

Part 1

- The website Tug Of War is a tool that invites audience to learn more about gun violence/ gun control. The goal of this website is to encourage people on the two sides to find common ground and start to have conversations about gun control to explore solutions.
- Users will be reading four interviews/stories related to gun violence from the NPR “This American Life” podcast hosted by Ira Glass. The key is to allow them to explore different perspectives regarding the issue of gun control. By presenting those four stories, I hope my audience can reflect on the reasoning/ experience behind people’s different standpoints
- This website used tug of war as a metaphor to story-tell the debate between the pro-gun side and the anti-gun side. Audience will be able to read through four very different stories/interviews, and the most engaging part is for audience to learn about the personal stories that lead to their perspectives. The four interviews is like four rounds in a tug of war, and the audience is given a chance be the “final judge” and contemplate about this issue independently. Besides using animation to make interaction more interesting, I also edited all the background image in photoshop, used high contrast colors and also created hierarchical typography to visually engage user as well.
- My target audience is everyone who wants to learn more about gun control, especially those who don’t have much knowledge in this field and those who are holding extreme opinions about this problem.

Part 2

- Reading content scrolling
 - Scroll down to read the interview content and see more of the conversations on pages: Fists and Guns / Police and Shooter / Potato Potahto / NRA vs. NEA.
- Side bar and button
 - side bar on the right will show users their current location in their navigation process. On pages Fists and Guns / Police and Shooter / Potato Potahto / NRA vs. NEA, users can access other pages in the middle of the reading by hovering over the lines in the side bar and click on text buttons popped up.
- Top navigation bar and buttons
 - On all pages, top navigation bar will always displayed on top throughout the reading. Click at “Tug of war” or “about” at any time to go to those two pages.
- Bottom navigation bar and buttons
 - On all web pages, bottom navigation bar will show up at the end of the reading. Click at the topic texts to access pages: Fists and Guns / Police and Shooter / Potato Potahto / NRA vs. NEA

Part 3

- Animation: ScrollReveal.js

- I chose to apply ScrollReveal as I want to make the transition between each section smoother when users read through the stories. At the same time, I also don't want to overwhelm users with a lot of texts at once, so doing a small animation once users scroll down can help them break the reading into chunks.
- Most of the animation is done through the `sr.reveal()` function. I also customized the distance, opacity, duration and delay of different objects to give them different visual feelings.
- ScrollReveal gives the website smoother transition between pages and sections. It also creates more engaging interaction and more feedback when users scroll down the web pages.
- Responsive: Bootstrap.js
 - I used Bootstrap.js to make the website responsive. I chose it because it's easy and simple to apply, and at the same time it also helps me to keep my style sheet cleaner.
 - I mainly used the class names like `col-sm-4` for my div to make the website responsive. At the same time, I also used the `navigation-default` and `navigation-fixed-top` for the navigation bar and later customized the style by assigning them different ids.
 - Bootstrap.js allows me to make the website responsive when users browse my website on different devices.

Part 4

I adjusted the font size to 14px instead of 12px to make my content more readable. I also added a hover feature for the side bar so that users not only can see their current location in the navigation process, but can also hover and click to go to other pages any time during their reading.

Part 5

I was challenged to customize and building my own style after applying Bootstrap.js. To solve this problem, I later used the resource from <https://getbootstrap.com/docs/3.3/css/#overview> to find the exact class name and override the original style.