

# Women Against Gun Violence

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## Guns and The Arts

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► Movie producer **Harvey Weinstein** [is working on a new film taking on the NRA and has pledged to choose projects that "aren't violent or as violent as they used to be."](#) He added, "You have to look in the mirror, too. The change starts here, it has already."

► **Memphis College of Art students' Gun Down Anti-Violence Campaign.** The young artists took the community's stories and put them on canvas so "people can see that youth aren't standing for violence in their community."



► Academy Award winner **Steven Soderbergh** will stage *The Library* at NY Public Theater. "The *Library* is about one of the most disturbing and important issues of our times - gun violence. The theater, like our nation, needs to deal with this."

► Monologist **Mike Daisey's new production *Story of the Gun*** looks at the political and emotional issue of gun control. "Talking about the issue and reflecting on the power of this tool is what will help us be better in the future."

► Actor **Sean Penn** turns his 65 guns into a sculpture by **Jeff Koons** saying "a strong woman who happens to be from South Africa" changed his mind about owning guns.



## In The News

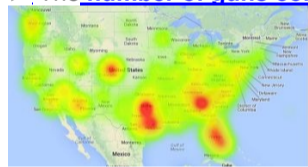
► In a new study in the *Annals of Internal Medicine*, **Accessibility of Firearms & Risk for Suicide & Homicide Victimization Among Household Members**, Andrew Anglemeyer, et al, found a heightened risk of dying from suicide and murder for those who own or have access to a gun. **People who lived in homes with firearms were between two and three times more likely to die from either cause** compared to those who didn't live with a gun.

► **Morristown, NJ joins the growing list of towns pledging to review police gun purchase policies.** *New Jersey Together* says that tax-funded military and police agencies buy 40 percent of guns sold in America and should use their clout with gun makers to push for reforms.

► **Procedural error ends recall effort against Idaho school board chairman who proposed to arm school staff.** "The recall galvanized opponents of armed school staff and helped demonstrate the level of community opposition to the proposal."

► MSNBC Reports, **Guns + Impulsive Teenagers = Tragedy.** What the gun lobby doesn't tell you - and the statistics do - is that **most gun owners are not the heroes of their own stories: they are the victims.**

► The **number of guns confiscated at U.S. airports jumped 20% in 2013** to 1,828, with Atlanta airport leading the way. Five guns were seized on the average day across the nation's airports.



► **Keeping public buildings free of guns proves too costly for Kansas towns.** A new state law allows communities to ban guns at city halls, libraries, etc. as long as local governments pay for metal detectors and security guards to keep guns out.

► Mother Jones report, **How Reddit became a gun market - and authorized its logo on assault rifles.** Since 2011, part of the popular online forum has grown into an active marketplace for assault rifles, high-capacity magazines, and other powerful firearms.

## Community Support

► **Alison Knopf**, Behavioral Healthcare, **A Portrait of Adam Lanza: Gun Control & Mental Health System at a Crossroads.** The bottom line: access to guns doesn't go with severe mental illness, and people with mental illness need a lot better access to treatment than they are getting now.

► **The Arizona Republic**, Our View, **Mervin Brewer should have left cops and robbers to the cops.** A trained police force is best protection against crime, not a shoot-out in the mall parking lot. Police officers are trained to assess and de-escalate dangerous situations, not shoot first and figure things out later.

► **Rob Ryan**, Gainesville Sun, **Why are we bringing guns to movie theaters?** Are we collectively so afraid to do something so simple and innocuous as going to the movies now that we need to start packing heat? And if so, what does that say about us?

► **Tim Phillips**, Salon.com, **Can neuroscience help settle the gun control debate?** New scientific studies show sacred values play a role in driving human behavior, indicating that communicating about the differences in value systems may be the key to resolving the gun debate.

► **David Warsinger**, MIT The Tech, **A bipartisan solution to gun violence - better bullets.** Emerging technologies could save lives and transform the debate. Bullets that are less lethal but that have more stopping power can reduce gun violence while pleasing gun owners, safety advocates, and even the NRA.

## What the Gun Lobby is Doing

► **The NRA is directly behind a bill loosening Florida's "Stand Your Ground" law.** The bill, which would permit gun owners to brandish a gun or fire warning shots, was written by Marion Hammer, a former NRA president.

► **NRA settles with Rhode Island Board of Elections for \$63,000.** The NRA violated state law when it funded its Rhode Island PAC from its federal PAC.

► Media Matters, **5 things to know about the gun industry's annual trade show.** # 5 - No personal guns allowed. Personal firearms are explicitly prohibited on SHOT Show exhibition premises.

► Media Matters, **NRA News promotes dubious acts of self-defense to advance false gun violence narrative.** The daily segment pushes the false claim that guns are more likely to be used in self-defense than to commit a crime.

## Blogs

Baldr Odinson, Ceasefire Oregon, [Mikhail Kalashnikov, Inventor of the AK-47 Assault Rifle, Regretted it on his Deathbed](#)

Josh Sugarmann, Violence Policy Center, [Gun Industry Hawks Militarized Products at Vegas SHOT Show](#)

Protest Easy Guns, [A History Lesson](#)

Armed With Reason, [Debunking the Five Most Important Myths About Gun Control](#)

Joan Peterson, Common GunSense, [What's That Smell and Other Gun Tales](#)

Cathie Whittenburg, [Oh Shoot Blog](#), Kentucky state representative unintentionally fires gun in Capitol building

## Advocacy



► **Connecticut Against Gun Violence, Newtown Action Alliance and the Campaign to Unload** [protest the SHOT Show outside NSSF's headquarters.](#)

► **New Yorkers Against Gun Violence** announces its agenda for 2014 including [working for a strong Child Access Prevention law.](#)

► Linda McFadyen-Ketchum, **Moms Demand Action**, [Supreme Court must protect victims of domestic violence](#)

► Vincent DeMarco, **Marylanders to Prevent Gun Violence**, [Maryland gun law is saving lives.](#)



► **Delaware Coalition Against Gun Violence** holds a press conference to [urge passage of HB88](#), a bill to require mental health providers to report dangerous patients.

► **Texas Gun Sense** applauds Travis County Commissioners decision to [not allow gun shows that don't require every participant to have a valid gun license.](#)

► **Cabby Giffords**, **Americans for Responsible Solutions**, Our fight for stronger gun laws is a lot like my rehab. [Every day, we must wake up resolved and determined.](#) Every day we will recruit a few more allies, talk to a few more elected officials, convince a few more voters.

► **CeaseFirePA**, students and faculty urge PA State System of Higher Education to [implement a ban on guns on campuses.](#)



► **Protect Minnesota** held its [3rd Annual Remembrance of Life Ceremony](#) to honor those killed by gun violence.

## Worst of the Week

34-year-old Spanish Fork, Utah police officer Joshua Boren [shot and killed his 7-year-old son, 5-year-old daughter and wife](#) before turning the gun on himself. Co-workers say Boren appeared upbeat and didn't show signs of distress before the killings. The deaths came just days after 32-year-old Kyler Ramsell-Oliva, of Syracuse, Utah, shot and killed her two daughters, ages 13 and 7, before killing herself.