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**Should there be more laws on Guns?**

**Conclusion:**

There should be stricter laws against gun.

**Premises**:

* 464,033 guns deaths in between 1999 and 2013: 270,237 suicides, 174,773 homicides, 9983 unintentional deaths. [3]
* Firearms were 12th leading cause of all deaths (other are liver disease, hypertension, Parkinson’s disease…) [3]
* About 200 Americans go to emergency rooms every day with gunshot wounds. [4]
* Implementing federal universal background checks could reduce firearm deaths by a projected 56.9%; background checks for ammunition purchases could reduce deaths by a projected 80.7%; and gun identification requirements could reduce deaths by a projected 82.5%. [2]
* High-capacity magazines were used in at least 50% of the 62 mass shootings between 1982 and 2012. [5]
* More gun control laws are needed to protect women from domestic abusers and stalkers. Five women are murdered with guns every day in the United States. [1]
* According to a Feb. 20, 2018 Quinnipiac Poll, 97% of American voters and 97% of gun owners support universal background checks. 67% support a nationwide ban on assault weapons, and 83% support mandatory waiting periods for gun purchases. [7]
* Florida School Shooting:
* At least 17 people were killed, including 14 students and three adults who worked at the school.
* At least 15 others were injured.
* <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/florida-shooting-marjory-stoneman-douglas-high-school-today-2018-02-14/>

**Refutation:**

* Gun control laws such as background checks and micro-stamping are an invasion of privacy.
* Gun control laws give too much power to the government and may result in government tyranny and the government taking away all guns from citizens.
* Gun control laws will not prevent criminals from obtaining guns or breaking laws.
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**Though provoking questions**

• Guns were initially broadly used to protect each other from danger such as invaders, bandits, robbers, etc.… How come in this peaceful days, people are still using guns and why are we harming ourselves with guns?

• There are people saying that we need guns for self-defense, is there any other ways instead?

• What would happen if we ban guns entirely among civilians?

• There are countries where guns aren’t popular among people such as Japan, Australia, and the U.K which greatly reduced gun-death rate. Despite that, the crime rate in those countries aren’t high. The reason for that is because their governments use stricter laws against guns such as gun banning, putting citizens through a rigorous set of tests, etc.… Can such successful methods be applied to the U.S.?

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