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Part D

Brainstorming Solutions

1. Strengthen Gun Laws
2. Improving Security In Schools.
3. Cut Down On Violence In The Media
4. Initiating Effective Emergency Planning
5. Mental Health Support For At Risk Individuals

There have been a massive amount of school shootings that have happened worldwide; there hasn't been much change to prevent a shooting from happening. There should be steps taken to be knowledgeable of these risks, what to do if there is a school shooter, and solutions that will stop this from happening. One solution that could be used is to **“strengthen gun laws”**. There should be a massive restriction to the use of guns in our country. The fact that they are easily accessible makes it easier for the suspect to target these schools. Strengthening gun laws would benefit everyone; not just students because there are also a massive amount of shooting everywhere else. These gun laws would take guns out of the hands of people who don't need it. In order to get a gun i believe that people must prove that they are mentally stable, and you cant be charged with any type of murder or felony. “Any one instance of denying a gun to such a person is more likely to prevent a violent crime with a gun”(Kleck, 2019). Guns shouldn't be easily accessible; there should be many tests, training and certifications. There shouldn't be any internet purchases through the dark web for guns. Also, in order to own a gun you must get a training certificate. Another solution would be **“improving security in the schools”**. Many schools already have security personnel in there but many schools on the east coast don't. By having security in schools we are reducing the risks of having a possible armed shooter in the facility/building. The security personnel will be able to pat everyone down, put all their belongings in a box and scan it through an x-ray machine. All students will go through a millimeter wave scanner/ backscatter x-ray scanner to make sure the students are free of armed equipment before entering the school. Security will also be able to monitor the school through the cameras and make sure there is no suspicious activity going on throughout the school hours. "I think schools should have security entrances with armed guards and metal detectors similar to courthouses and airports,"(Saidi, 2019).  It's extremely sad that we have to use metal detectors now but it is the safe thing to do because of the rise in mass school shootings. To add to our improvement in security, **“cut down on violence in the media”.** A lot of violence stems from what people see on the media whether it be tv, twitter or youtube. “Many entertainment companies/industries to glorify weapons and killings”(Saidi, 2019). The only way to stop this influence from the media is to ban the abuse of weapons in the media and entertainment industries. A great solution could also be **“initiating effective emergency planning”.** Schools should have a plan incase a school shooting happens as to what students and staff do. There should also be a risk assessment test for all students and staff as a requirement. “At risk individuals should be able to speak to someone about their mental health; schools should offer counselors and therapists”(Saidi, 2019). Many people who have been suspected of gun violence have suffered a mental illness. “Experts recommended a range of prevention policies including universal background checks for gun purchasers, a ban on military-style assault weapons and high-capacity ammunition magazines, and a crackdown on gun trafficking, through increased enforcement and penalties and loosened evidentiary standards for prosecuting individuals charged with illegal gun sales”(Swanson, 2015). As stated above everyone should get a background check before purchasing a gun. There also should be some type of documentation stating the person with the gun isn't mentally ill.

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