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Shooting at Connecticut School

Abstract: United States Code for gun control is not just the problem of the sale of firearms, but much more complex social and psychological issues, need all the constraints and management. Also include an effective psychological counseling to deal with violent video games, films that have a negative impact on young people and other specific measures. gun control need a wide range of solutions, which requires not only to review and effective implementation of the Firearms Act, and must engage in mental health, law enforcement, educators, parents and communities together to find solutions to solve these problems.

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1. Introduction:

In December 14, 2012, a gunman killed 20 young children and six adults at an elementary school in Newtown, Connecticut. Police believe 20 year old Adam Lana killed his mother at home then took some of her guns with him to the school. They say he used a military-style assault rifle to carry out the shooting spree. Such weapons can fire ammunition quickly, without the shooter having to reload. Police began releasing the identities of the 26 dead to a grieving community that had come to dread the coming Christmas holiday. All of the 20 children killed were 6 or 7 years old.

Police said they had found "very good evidence" they hoped would answer questions about the motives of the 20-year-old gunman, described as brilliant but remote, who forced his way into the school in one of the world's worst mass shootings. Witnesses said the gunman, Adam Lana, didn't say a word and later killed him.

The attack shocked Americans whose opinions on gun laws have changed in the past week. A recent survey found that 52 percent of Americans questioned said they supported "major restrictions on guns or making them illegal."

As we know, there were many gun violence have happened in the United States, these caused an atmosphere of fear and a great impact in the society. It is not only bad to the development of the society, but also harmful to the mental health of people.

II. Reasons of gun violence

2.1 Proliferation of Firearms in American society and lax management

The laws of the 38 states of citizen can legally arm. This is the United States social violence shooting incidence globally highest objective reasons. Civilian possession of firearms in the United States is the world's most populous nation.

Very few countries can catch up to the proliferation of firearms in America society. Every time after the school shootings in the United States is going to happen with a gun or ban debate, but every time without end. generally speaking, the ban relates to the amending of the constitution, if three-fourths members of Congress agree and America's two-thirds state governments agreed too. Because of the "gun culture" and as the cultural "Matrix" consciousness of civil rights into American society of bone marrow, so the ban of guns is easier said than done.

Today nearly 300 million of the US population has more than 100 million firearms, that can be used to equip the army's standard light weapons, and formed a one-stop production of "build, repair, sales, collection", and relatively independent and other vested interests as a whole. So, it is hard for the American presidents to ban the firearms.

2.2 The culture of violence

Since the beginning of the American War of Independence, and then in the process of conquest and expansion to the west, cultivate a culture of advocating the use of force. The United States and in today's society, violence and pornography constituted two themes of American culture and entertainment, youth exposure to film, television, video games and the Internet every day, all content containing violence and pornography. Whether it's movies, and video game gang fight was on the show, lack of analysis of the capacity of young people, the murderous figures often are heroes, they kill people need not bear any legal responsibility, and are not subjected to any punishment. This will inevitably in young minds of young people sow the seeds of force and under the seeds of only force can resolve the problem.

Today, the gun is just a tool, a symbol of social violence, "the culture of violence has deep in the American Society. With the advancement of the Web and the television production technology, violence on the Internet and screen has increased very quickly. In order to chase the box office, more and more violence in Hollywood movies, so-called "aesthetic of violence" is popular among the film makers, music showed similar tastes and tendencies; the Internet is filled with all kinds of bloody images and play fighting. According to the International Herald Tribune reports, an American youth can see the 40,000 murders and 200,000 other violent acts in various media. Under exposed in this kind of culture, part of the United States youth advocate violence since childhood, and the formation of value like the perpetrators, and then act as potential copycats.

2.3 The ignore of the government

The presidential candidates do not want to talk about the problem of firearm regulation, because the biggest opponents of the ban in the US "National Rifle Association" with the strength of effecting the political trend. The gun topic in the

United States a strong political color. In presidential election years, the topic of gun control, become more sensitive. In order to be able to take over the White House, presidential candidates are avoiding talking about the issue of gun control.

Therefore, all kinds of politicians use the second amendment to the constitution of the United States for cover. The case provides: “ The people have the right to bear arms inviolability . ”As a result, the ordinary American will have to live in a society of the proliferation of firearms.

III. Conclusion

It is obvious that gun control has become a very important issue in the United States. Gun control should be solved by the government effectively. Just like the prohibition of marijuana; gun control can protect the lives of many people, make the community more secure. It is a strongly promote freedom and human rights country, which is a “ heaven ” to the immigrants in the world.

Now, it's time for American society make a response to gun control and mental illness, Americans must have the courage and conviction beyond political philosophy, firearms, the spread of an imminent solution.If the discussion the constitution the second amendment will hit some people sensitive neural, due to the votes and re-election can't against forces strong National Rifle Association and supporters and the like , the similar tragedy will happen anytime, anywhere.So, the gun control is imminent to American.

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