

The Reality of Gun Violence in the United States

The Problem of Gun Violence in the United States

- Every day in America, **318 people are shot – 46 of those are children and teens**. For the survivors, the mental and physical scars of being shot will be with them for the rest of their lives, and the cost for initial gunshot wound hospitalizations nationally averages more than \$700 million annually.
- **Nearly 2/3 of gun deaths are self-inflicted**, and guns are both the most common means and most fatal method of suicide – 85% of suicide attempts with a gun result in death. Most victims of suicide attempt by gun never get a second chance.
- A woman is shot and killed by a current or former partner approximately **every 16 hours**. Like many other aspects of gun violence, this is a problem exacerbated by easy access to guns in America – **women in the United States are 11 times more likely to be murdered with a gun** compared to those living in other comparable high-income nations.
- Despite **more than 90% of Americans across the political spectrum agreeing** that a background check should be conducted for every gun sale, a least one in five guns are sold without a background check.
 - About half of all Americans still live in states that have not expanded background checks to at least some private sales.
- Approximately **1.7 million children live in homes with unlocked, loaded guns**, leading to tragic accidental, unintentional or self-inflicted shootings, particularly of youth.
- Only **5%** of gun dealers sell about **90%** of the crime guns recovered in America.

The Brady Campaign & Center to Prevent Gun Violence

- Press Secretary Jim Brady and his wife Sarah engaged in a pursuit to keep guns out of dangerous hands when they worked tirelessly to pass the “Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act” in 1993 after 6 years and 7 votes in Congress.
- Brady’s clear plan is focused on the implementation of three impact-driven campaigns, each with clear goals and return on investment for Brady supporters:
 - **Enact Brady Three Point Plan:** Expand background checks, ban assault weapons, enact ERPO extreme risk laws
 - **Stop the flow of crime guns into impacted areas** by stopping the 5% of gun dealers that sell 90% of crime guns: Drastically reduce urban gun deaths by putting the worst gun dealers out of the business and stemming the flow illegal guns into our cities and streets.
 - **Home safety – changing social norms:** Educate the public about the real risks of gun ownership and correct the misconception that keeping a gun at home makes you safer. This will result in a significant reduction of gun deaths to suicide, unintentional shootings, domestic violence, and school shootings.

How to Get Involved & Make a Difference Today

Become a champion of The Brady Campaign & Center to Prevent Gun Violence and our critical mission to strengthen our nation's gun safety laws, stem the flow of crime guns into our cities, and change the conversation about gun safety in America so we can dramatically reduce gun violence.

- **Text "ENOUGH" to 877-877** and follow the prompts. This will capture your residence information, so we can reach out to you when there's an action to take on upcoming legislation or an event in your area.
- Follow **@Bradybuzz** on Instagram and Twitter and **Brady Campaign** on Snapchat and Facebook to keep update on the latest Brady events!
- Become involved in grassroots activism locally with other gun violence prevention supporters in your area by **joining a regional chapter of the Brady Campaign**. To do this, please visit www.bradycampaign.org/chapters.

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