

## On the Screen

*Bowling for Columbine* from 2002 might be the best documentary that shows America's complicated love affair with guns. The Oscar-winner, directed by Michael Moore, explores the causes of gun violence in the USA and attempts to find ways to stunt it. The title refers to the 1999 massacre at Columbine High School. Moore is often inflammatory, but his arguments pack a powerful punch. //

s to be gunned down | zostać zastrzelonym

measure | środek

prayer | modlitwa

countless | niezliczony

advocate of sth | zwolennik czegoś

all-out | całkowity

common-sense | zdroworozsądkowy

actually | w rzeczywistości, naprawdę

high-capacity | o dużej pojemności

overkill | przesada

background check | kontrola środowiskowa

mandatory waiting period | obowiązkowy okres

oczekiwania

gun purchase | nabycie broni

to arouse controversy | wzbudzać kontrowersje

breaking point | granica wytrzymałości

to have a quarrel | kłócić się

physical | fizyczny

altercation | sprzeczka

instantly | natychmiast

to skyrocket | szybko

wzrastac

drunken | pijacki

brawl | bój

awantura, burda

to witness sth |

być świadkiem czegoś

feud | spór, kłótnia, waśń

involved | zaangażowany, włączony w coś

to wrestle over sth | borykać się z czymś, walczyć

o coś

politising | dzieleny (np. ludzi)

common ground | wspólny język, wspólna

plaszczyna

to back up sth | tu: popierać

coś

to differ | różnić się

to please sb | zadawać komuś

dubious | wątpliwy

to showcase sth | przedstawiać, pokazywać coś

love affair with sth | romans z czymś

attempt | próba

inflammatory | tu: podburzający

to pack a punch | pot. mieć siłę, dawać do myślenia

## Wrestling Over Weapons

-David  
involved in a riskier situation."

"We're all human, and we all have our breaking point. Imagine having a quarrel or dispute with someone, and imagine it turning into a physical altercation. What happens if one of you has a gun? The chances of somebody getting seriously hurt or killed instantly skyrocket. Think of all the drunken brawls you've witnessed, or any family feud you've had to sit through. Everyone says they want a gun at home for protection, but these are the exact scenarios that put everyone involved in a riskier situation."

-Louise

much controversy."

have broad support and aren't arousing waiting periods for gun purchases also universal background checks and mandatory a soldier is overkill. Implementing uni-thing, but walking around equipped like capacity magazines. Self-defence is one port prohibiting assault rifles and high-it or not, most gun owners actually support making the public at large safer. Believe of common-sense steps that we can take calling for an all-out ban. There are plenty "Most advocates of gun control aren't

-Oliver

lives will continue to senselessly be lost."

to these destructive weapons, countless cutting it. As long as people have access to the victims of these tragedies just isn't guns? Sending our thoughts and prayers after if no legal measures are taken against Can we honestly expect things to get bet-later, 58 lives were taken in Las Vegas. 2016, 49 were killed in Orlando. A year gunned down in Virginia in 2007. In of modern life. Thirty-two people were shootings are becoming a normal part

sounds dubious.

kind of solution that pleases everybody from country to country, so finding any arguments over gun ownership differ in today's world speaks for itself. The opponents believe the violence we see turn to history to back up their views, but seems unlikely. Supporters of guns often find some common ground anytime soon rising issue, and having opposing sides Gun ownership is an extremely pola-

