

Guns in America -Should They Really Be Allowed?

By Lauren S, Charlotte G, Janet A and Ilana B.

All guns have been illegal in the United Kingdom since 1996, which is also the case for many other countries. However, it is known to most that North and South America have chosen to allow people to purchase guns; due to many recent school shootings, the American population have been demanding gun control. Should these dangerous weapons really be legal?

Shootings have been a problem in America for many years, yet it is only now that the topic has been thoroughly talked about. There have already been several shootings this year, leaving families and friends of the victims devastated. After one of the multiple incidents – which took place in Florida – the public decided to take a stand. On Saturday 24th March, hundreds of thousands of people gathered in Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington D.C. for the ‘March For Our Lives’ event – a student – led protest for gun control. Many celebrities supported the cause, and even attended, such as Chris Evans, Kim Kardashian, Chadwick Boseman and Zendaya. “Guns are needed in some jobs, like the police department and security officers, yet overall, it’s not worth the trouble that they cause.” says Mr Crisi, a member of staff at Hollingworth Academy.

In America, there has been an average of one school shooting per week since January. The following are shootings that’ve occurred over the course of 2018.

20th Jan, North Carolina – Najee Ali Baker was shot to death at a party at Wake Forest University.

22nd Jan, Texas – A student age 15 was severely injured in a high school shooting – the suspect was also 15.

23rd Jan, Kentucky – A 15-year-old student at Marshall County High School shot 16 people and killed 2 other 15-year olds.

31st Jan, Philadelphia – A fight led to a shooting in Lincoln High School’s parking lot, fatally wounding a 32-year-old man.

1st Feb, Los Angeles – A 15-year-old boy and girl were shot in the head and wrist, while two others were grazed by bullets, at Sal Castro Middle School by a 12-year-old girl.

5th Feb, Maryland – A high school student was shot in the parking lot of Oxon Hill High.

9th Feb, Nashville – At Pearl-Cohn High School, a student was shot 5 times.

14th Feb, Florida – 17 people were killed by a 19-year-old student (Nikolas Cruz) at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.

24th Feb, Georgia – A person was shot on the campus of Savannah State University, and later died in hospital.

27th Feb, Mississippi- Someone was shot at Mississippi Valley State School.

27th Feb, Virginia- A student at Norfolk State University was shot.

2nd Mar, Michigan- Two people were shot dead at Central Michigan University.

7th Mar, Mississippi- A Jackson State University student was shot.

7th Mar, Alabama- One student was killed, and another critically injured at Huffman High School.

8th Mar, Alabama- Somebody was hospitalised after being shot at the University of South Alabama.

13th Mar, California- A student was accidentally shot at Seaside High School during a public safety class.

20th Mar, Maryland- At Great Mills High School, an armed student shot two others until a school resource officer fired at the shooter, who was killed. One of the students that were shot was taken off life support two days later.

Nobody in America wants another one of these events to happen again, so they stand and fight for what they want – for guns to not harm anybody again – and hopefully, they will win this debate.