

Dayton and El Paso shift focus to gun control and racism

Two mass shootings within 24 hours put the nation's focus back onto gun control and, given the alleged anti-immigrant views of a shooter in Texas, elevate the issue of the dangers of **hate speech**.

hate speech 仇恨言论

Police on Saturday arrested a 21-year-old Texas man suspected of opening fire with an **assault rifle** at a Walmart store in El Paso, Texas, killing at least 20 people. The suspect allegedly drove hundreds of miles from his home near Dallas to carry out the attack in the heavily **Hispanic** city on the U.S.-Mexican border.

Assault rifle 突击步枪

Hispanic 西班牙的

Less than 24 hours after the El Paso shooting, a gunman in **body armor** and armed with at least 100 rounds of **ammunition** killed nine people and injured dozens of others in a popular **nightlife** district of Dayton, Ohio, police there said. The suspect, who was killed, was identified Sunday as a man in his 20s, Connor Betts of the nearby town of Bellbrook, Ohio. No motive was publicly identified.

body armor 防弹衣

ammunition 弹药, 军火

nightlife 夜生活

In his first on-camera response to the killings, which left about 30 people dead, President Donald Trump said, "hate has no place in our country and we're going to take care of it." Of gun violence, he said, "this has been going on for years."

The Department of Justice is treating the case as domestic **terrorism**, spokeswoman Kerri Kupec said on Twitter. A **conviction** could entail the death penalty.

terrorism 恐怖主义

conviction 定罪