ_Reproductive_Justice_Paper.pdf



YOU DESERVE
TO PARENT YOUR CHILD
WITHOUT FEAR
THAT HE OR SHE WILL BE
HURT OR KILLED.

FREEDOM FROM
VIOLENCE IS
REPRODUCTIVE
JUSTICE.



YOU DESERVE
NOT TO HAVE
RACIST VIOLENCE
STEAL A PARENT
FROM YOUR CHILD.

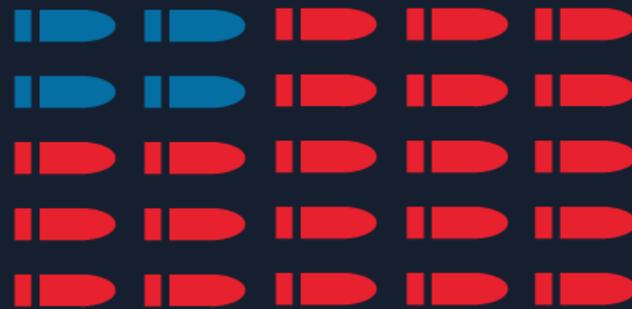
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Guns: An American Issue

ON AN AVERAGE DAY,
91 AMERICANS ARE
KILLED WITH GUNS



AMERICANS ARE
25 TIMES
MORE LIKELY TO
BE MURDERED
WITH A GUN



THAN PEOPLE IN OTHER
DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

Erin Grinshteyn and
David Hemenway,
"Violent Death Rates:
The US Compared with
Other High-income
OECD Countries, 2010,"
*American Journal of
Medicine*, 2015.

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IT IS A GUN ISSUE

THE USA HAS 20X MORE GUN MURDERS THAN ALL OTHER PEER NATIONS
AND NO STATISTICAL DIFFERENCE IN MENTALLY ILL CITIZENS PER CAPITA

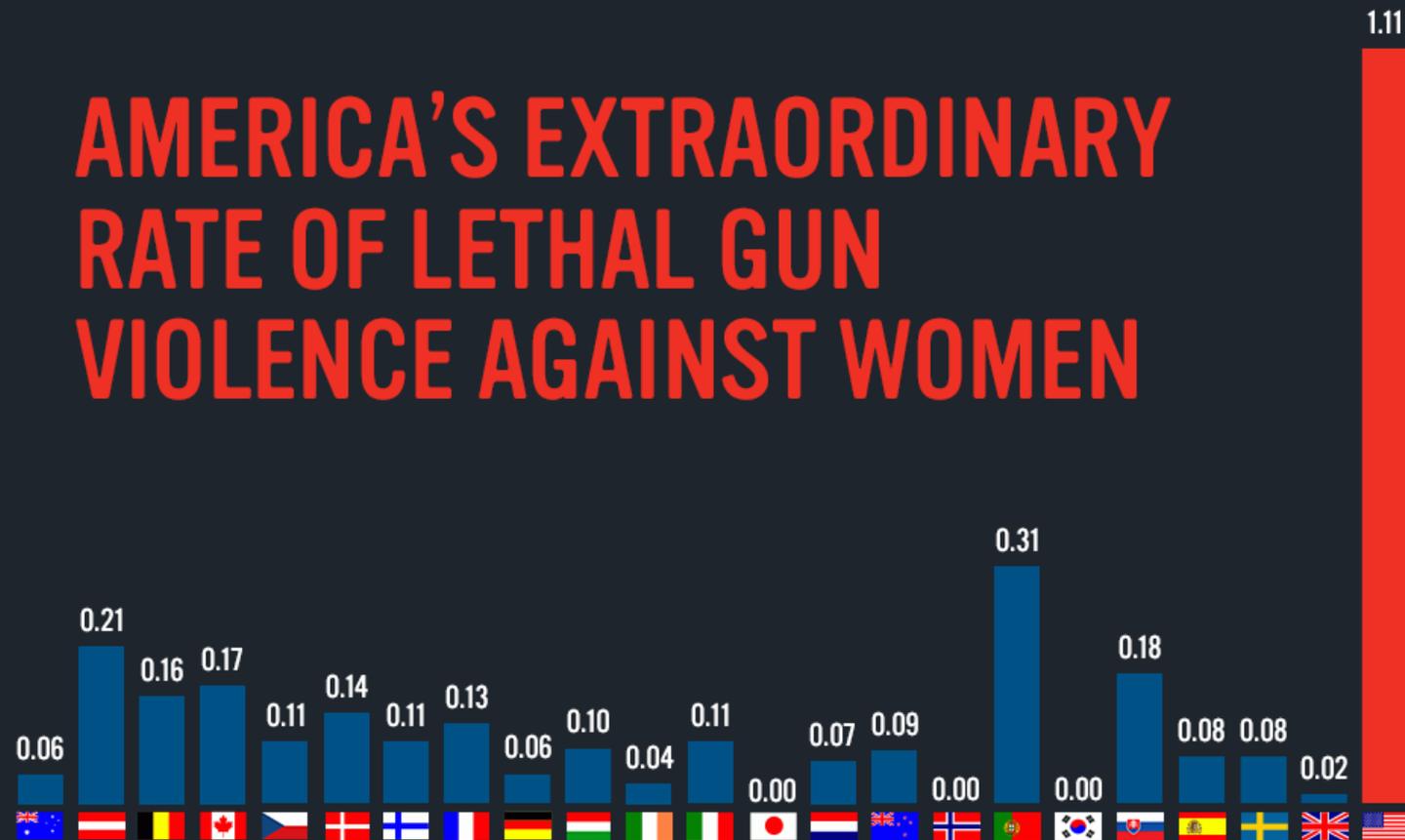


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ACTION
FOR GUN SENSE IN AMERICA

Guns: A Women's Issue

AMERICA'S EXTRAORDINARY RATE OF LETHAL GUN VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN



FEMALE GUN HOMICIDE VICTIMS PER 100,000 FEMALE RESIDENTS

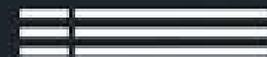
Erin Grinshteyn and David Hemenway, "Violent Death Rates: The US Compared with Other High-income OECD Countries, 2010," American Journal of Medicine, 2015. Unpublished data on female gun homicide rate courtesy of author.



IN AN AVERAGE MONTH,

51 WOMEN

ARE SHOT TO DEATH BY A CURRENT OR
FORMER HUSBAND OR BOYFRIEND



THE PRESENCE OF A GUN

**MAKES IT FIVE TIMES MORE
LIKELY**

**DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE**

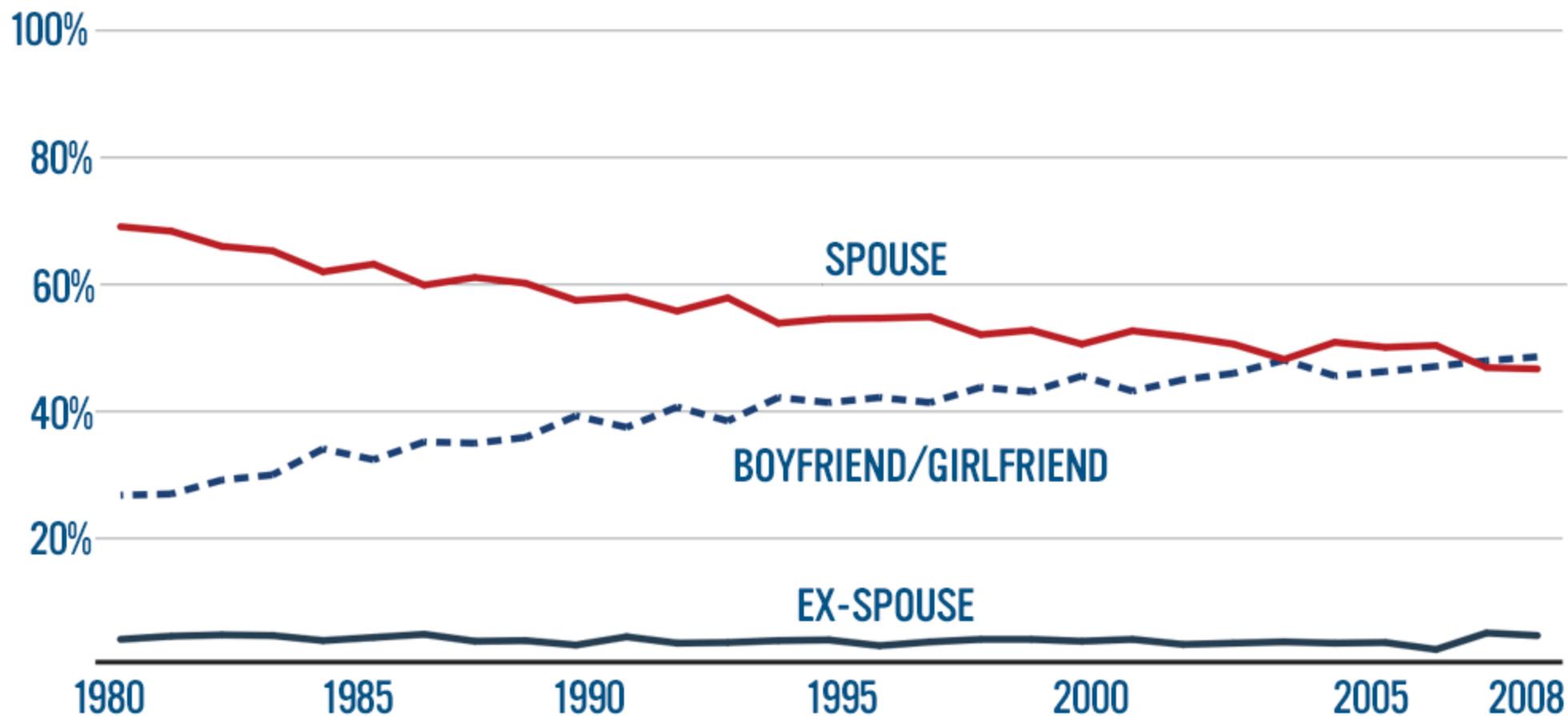
**WILL TURN
INTO MURDER**



SUPPORT POLICIES THAT KEEP GUNS OUT OF THE HANDS OF ABUSERS.

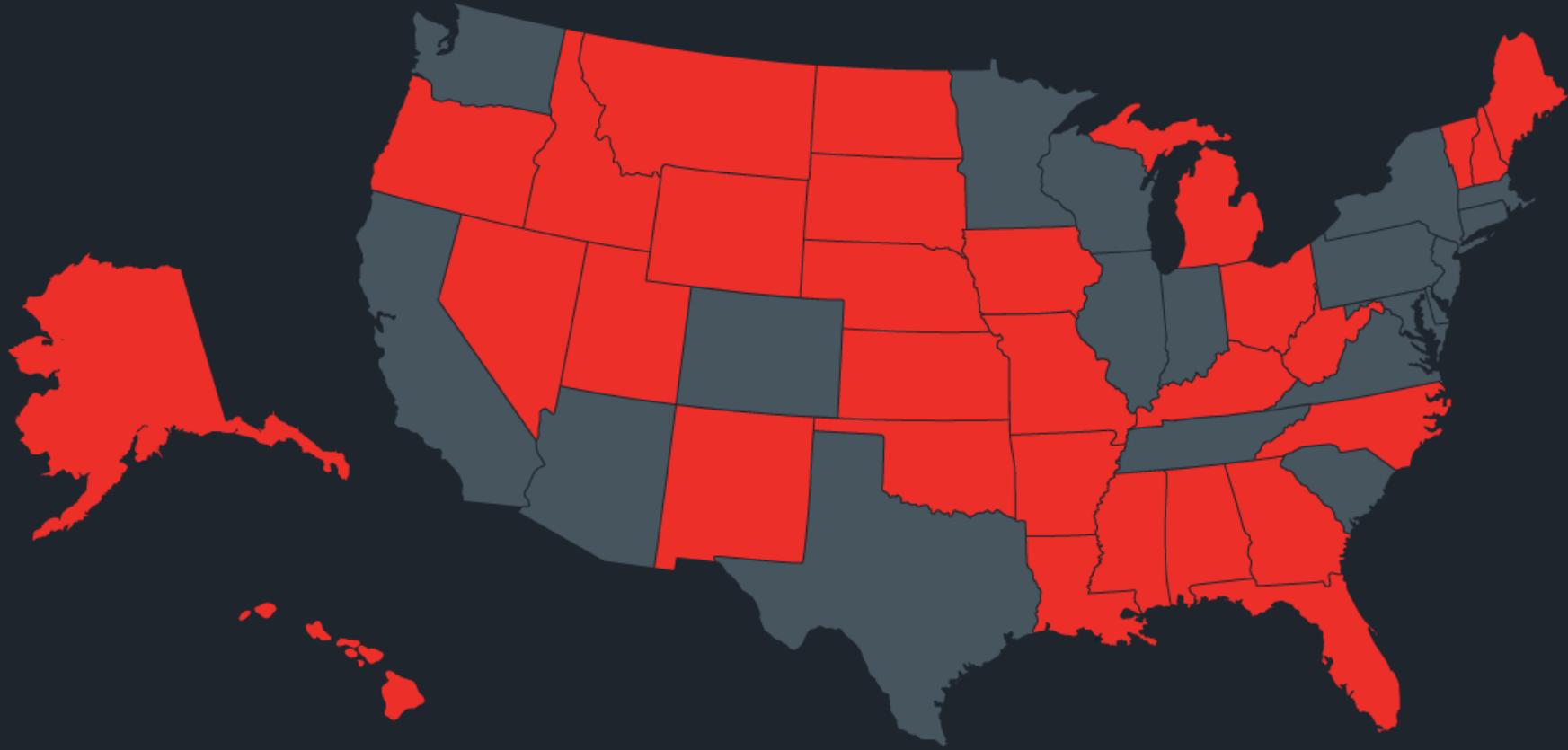
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DATING PARTNERS ARE NOW RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MAJORITY OF INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDES



U.S. Department of Justice, Homicide Trends in the United States 1980-2008, available online at: <http://1.usa.gov/1uARYtW>. Percentages are based on the 63% of homicides for which victim/offender relationship was known.

IN 29 STATES, CONVICTED STALKERS CAN LEGALLY BUY AND OWN GUNS
CONGRESS SHOULD CLOSE THE LOOPHOLE IN FEDERAL LAW THAT LETS STALKERS BUY GUNS



Guns: A Children's Issue



WE PROTECT THEM

EVERY DAY, IN EVERY WAY. WE VOTE GUN SENSE!

MOMS  DEMAND ACTION

FOR GUN SENSE IN AMERICA

**#MOMSTRONG #MOMSVOTE
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A group of people, including a young boy, holding lit candles at night. The scene is dimly lit, with the primary light source being the flames of the candles. The people are dressed in winter clothing, suggesting a cold environment. The overall mood is somber and reflective.

**OVER
200
SCHOOL
SHOOTINGS
SINCE
2013**

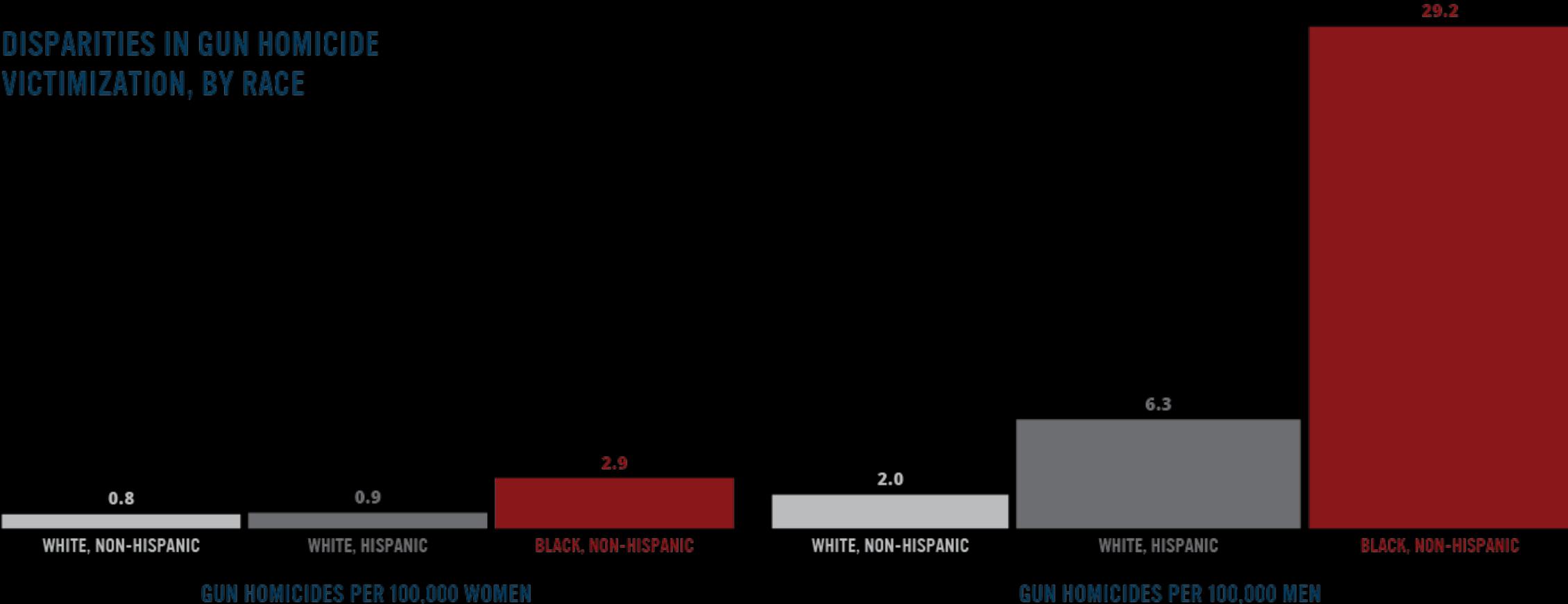
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TRAGIC MILESTONE
200 UNINTENTIONAL CHILD SHOOTINGS IN 2016
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Guns: A Racial Justice Issue

DISPARITIES IN GUN HOMICIDE VICTIMIZATION, BY RACE



The Washington Post

“Baby, there are people in this country that do not value you as a young black male, that don’t value black men in this country.”

LUCY MCBATH, MOTHER OF JORDAN DAVIS
AND ANTI-GUN-VIOLENCE ADVOCATE AT EVERYTOWN FOR GUN SAFETY.



Guns: A Public Health Issue



IN OUR STUDY,
70% OF UNINTENTIONAL SHOOTINGS COULD HAVE
BEEN PREVENTED IF THE FIREARM HAD BEEN
STORED LOCKED AND UNLOADED



Guns: A Political Issue



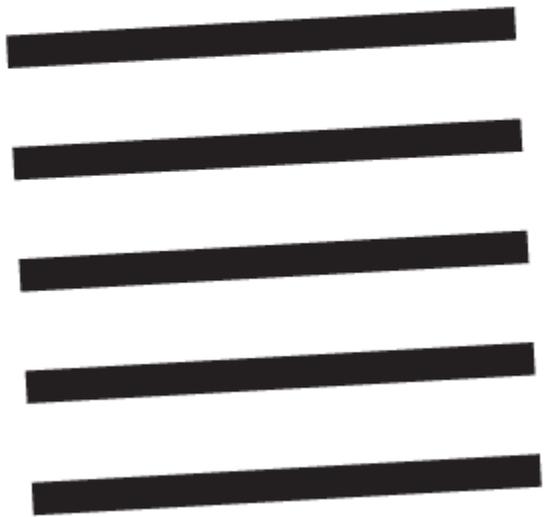
83%

**OF REGISTERED VOTERS SUPPORT BACKGROUND
CHECKS FOR ALL GUN SALES**



PEW RESEARCH CENTER SURVEY, CONDUCTED AUGUST 9-16, 2016

DENIED



**BACKGROUND CHECKS
HAVE BLOCKED NEARLY
3 MILLION GUN SALES
TO PROHIBITED PEOPLE**



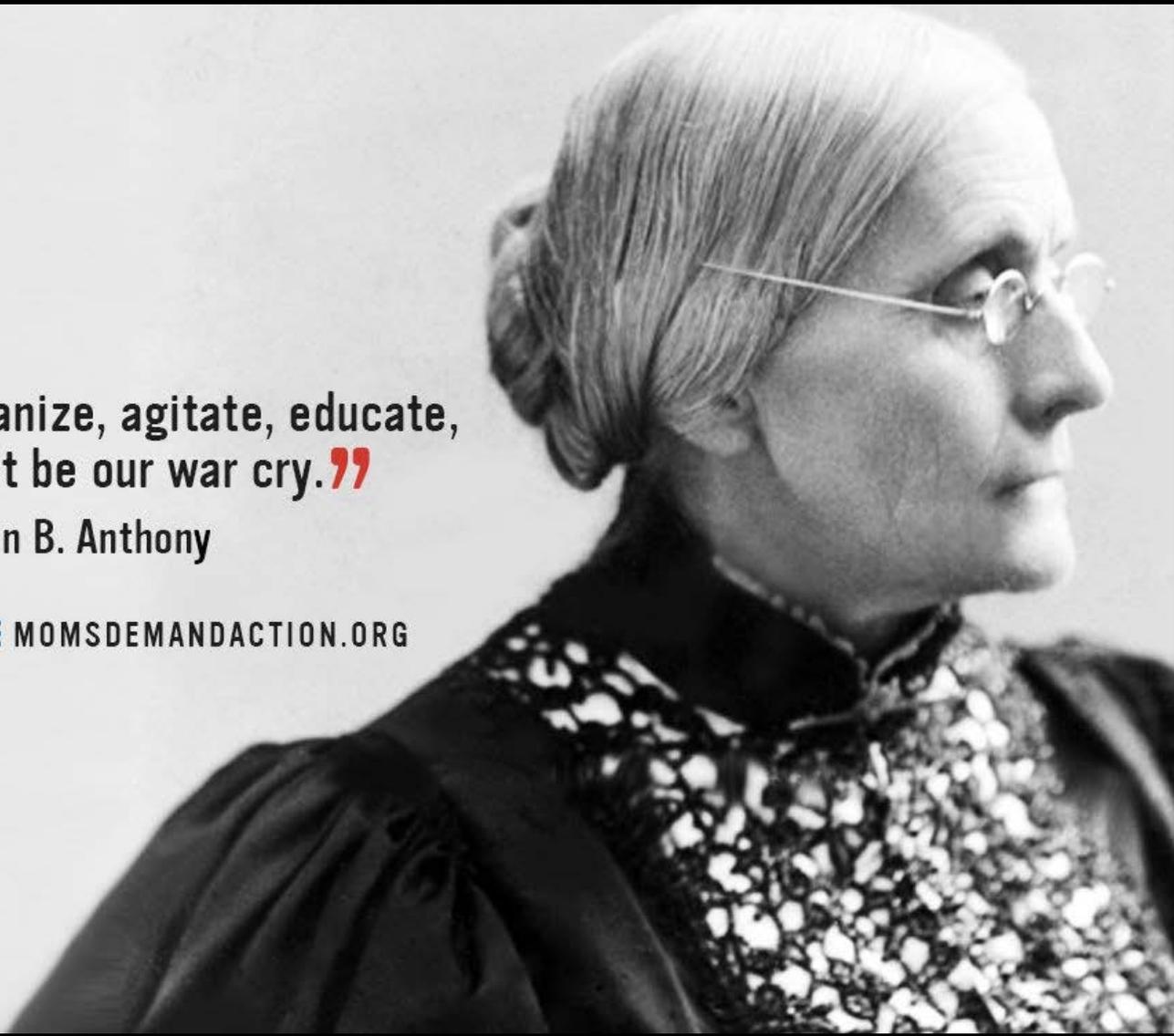


“ Donald Trump said that in his very first hour as president, heaven forbid, he would overturn President Obama's actions to strengthen background checks... He said that also on his first day in office he'd mandate that every school in America allow guns in classrooms. Every school, he said. That idea isn't just way out there, it's dangerous. ”

-HILLARY CLINTON



What Will You Do?



**“Organize, agitate, educate,
must be our war cry.”**

Susan B. Anthony

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Simple Steps You Can Take Today

- **Join Moms Demand Action** (which is not just for moms!): Text JOIN to 64433 or go to momsdemandaction.org/join
- **Join the Gun Sense Action Network**, sponsored by Moms Demand Action, to text or call constituents in key states each week.
- **Get involved locally.** Moms Demand Action has 3 million members with chapters in every state. Follow your local chapter on Facebook for info about local events and opportunities to act
- **Donate to Everytown for Gun Safety:** donate.everytown.org.



GUN VIOLENCE

AND IT'S LINKS TO REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE

BY DION MCGILL

OVERVIEW

- The Student Voices Program
- Gun Violence Overview
- Racial Disparities of Gun Violence
- Impact of Gun Violence on Youth and Communities
- Link of Gun Violence to Reproductive Justice
- Action Items

STUDENT VOICES PROGRAMS

- Student Voices Programs breaks down into 3 parts
 - Student Voices Contest – Our initial educational offering. Consists of Art, Poetry, Essay, and Spoken Word Poetry.
 - Workshops – Violence is Violence offerings addressing pathways that may lead to gun violence.
 - Activist Institute – Program that teaches students methods of advocacy and activism that they can use in their schools and communities. Opens pathways for honest discussion dealing with the issue of gun violence, and how students perceive it.

HENDERSON ELEMENTARY PEACE MARCH



GUN VIOLENCE OVERVIEW

- 13,286 people were killed in the US by firearms in 2015 and 26,819 people were injured (those figures exclude suicides). [Gun Violence Archive](#)
- There were 372 mass shootings killing 475 people and wounding 1,870 according to the [Mass Shooting Tracker](#).
 - A mass shooting is defined as a single shooting incident which kills or injures four or more people, including the assailant.
- There were 64 school shootings in 2015

GUN VIOLENCE IN CHICAGO/ILLINOIS

- In Illinois, approximately 1,000 people are killed each year. A majority of those deaths are in Chicago.
- As of November 13, 2016:

Last Week's Totals (11/6 – 11/12)

Shot & Killed: **11**

Shot & Wounded: **75**

Total Shot: **86**

Total Homicides: **13**

November to Date

Shot & Killed: **33**

Shot & Wounded: **163**

Total Shot: **196**

Total Homicides: **35**

Year to Date

Shot & Killed: **616**

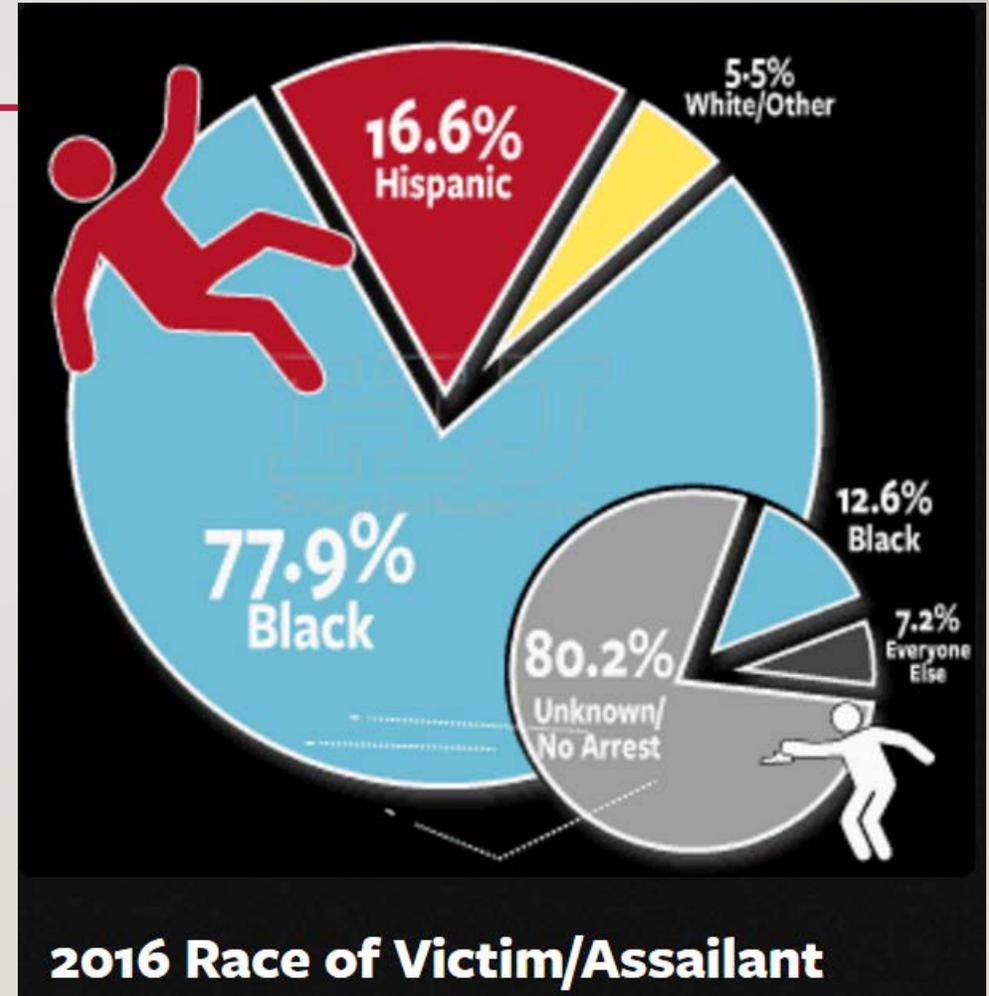
Shot & Wounded: **3263**

Total Shot: **3879**

Total Homicides: **687**

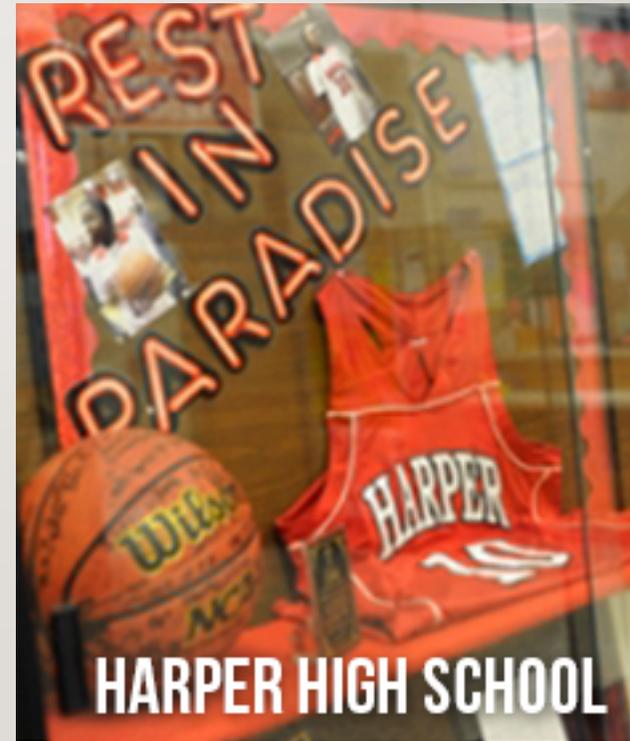
GUN VIOLENCE IN CHICAGO

- 89.8 percent of the homicides in Chicago are gun related. 5.4% stabbing, 4.8% other



A SNAPSHOT OF CHICAGO YOUTH VIOLENCE

- Harper High School is a public high school on the south side of Chicago which, in 2012, had 29 current or recent students shot. 21 were wounded, and 8 died.



**THIS
AMERICAN
LIFE**
FROM WBEZ

RACIAL DISPARITIES OF GUN VIOLENCE

- According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), homicide was the No. 1 killer of black men between ages of 15 and 24 in 2011. That remained the same in 2013.

RACIAL DISPARITIES IN GUN VIOLENCE

Leading Causes of Death by Age Group, Black Males-United States, 2013*

Age in Groups														
Rank	1-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	65-74	75-84	85+	All Ages
1	Unintentional injuries 31.6%	Unintentional injuries 33.6%	Unintentional injuries 30.2%	Homicide 47.8%	Homicide 49.9%	Homicide 33.5%	Heart disease 22.1%	Heart disease 26.3%	Cancer 28.5%	Heart disease 26.5%	Cancer 30.7%	Heart disease 26.1%	Heart disease 27.5%	Heart disease 24.0%
2	Homicide 12.5%	Cancer 10.0%	Homicide 9.9%	Unintentional injuries 22.0%	Unintentional injuries 19.4%	Unintentional injuries 20.2%	Unintentional injuries 15.2%	Cancer 19.5%	Heart disease 26.4%	Cancer 26.0%	Heart disease 26.4%	Cancer 25.7%	Cancer 18.1%	Cancer 22.4%
3	Birth defects 8.9%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 9.0%	Cancer (3) 9.6%	Suicide 7.4%	Suicide 9.1%	Heart disease 9.6%	Homicide 12.9%	Unintentional injuries 9.0%	Unintentional injuries 5.0%	Stroke 5.8%	Stroke 5.4%	Stroke 6.1%	Stroke 6.0%	Unintentional injuries 5.8%
4	Heart disease 6.4%	Birth defects 6.9%		Suicide (3) 9.6%	Heart disease 3.4%	Heart disease 4.1%	Suicide 7.1%	Cancer 8.7%	Stroke 4.5%	Stroke 4.8%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 4.6%	Diabetes 5.0%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 4.8%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 4.6%
5	Cancer 5.9%	Homicide 6.2%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 7.3%	Cancer 3.4%	Cancer 2.1%	Cancer 4.7%	HIV disease 4.7%	HIV disease 4.3%	Diabetes 4.7%	Diabetes 4.5%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 4.4%	Diabetes 4.6%	Alzheimer's disease 4.4%	Homicide 4.5%
6	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 2.7%	Heart disease 3.1%	Heart disease 5.9%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 1.3%	HIV disease 1.8%	HIV disease 4.1%	Suicide 4.2%	Diabetes 4.2%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 2.7%	Kidney disease 3.2%	Kidney disease 2.9%	Kidney disease 3.4%	Kidney disease 3.5%	Diabetes 4.1%
7	Septicemia (7) 2.3%	Benign neoplasms 2.8%	Birth defects 5.1%	Diabetes (7) 0.9%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 1.0%	Diabetes 1.8%	Diabetes 3.9%	Homicide 3.3%	Chronic liver disease 2.6%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.2%	Unintentional injuries 2.3%	Alzheimer's disease 2.3%	Diabetes 3.5%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 3.3%
8	Influenza & pneumonia (7) 2.3%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.5%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.8%		Birth defects (7) 0.9%	Diabetes 1.0%	Stroke 1.1%	Stroke 3.3%	Chronic liver disease 2.5%	Kidney disease 2.6%	Septicemia 2.2%	Septicemia 2.1%	Septicemia 2.2%	Influenza & pneumonia 3.2%

RACIAL DISPARITIES IN GUN VIOLENCE

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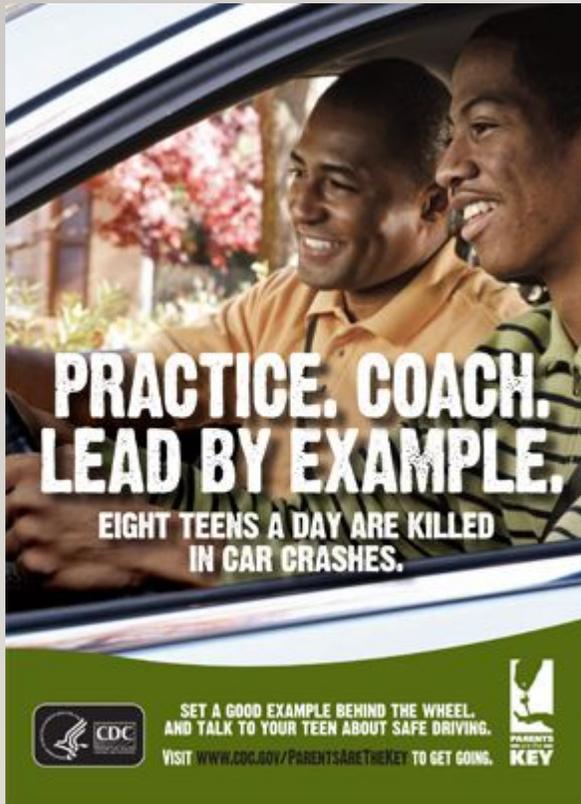
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2	Birth defects 10.1%	Cancer 19.5%	Suicide 15.9%	Suicide 23.7%	Suicide 20.5%	Suicide 18.3%	Heart disease 15.3%	Cancer 21.5%	Heart disease 24.2%	Cancer 24.1%	Heart disease 24.0%	Heart disease 25.2%	Cancer 15.1%	Cancer 23.7%
3	Cancer 8.9%	Birth defects 7.4%	Cancer 14.5%	Homicide 8.5%	Homicide 8.0%	Heart disease 6.3%	Suicide 13.5%	Unintentional injuries 13.4%	Unintentional injuries 5.8%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 7.0%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 7.4%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 7.9%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 5.8%	Unintentional injuries 6.3%
4	Homicide 6.1%	Homicide 4.9%	Birth defects 4.6%	Cancer 6.0%	Cancer 3.7%	Cancer 6.1%	Cancer 11.5%	Suicide 6.9%	Chronic liver disease 4.5%	Stroke 4.7%	Stroke 3.6%	Stroke 4.9%	Stroke 5.4%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 5.7%
5	Heart disease 3.4%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.8%	Homicide 4.5%	Heart disease 2.6%	Heart disease 2.7%	Homicide 5.3%	Chronic liver disease 4.2%	Chronic liver disease 6.0%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 4.4%	Alzheimer's disease 3.0%	Diabetes 3.6%	Diabetes 2.9%	Alzheimer's disease 4.9%	Stroke 4.0%
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7	Perinatal conditions 1.4%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 1.9%	Influenza & pneumonia 1.7%	Influenza & pneumonia 0.7%	Influenza & pneumonia 0.6%	Diabetes 1.2%	Diabetes 2.5%	Stroke 2.4%	Suicide 3.1%	Unintentional injuries 2.7%	Chronic liver disease 1.8%	Unintentional injuries 2.6%	Unintentional injuries 2.8%	Suicide 2.6%
8	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 1.2%	Septicemia (8) 1.4%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 1.6%	Benign Neoplasms 0.4%	Diabetes 0.5%	Stroke 0.8%	Stroke 1.8%	Chronic lower respiratory diseases 2.1%	Stroke 2.8%	Influenza & pneumonia 2.4%	Kidney disease 1.6%	Parkinson's disease 2.3%	Kidney disease 2.4%	Alzheimer's disease 2.1%

GUN VIOLENCE & SUICIDE

- More than 60 percent of people in this country who die from guns die by suicide.
- There's evidence that news attention around suicide can lead to more suicides.
- Suicide is also more stigmatized and less discussed than homicide.
- Suicide is the second-most common cause of death for Americans between 15 and 24, according to the CDC. Each year, more than 39,000 people die by suicide in the U.S., 51% use a firearm.

FRAMING AS A PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE



- The reduction of the rate of death attributable to motor-vehicle crashes in the United States represents the successful public health response to a great technologic advance of the 20th century--the motorization of America. Six times as many people drive today as in 1925, and the number of motor vehicles in the country has increased 11-fold since then to approximately 215 million (1). The number of miles traveled in motor vehicles is 10 times higher than in the mid-1920s. Despite this steep increase in motor-vehicle travel, the annual death rate has declined from 18 per 100 million vehicle miles traveled (VMT) in 1925 to 1.7 per 100 million VMT in 1997--a 90% decrease

IMPACT OF GUN VIOLENCE ON YOUTH AND COMMUNITIES

- Children feel at risk. They don't see themselves having a future.
- See guns as a conflict resolution tool.
- Desensitize youth to the effects of violence and increase the likelihood they will use violence as a means of resolving problems or expressing emotion.
- Begin to feel that only carrying a weapon can provide safety.
- Violence can often shape the community culture.
- Youth exposed to chronic trauma can experience inhibited brain development.
- Many children experience problems with violence and aggression due to lack of nonviolence conflict-resolution skills.

IMPACT OF GUN VIOLENCE ON YOUTH AND COMMUNITIES

- Violence and aggression can be exacerbated by emotional overload from exposure to violence.
- Children often mimic the behavior they see, which begins a cycle of violence.
- Sleep disturbance
- Difficulty concentrating
- Declines in academic performance
- Lower educational and career aspirations (climate of hopelessness)

IMPACT OF GUN VIOLENCE ON YOUTH AND COMMUNITIES

- Some children develop PTSD (“There are no Children Here” by Alex Kotlowitz)
- Hypervigilance
- Nightmares
- Flashbacks
- Survivor Guilt
- Withdrawal from family and friends (“no one understands”)

IMPACT OF GUN VIOLENCE ON YOUTH AND COMMUNITIES

- All of this is exacerbated by:
- Low income communities/households
- Inadequate diets/food deserts
- Limited parental oversight/involvement (Cornell Park incident)

OVERLAP OF GUN VIOLENCE AND REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE

Reproductive justice will exist when all people can exercise the rights and access the resources they need to thrive and to decide if, when, and how to create and sustain their families with dignity, free from discrimination, coercion, or violence.

ACTION ITEMS



Advocate



EPIX ORIGINAL DOCUMENTARY
UNDER THE GUN
IN THE GUN DEBATE, TRUTH IS THE ULTIMATE WEAPON

- Contact your elected representatives
- Volunteer
- Donate

SOURCES

- Mass Shooting Tracker
- Everytown Against Gun Violence
- Gun Violence Archive
- Centers for Disease Control
- The Future of Children: <http://futureofchildren.org/>
- Child Welfare League of America:
- Hey Jackass:

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