

WORD LIST-2 (JUN 29, 2022)

1. glimmer (noun) – (a faint) sign, trace/ray, hint (of light/hope).
2. unrestricted (adjective) - unhindered, unchecked, unopposed, unrestrained, unconstrained.
3. transcend (verb) – go beyond, rise above, cut across; overstep, surpass, outdo.
4. stalemate (noun) – deadlock, impasse, standstill/stand-off.
5. Congress (noun) – legislative assembly, parliament; The United States Congress is the bicameral (two chambers) legislature of the federal government of the United States, and consists of two chambers: the House of Representatives and the Senate.
6. Senate (noun) – the upper house or chamber in some bicameral legislative systems. (for example in the US).
7. House of Representatives (noun) – The United States House of Representatives, usually referred to as the House, is the lower house of the United States Congress, with the Senate being the upper house.
8. Bill (noun) – draft statute/law, proposed legislation, proposal (presented to parliament/congress/council for discussion).
9. constraint (noun) – restriction, limitation, restraint, control.
10. proliferation (noun) – rapid increase, rise, escalation.
11. firearm (noun) - weapons of war, weaponry, guns, artillery, armaments.
12. bipartisan (adjective) – involving cooperation between two (opposite & big) political parties.
13. Bipartisan Safer Communities (BSC) Act, 2022 (noun) - The Bipartisan Safer Communities (BSC) Act of 2022 is a firearm regulation and mental health bill passed by the 117th Congress and signed into law by President Joe Biden on June 25, 2022. It is a legislation to bolster public safety and prevent tragedies before they occur, including through substantial investments in mental health, school safety, and state-led crisis intervention programs. This legislation does not infringe upon second amendment rights of law-abiding Americans. This bill provides for increased mental health and security resources in schools, improves background checks, and strengthens protections for domestic violence victims.
14. in support of (phrase) - approving of.
15. measure (noun) – action, step, procedure.

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16. cross the "aisle" (phrase) – In this expression, the "aisle" refers to the actual physical walkway that divides the legislative (congressional/parliamentary) halls. Members of the two parties sit on opposite sides.
17. considerable (adjective) – substantial, appreciable, significant, much.
18. go the distance (phrase) - last/continue for a long time.
19. rein in (phrasal verb) - to control, restrain, restrict, limit someone/something.
20. relatively (adverb) - comparatively, moderately, somewhat, to a certain degree/level.
21. unhindered (adjective) – unopposed, unconfined, unconstrained, unimpeded.
22. profile (noun) – summary of details; description, outline.
23. fall short of (phrase) - fail to meet, fail to reach, fail to live up to.
24. regulation (noun) - requirement, mandate, command, prescription, guidance.
25. press (for) (verb) - urge, pressure, put pressure on, pressurize, push, campaign.
26. into force (phrase) - into effect, effective, operative, in operation/action.
27. on the heels of (phrase) – close behind, soon after, right after, following closely.
28. strike down (phrasal verb) – abolish, annul, nullify (a law or regulation).
29. New York gun law (noun) - The State of New York makes it a crime to possess a firearm without a license, whether inside or outside the home. An individual who wants to carry a firearm outside his home may obtain an unrestricted license to "have and carry" a concealed "pistol or revolver" if he can prove that "proper cause exists" for doing so. It places restrictions on carrying a concealed handgun outside the home.
30. nevertheless (adverb) – in spite of that, anyway, nonetheless, even so.
31. character (noun) - attributes, features, qualities, traits.
32. reflect (verb) – indicate, show, display, demonstrate, represent, exhibit.

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33. discourse (noun) – discussion, conversation, communication, debate/talk.
34. Second Amendment (noun) - The Second Amendment (Amendment II) to the United States Constitution protects the individual right to keep and bear firearms (guns) for traditionally lawful purposes such as self-defense.
35. therein (adverb) – in that respect.
36. lie (verb) – be present, exist.
37. address (verb) – tackle, deal with, attend to, try to sort out.
38. yield (verb) – give, provide, bring in,.
39. quarter (noun) – mercy, compassion, forbearance, kindness, sympathy, leniency.
40. give no quarter (phrase) - to show no mercy.
41. long-standing (adjective) – persistent, continuing (for a long time); permanent, long-lasting, enduring, long-term.
42. institute (verb) - establish, create, start, begin, initiate.
43. universal (adjective) - general, common, comprehensive, all-inclusive, across the board.
44. background (noun) – a person's family/social circumstances; history, past, record.
45. check (noun) – examination, inspection, scrutiny, investigation, probe, assessment, inquiry.
46. ambit (noun) - scope, extent, wide range, gamut.
47. mandate (verb) – require, demand, instruct, make mandatory.
48. juvenile (noun) – teenager, minor, young person.
49. juvenile (adjective) – young, teenage, underage.
50. loophole (noun) – ambiguity in the law; flaw/fault, defect.
51. boyfriend loophole (noun) – refers to a gap in American gun legislation that allows access to guns by physically abusive ex-boyfriends and stalkers with previous convictions. The "boyfriend loophole" deals with whether unmarried partners can have guns if they were found guilty of violence against a dating partner.
52. convicted (adjective) – declared guilty; sentenced.
53. offender (noun) – wrongdoer, criminal, lawbreaker.
54. red flag (noun) – warning, caution, alarm bells.

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55. 'red flag' law (noun) - Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) law, more commonly called 'red flag' law in the U.S., is aimed at gun control. Under such a law, a court can restrict an individual, identified to be at risk of causing violence to the self or others, from accessing firearms for a temporary period.
56. federal (adjective) – relating to a system of government in which establishments such as states or provinces share power with a national government.
57. deem (verb) – consider, regard as, see, view.
58. set aside (phrasal verb) – keep, reserve, earmark, withhold, save, reserve, put aside.
59. advocacy (noun) – support, endorsement, backing, approval.
60. intervention (noun) – the process of intervening in something; involvement, interference.
61. revive (verb) – restore, renew, bring back.
62. assault weapon/rifle (noun) – It is originally built for military special operations as a fully automatic or semiautomatic weapon/firearm. (semi-automatic gun/rifle is a firearm (like AR-15, AK-47) which fires one round for each trigger pull, whereas “automatic rifle” is a firearm (such as MG-34, M16) which fires more than one cartridge with a single pull of the trigger. These firearms are often referred to as “assault weapons or rifles, based on their rapid-fire capability).
63. decade (noun) – a period of ten years.
64. lethal (adjective) – fatal, deadly, life-threatening.
65. a step in the right direction (phrase) – an action/activity/measure taken that increases someone's chance or possibility of success.
66. have a long road ahead (phrase) - have a lot of work to be done in the future.
67. obsession (noun) – fixation, enthusiasm, passion, craze, addiction.

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