# Stop Gun Violence: Step 5: Read the Proposals and Listen to the Speeches

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# 5.1. Introduction to Step 5: Read Proposals and Listen to Speeches

In Step 5, the objective is to gain a broad understanding of the different types of proposals for stopping the gun violence crisis and then to rate each of these proposals. Based on your rating, you will then choose one or more proposals to research in more depth in Step 6.

### 5.2. Step 5 Questions

What are some of the most important national proposals for stopping gun violence?

How would these proposals enhance protective factors and reduce risk factors?

# 5.3. Step 5 Democratic and Academic Competencies

**Analyze Persuasive Proposals and Speeches** 



- Analyze the proposals and how they are organized.
- Analyze the evidence that supports the proposals.
- Analyze whether the proposals address potential criticisms.
- Analyze the action steps advocated.

### **Analyze Risk and Protective Factors**



- Analyze how the different proposals enhance the protective factors related to gun violence.
- Analyze how the different proposals reduce the risk factors related to gun violence.

# 5.4. Gun Control and Gun Safety Vocabulary

# 5.5. Introduction to Risk and Protective Factors

One way to evaluate violence prevention proposals is through an analysis of the risk and protective factors related to each proposal. In Lift Every Voice, the fifth type of Social and Ecological Awareness is to be aware of the risk factors in one's life and the corresponding protective factors.

Risk Factors (Healthy Influences) can include biological, psychological, family, community, or societal factors that put an individual at risk for negative outcomes. At the community and societal levels, risks factors can include: income inequality, poverty, individual and institutional discrimination, violence, drug and substance

abuse, low levels of literacy or academic achievement, and global warming.

Protective Factors (Healthy Influences) are those persons and institutions in society that promote healthy social development.

The general public health strategy for improving health is to increase the protective factors in one's life and to reduce the risk factors. So, as you read the proposals below, try to evaluate whether and how they increase protective factors and reduce risk factors.

# 5.6. Read Proposals and Listen to Speeches

You might want to review the Gun Violence Prevention Terms in Step 1 before reviewing these national gun violence prevention/safety proposals. School of the four sets of proposals below and then click on them to review videos, articles, and speeches advocating those specific proposals.

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Stop Gun Violence Proposals #1: The Brady Campaign: 12 Point Plan

### BRADY'S COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH

- Expand background checks to all gun sales and transfers with very narrow exceptions
- 2. Expand the categories of persons prohibited from purchasing guns
- 3. Prevent access to assault weapons and high capacity magazines
- 4. Ban accessories like bumpstocks which enhance lethality
- 5. Outlaw the manufacture of ghost guns and 3-D printed guns
- 6. Provide grants to encourage passing extreme risk laws
- 7. Fully fund gun violence research at the CDC
- Fund local community based
   programs to break the cycle of gun
   violence in urban areas
- Promote safe storage and responsible gun ownership
- 10. Repeal PLCAA
- Hold the ATF accountable for meaningful gun industry oversight
- 12. Eliminate Tiahrt

### Stop Gun Violence Proposals #2: March for Our Lives: Peace Plan



## Stop Gun Violence Proposals #3: Black Lives Matter: Seven Demands

- 1. 1. Convict and ban Trump from future political office.
- 2. 2. Expel Republican members of Congress who attempted to overturn the election and incited the white supremacist attack.
- 3. 3. Launch a full investigation into the ties between white supremacy, the Capitol Police, law enforcement, and the military.
- 4. 4. Permanently ban Trump from all digital media platforms.
- 5. 5. Defund the police.

- 6. 6. Don't let the coup be uses as an excuse to crack down on our movement.
- 7. 7. Pass the BREATHE Act.

# Stop Gun Violence Proposals #4: Giffords Center Proposals

#### 1. BACKGROUND CHECKS

- Universal Background Checks
- NICS & Reporting Procedures
- Background Check Procedures
- Mental Health Reporting
- Interstate & Online Gun Sales

#### 2. WHO CAN HAVE A GUN

- Firearm Prohibitions
- Domestic Violence & Firearms
- Extreme Risk Protection Orders
- Terrorist Watchlist
- Minimum Age
- Firearm Relinquishment

#### 3. GUN SALES

- Gun Dealers
- Maintaining Records
- Waiting Periods
- Gun Shows

#### 4. OWNER RESPONSIBILITIES

- Licensing
- Registration
- Reporting Lost & Stolen Guns

#### 5. CHILD & CONSUMER SAFETY

- Child Access Prevention
- Safe Storage
- Smart Guns
- Design Safety Standards
- Non-powder & Toy Guns

#### 6. GUNS IN PUBLIC

- Concealed Carry
- Open Carry
- Stand Your Ground
- Guns in Schools
- Location Restrictions

#### 7. HARDWARE & AMMUNITION

- Assault Weapons
- Large Capacity Magazines
- Ammunition Regulation
- Ghost Guns
- Machine Guns & 50 Caliber
- Silencers

#### 8. CRIME GUNS

- Trafficking & Straw Purchasing
- Bulk Gun Purchases
- Microstamping & Ballistics

#### 9. OWNER RESPONSIBILITIES

- Licensing
- Registration
- Reporting Lost & Stolen Guns

# Stop Gun Violence Proposals #5: National Rifle Association Opposition to Gun

### Safety Proposals

The National Rifle Association Opposes Most Proposals for Stopping Gun Violence, including:

- Supports Arming Teachers
- Opposes a Ban on Assault Weapons and Magazines
- Opposes Background Checks
- Opposes Waiting Periods
- Opposes Emergency Risk Protection Orders (ERPOs)
- Opposes Licensing Gun Owners

# Stop Gun Violence Proposals #6: United States Congress Proposed Legislation

The following are legislative proposals (not yet submitted) or bills (introduced and/or approved) that advocate different ways to stop, reduce, and prevent gun violence in our country.

#### Legislative Proposal/Bill #1: Require License to Purchase and Own a Gun

Shall the U.S. Congress introduce and pass a Bill to require a license to purchase and own a firearm.

### Legislative Proposal/Bill #2: Establish Universal Background Checks

Shall the U.S. Congress pass a Bill to require universal background checks for all firearms purchases. (HR 1446 (passed), HR 8 (passed), HR 1006, HR 125)

### Legislative Proposal/Bill #3: Ban Assault Weapons and Large Capacity Magazines

Shall the U.S. Congress introduce and pass a Bill to ban all assault weapons (semi-automatic pistols and rifles). (S.736)

### Legislative Proposal/Bill #4: Establish Categories of Prohibited People

Shall the U.S. Congress pass a Bill to restrain people with misdemeanors and firearm restraining orders from possessing firearms.

### Legislative Proposal/Bill #5: Establish Extreme Risk Protection Orders (Red Flag)

Shall the U.S. Congress pass a Bill that provides for the removal of firearms from persons dangerous to themselves and others. (S.292)

### Legislative Proposal/Bill #6: Require Permit for Concealed Carry and Open Carry

Shall the U.S. Congress introduce and pass a Bill to require a permit for concealed carry and open carry of a firearm.

### Legislative Proposal/Bill #7: Research Gun Violence Prevention

Shall the U.S. Congress pass a Bill to provide funding to research the causes of gun violence. (HR 825, HR 1576, S.281)

### Legislative Proposal/Bill #8: Fund Community-Based Violence Prevention Programs

Shall the U.S. Congress introduce and pass a Bill to provide funding for comprehensive, community-based violence prevention programs. (HR 1111, HR 8)

### Legislative Proposal/Bill #9: Implement the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act

Shall the U.S. Congress introduce and pass a Bill to hold police accountable, end racial profiling, change the culture of law enforcement, and build trust between law enforcement and our communities. (HR 1280)

#### Legislative Proposal/Bill #10: Reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act

Shall the U.S. Congress introduce and pass a Bill to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act. (HR 736, passed House)

# President Biden's Executive Actions on April 7, 2021



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### FACT SHEET: Biden-Harris Administration Announces Initial Actions to Address the Gun Violence Public Health Epidemic

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# Six Initial Executive Actions to Address the Gun Violence Epidemic

- 1. The Justice Department, within 30 days, will issue a proposed rule to help stop the proliferation of "ghost guns".
- 2. The Justice Department, within 60 days, will issue a proposed rule to make clear when a device marketed as a stabilizing brace effectively turns a pistol into a short-barreled rifle subject to the requirements of the National Firearms Act.
- 3. The Justice Department, within 60 days, will publish model "red flag" legislation for states.
- 4. The Administration is investing in evidence-based community violence interventions.
- 5. The Justice Department will issue an annual report on firearms trafficking.
- 6. The President will nominate David Chipman to serve as Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms.

Click here to read the whole text. "Biden Seeks Assault Weapons Ban and Background Checks" (NYT, March 23, 2021)

# 5.7. Rate the National Legislative Proposals

After reading the proposals and listening to the speeches click on Survey Monkey below to rate each of the proposals. Remember to evaluate them on how they increase protective factors and decrease risk factors.

Create your own user feedback survey

# 5.8. Review Stop Gun Violence Vocabulary

### 5.9. Vocabulary Self-Assessment

Click on the button below to take the vocabulary quiz. In this quiz, you match the term or word with its definition. You can take the quiz as many times as you want. The purpose here is for you to self-assess whether you have gotten a good understanding of the content vocabulary for this minicourse.

Start Quiz

### 5.10. Next Steps

In this fifth step, the objective is to review a broad range of Stop Gun Violence proposals. This can include proposals not presented by the advocates reviewed in this step. After reviewing all the proposals, in Step 6, you will research one or more proposals and then develop, write, present, and advocate your proposal.

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