US – Gun control

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# Gun Control – stricter? ---

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| ***Shall gun control laws be stricter?*** | |
| ***Pro*** | ***Contra*** |
| * The less easily guns are available, the less death would be caused by them (homicides and suicides) * Conflicts between people can easily get out of control if weapons are at close range as well as suicides can be committed more easily * The 2nd Amendment does not say that gun ownership can’t be regulated * American citizens don’t need semiautomatic rifles and high-capacity magazines to defend themselves * In contrast, those firearms can cause enormous carnage * There should be stricter background checks to make sure that criminals and mentally ill people can’t possess firearms * Mass murderers can use automatic firearms to kill as many people as possible * The government could introduce a boy-back program to reduce the number of guns in the US | * Many American citizens own guns for protection * Criminals will always be able to get their hands on guns * “The only thing that stops a bad guy, is a good guy with a gun”   ~Wayne LaPierre (CEO of the NRA)   * The 2nd Amendment protects every American citizen’s right to own a gun * Militia[[1]](#footnote-1) * Background checks invade a citizen’s privacy and their freedom to obtain a gun * The government * You cannot practically ban (types of) firearms in the US since there are just too many (also unregistered) firearms * Gun regulation itself won’t significantly reduce the number of suicides * Japan has strict gun regulations but still suffers from high suicide rates |

1. Militia ~ civilian army [↑](#footnote-ref-1)