

## In The News

Michael Waldman, [How the NRA rewrote the Second Amendment](#). The Founders never intended to create an unregulated individual right to a gun. Today, millions believe they did. Here's how it happened. (This article is adapted from Waldman's new book *The Second Amendment: A Biography*).



[Democrats push to restart CDC funding for gun violence research](#). New legislation would increase CDC funding from zero dollars to \$10 million. The NRA calls the push "unethical" and an "abuse of taxpayer funds."

[A federal judge upheld Washington D.C.'s tough gun registration laws](#), finding that the regulations crafted in response to the landmark *D.C. v. Heller* Supreme Court decision "pass constitutional scrutiny."

[Spitting, Stalking, Rape Threats: How Gun Extremists Target Women](#). Mark Follman, Mother Jones, explores the dark side of America's war over guns. Also see his follow-up story, [No, the Spitting Attack on a Paralyzed Mom Was Not a Hoax](#).

WMC News, Memphis, Tennessee, [Guns in day care experiment teaches lifelong lessons to both kids and their parents](#). News investigators partnered with a day care owner, police and a local hospital to start a conversation that could save your child's life.



[Why Don't We Know How Many People Are Shot Each Year in America?](#) Doctors and researchers have been advocating for better gun injury data for decades. But fierce political battles over gun violence research has meant that we still don't know basic facts.

[Unfinished receivers, a gun part that is sold separately, lets some people get around laws](#). The metal piece that holds the critical mechanisms that allow guns to fire are unregulated and readily available online, enabling people to build an assault rifle themselves.

Jersey City, NJ is the [first municipality in the nation to require gun companies that supply its police department with weapons to disclose more about their business practices](#). Questions include how firms dispose of old weapons and comply with background check laws.

All In with Chris Hayes, [Guns in America](#). Hayes debates Richard Feldman, a former NRA lobbyist and talks with Michael Waldman, Brennan Center for Justice, about the history of gun laws in America.

## Community Support

Cliff Schecter, The Daily Beast, [How the Gun Nuts Try to Excuse Away the Santa Barbara Slaughter - and Why They're All Wrong](#). As terrible as this was, it could have been much worse if he had been able to buy an assault weapon and high-capacity magazine.

Mark O'Mara, CNN legal analyst, [I'm a gun owner and I want gun control](#). We have a problem with gun violence in this country. I think this much is not in dispute The real debate is this: What do we do about it?

Mark Heisler, Forbes contributor, [America 2014: Waiting to Hear If Your Daughter is Among Victims of Latest Mass Shooting](#). You read these stories all the time. Mass shooting. Community-wide horror. Here's one you don't ever want to have to do: I google "UCSB shooting victims" with our daughter's name.

Tampa Bay Times, Florida, [PunditFact: Gun advocate Larry Pratt says 'smart guns' fail 20 percent of the time. The scientists who conducted that research say Pratt's citation is misapplied](#). Even more, their research is a decade old and they say technology has changed since then.



John Feinblatt, New York Daily News op-ed, [Death rides the Iron Pipeline. Georgia's lax gun laws help criminals here kill](#). All 155 of the weapons recovered recently by the NYPD came from one place: Georgia. 90% of all crime-related guns recovered in NYC come from out of state. From states like Georgia with lax

gun laws.

Matt Grossman, Sunlight Foundation guest author, [Money Can't Buy You The NRA](#). In the history of major policy change it is nearly always a slow, arduous process of internal coalition building between interest groups, legislators and administrators.

Deborah Rogers & Howard Segal, Bangor Daily News, Maine op-ed, [Campus lifestyles, easy access to guns: A cocktail for violence at US colleges](#). The age of onset of some severe psychiatric conditions, turbulent university life, pressure to do well academically and to fit in socially may "trigger" mental illness for the vulnerable.

Qudsia Raja, YWCA USA, [To Keep Women Healthy, We Must Protect Them From Gun Violence](#). If you're a woman in the U.S., you're more likely to die at the hands of a gun than in any other developed nation in the world.

Brandy Zadrozny, [Pediatricians take on the NRA over gun safety](#). Over the past three decades, the American Academy of Pediatrics has been an outspoken voice on the issue of gun control, a position that has landed it on the NRA's list of enemies.

## What the Gun Lobby is Doing

[California Congressional Candidate Sends Pro-Gun Robocall Hours After Deadly Mass Shooting](#). Republican Congressional candidate Tony Strickland, who used to represent Santa Barbara as a state senator, sent hundreds of robocalls touting his endorsement by the NRA one day after the UCSB shooting.

[Open Carry Texas tells its members "to cease taking long arms into corporate businesses unless invited."](#) This comes after incidents at Jack in the Box and Chipotle. For more information about the men who took their assault rifles into a Dallas Chipotle [go here](#).

[Friendly Fire](#). Vivek Murthy, nominee for surgeon general, earned the ire of the NRA, and the NRA scared off the necessary rump of Democrats.

[Fox chief investigative reporter, Emily Miller, fabricates Hillary Clinton quote "Nobody should have guns"](#) and "there's too many guns." In fact, Clinton expressed the opposite sentiment, referencing "the right of people to own guns."

## Blogs

Josh Horwitz, Coalition to Stop Gun Violence, [Families in crisis need tools. A gun violence restraining order could help](#).

Joan Peterson, Common GunSense, [Memorial Day 2014 - Veterans, Soldiers and Guns](#)

Elliot Fineman, National Gun Victims Action Council, [Why Can't a "Law-Abiding Citizen" Carry Ricin?](#)

Protest Easy Guns, [Gunshine State 5.26](#)

Cathie Whittenburg, [Oh Shoot Blog](#), Man shoots gun on his front porch, wounds 8-year-old riding his bicycle nearby

## Advocacy



Nardyne Jeffries talks about the shooting death of her daughter, Brishell, and what gun violence looks like as part of the [Unload Your 401k](#) campaign.

The [first Youth Leadership Summit of Gun Violence Prevention](#), organized by the [Junior Newtown Action Alliance](#), was attended by more than 100 people.

Jeri Bonavia, [Wisconsin Anti-Violence Effort](#), op-ed [Sheriff Clarke, Stop Inciting Violence](#).



Leah Gunn Barrett, [New Yorkers Against Gun Violence](#), [talks to the BBC about 'smart gun' technology](#).

New Jersey [Million Mom March](#) and [Heeding God's Call](#) join the [Brady Campaign](#) to announce [a lawsuit to force New Jersey to enforce the provisions of its 2002 smart gun law](#).

[Moms Deman Action](#) [thanks Chipotle for asking customers to leave their guns at home](#) in quick response to Moms' petition.

[Million Hoodies](#) announces its first-ever [Power Summit in Philadelphia on June 13 and 14](#), a two-day Freedom School for local college students to strategize and design action plans to address gun violence and criminal justice issues in their communities.



[Stop Handgun Violence's](#) 252-foot-long billboard facing the Massachusetts Turnpike at Fenway Park [has to search for a new home](#). The billboard has been there since 1995 but must be moved by next March.

## Worst of the Week

22-year-old Elliot Rodger, of Isla Vista, California, posted his "Day of Retribution" video on YouTube, [e-mailed his parents a 140-page manifesto about his plans for mass murder](#) and suicide and went on a [killing spree that left 6 dead and 13 injured before committing suicide](#). Rodger fatally stabbed three men in his apartment, shot two women to death in front of a sorority house, shot a man to death inside a deli, exchanged gunfire twice with police and shot and injured over a dozen people while he drove from block to block near the University of California, Santa Barbara. The father of one victim told reporters, ["We don't have to live like this. Too many have died. We should say to ourselves, 'Not. One. More.'"](#)