Introduction
Mass shootings in America have become more prominent. There have been many shootings, ranging from places like schools and malls. People in America want that to stop. In order to do so, making stricter gun laws will help in providing safety for the public. Certain actions will need to be taken for our safety.

Issues
- Mass shootings are becoming more prominent in the U.S.
- Most shooters obtained their firearms illegally.
- Lack of background checks to seller and buyer.
- Government agencies lack the funding to do research on gun violence.

Solutions
- Require background checks each time a firearm is sold.
- End ban of federal funding for research into gun violence.
- Make gun trafficking a federal crime, with harsher penalties on distributors.
- Expand ban of gun sales to domestic violence offenders.
- Regulate ammunitions and magazines.
- Keep the ban on assault rifles.

Conclusion
With the way current situations are, the U.S. needs stricter gun laws. Mass shootings in America are still prominent, and criminals can still obtain firearms legally and illegally. In the future this can change if our proposed solutions are taken into.

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."
  - Brady Act of 1994

You cannot own a gun if you fall under certain categories:
- You were convicted of a crime punishable by being in prison for more than 1 year.
- You are a fugitive from justice.
- You are addicted to, or illegally use, any controlled substance.
- You have been ruled mentally defective by a court.
- You are an illegal immigrant living in the U.S. illegally.
- You have received a dishonorable discharge from the U.S. armed forces.

Who Owns Guns?
We found that at least one-third of Americans own a gun, or live with someone who does. There are multiple reasons that an American would own a gun. The reasons range from self-defense to primarily hunting. People who own guns say it gives them a sense of “security.” According to The Washington Post:
- 5.2% to 61.7% from Delaware to Alaska own guns.
- In the Northeast, 5.8% in Rhode Island all the way to 28.8% in Vermont.
- The Midwest ranges from 19.6% in Ohio to 47.9% in North Dakota.
- 5.2% in South/mid-Atlantic areas to 57.9% in Arkansas.
- California had lowest rate at 20%.

Charts

References