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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 |

# Restriction of abortion rights ---

1. History
   1. Roe v. Wade decision
      1. Supreme Court decision which stated that the constitution grants privacy rights and bodily autonomy to potential mothers
      2. It introduced the trimester framework
         1. First trimester (0-12 weeks): states cannot make restrictions
         2. Second trimester (12-24 weeks): restrictions only permissible regarding maternal health
         3. Third trimester (after 24 weeks): restrictions or even a complete ban legitimate
   2. Planned Parenthood vs. Casey decision
      1. The decision gets rid of the rigid trimester framework and
      2. allowes (minor) hurdles, e.g. in the interest of health of requiring parental consent for minors
   3. State restrictions that had been overruled prior to the 2022 Supreme Court decision

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