

What factors explain support for gun control in the United States?

INTRODUCTION:

The gun control referee to make laws to ensure that the guns will not be easily reachable by the wrong hands , so what factors explain support for gun control , this question can be answered by two approaches , the first one is to search for the direct relationship between a factor and the support of gun control, the second approach is to search for the factor drive the people for gun culture and the opposite of this will be a factor for support gun control policy. An example for the first approach is, the political party affiliation of US president and the support for gun control movement. An example for the second approach is, if the increase of the mass shooting drives the people to support the gun culture, therefor, the decrease of the mass shooting can be a factor that's drive the people to gun control.

LITERATURE AND THEORY:

There are many factors can be searched to know the motive for supporting gun control policy, however in this research the four will be on four main factors, the first two factors can be driven by using the second approach, and the last two follow the first approach

1.Mass shooting and gun control policy

The definition of mass murderers MM can give us an idea on what mass shooting means, MM can be defined according to FBI the person who kill at least four in single location (Kristin Goss and Philip J. Cook, 2014) , the studies shows “an increase in these incidents over the last few decades and again over the last five to ten years” (Gabor, 2016) , so is the increase of mass shooting can lead support gun control policy? , according to (Luca et al., 2016)Mass shootings account for a small fraction of gun deaths in the United States, but have a significant impact on gun policy”.

2.Number of State Gun Laws and gun control

In his book In defense of gun control ,(LaFollette, 2018)argue that , when the liquor prohibited , there was an increase of the consumption of the liqueur so is the same relationship applicable the gun control policy .

3. political party affiliation of US president and legislative authority's vs the support for gun control

A recherche made by (Statista Research Department, 2020) shows that the gun ownership by Republicans significantly higher than the Democrats, so the question is, if the affiliation of US president and legislative authorities can be an indication on how the public opinion will toward the gun control policy .

4. The demographics of gun ownership and gun control policy

A recherche made by (pew research center, 2017) shows that the gun ownership most common among men, whites, this research will look to the relationship between the demographics and supporting gun control policy.

DATA AND METHODOLOGY

The main dataset was The General Social Surveys, 1972-2016, however the survey shows only the data from 2006 and the response for only 7 question, this dataset will not be sufficient to investigate the different factors mentioned in the literature, therefore, I will be using different sources as well, namely: *State firearm laws dataset* (<https://www.statefirearmlaws.org/national-data>) The demographics of gun ownership by pew * Gun Violence Data by Kaggle (<https://www.kaggle.com/jameslko/gun-violence-data>) * Gun violence database, and Stanford Mass Shootings in America (MSA) by Kaggle (<https://www.kaggle.com/carlosparadis/stanford-msa>)

EXPECTATIONS AND LIMITATIONS

Expectations

I expect that there will be a strong casualty between the Number of State Gun Laws and gun control as well as the mass shooting and the demographics factors, however the casualty between the affiliation of US president and legislative authority's will not be that strong.

Limitations

- The research looking for factors which effect a human behavior and due to the stochastic trend in human behavior the result will not be conclusive
- gun control is a wild umbrella which covers a range of aspects so to deal with it as a one, will be a limitation.

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