

Iowans for Gun Safety Strict Scrutiny PowerPoint

References and Resources (5-28-21 ver)

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8. Reliable NRA membership statistics are not available. Source:

<https://www.newsweek.com/nra-membership-5-million-members-analysis-842040>

CBS news reports that just under 30% of all American adults own a gun:

www.cbsnews.com/pictures/gun-ownership-rates-by-state/

There are just under 260,000,000 adults in the US:

<https://worldpopulationreview.com/countries/united-states-population>

Thus, about 78,000,000 US adults own a gun. Even if every one of NRA's claimed 5 million members owned a gun, that would account for less than 7% of all US gun owners.

10. One example of a well-known gun lobbyist (Wayne LaPierre, president of NRA) promoting the idea that gun violence is caused by mental illness:

<https://ajph.aphapublications.org/doi/pdfplus/10.2105/AJPH.2014.302242>

11. Only 4% of gun shootings involve mental illness. Source:

Applebaum, PS. Violence and mental disorders: Data and public policy. Am J. Psychiatry 2006;163(8):1319-1321.

12. Gun use in suicides statistics.

Sources:

Miller M, Azrael D, Barber C. Suicide mortality in the United States: The importance of attending to method in understanding population level disparities in the burden of suicide. Review of Public Health. 2012; 33: 393-408.

Miller M, Azrael D, Hemenway D. The epidemiology of case fatality rates for suicide in the northeast. Emergency Medicine. 2004; 43(6): 723-30.

Vyrostek SB, Annest JL, Ryan GW. Surveillance for fatal and nonfatal injuries - United States, 2001. and Mortality Weekly Report. Surveillance Summaries. 2004; 53(7): 1-57.

Owens D, Horrocks J, House A. Fatal and non-fatal repetition of self-harm: Systematic review. Journal of Psychiatry.; 181: 193-199.

13. Source: The Marist Institute for Public Opinion (a survey research center at Marist College), in partnership with National Public Radio and the PBS Newshour, polled 1300+ adults nationwide in September 2019. Methods and results are found at <http://maristpoll.marist.edu/npr-pbs-newshour-marist-poll-results-8/#sthash.0UvLVMMmZ.dpbs>

15. Source for “1 American is shot every 5 minutes. 1 American dies by gunfire every 14 minutes. 323 Americans are shot and 104 die EVERY DAY”: <https://www.bradyunited.org/key-statistics>

16. 2nd cause of death for all children and youth, etc. Source: New England Journal of Medicine, “Special Report”, Dec. 20, 2018:379:2468-2475: “Major Causes of Death in Children and Adolescents in the United States”. Data was based on Wide-ranging Data for Epidemiologic Research (WONDER), a system of the CDC (CDC WONDER) in which data are derived from U.S. death certificates from 57 vital-statistics jurisdictions (most recent year was 2016).

17. Source for “Here in Iowa, in an average year 281 people die by guns. 79% of all gun deaths in Iowa are suicides (221 yearly).” <https://everystat.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Gun-Violence-in-Iowa-2.9.2021.pdf>

18. “67% of gun owners cite PERSONAL PROTECTION as the primary reason they buy a gun. Sources: The Accessibility of Firearms and Risk for Suicide and Homicide Victimization Among Household Members: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis. Andrew Anglemeyer, PhD, MPH; Tara Horvath, MA; and George Rutherford, MD. Annals of Internal Medicine. Vol. 160, No.2, Jan. 21, 2014;

A gun in your home is 22 time more likely to injure or kill a family member than to be used in self-defense.

Source: Kellermann, A. L., “Injuries and Deaths due to Firearms in the Home,” Journal of Trauma, 45:2 (1998):263-67 <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/9715182>

Women living in a home with a gun are 5 times more likely to be murdered by a domestic partner.

Source: J.C. Campbell, S.W. Webster, J.Koziol-McLain, et al., Risk factors for femicide within physically abuse intimate relationships: results from a multi-state case control study, 93 Amer. J. of Public Health 1089-97 (2003).

24: Source for Giffords state ratings related to CDC gun deaths:
<https://giffords.org/lawcenter/resources/scorecard/#rankings>

25. The second amendment to the constitution, Article II: A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed. Source: <https://constitution.congress.gov/constitution/amendment-2/>

26. The six states without a gun rights constitutional amendment. California, Maryland, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, and Iowa. Source: <https://gun-control.procon.org/state-constitutional-right-to-bear-arms-2/>

27. Dates of “strict scrutiny” adoption in Alabama, Missouri, and Louisiana (and source):

Alabama: Nov. 5, 2014: Tuscaloosa Real Time News

Missouri: Aug. 5, 2014: Ballot Pedia

Louisiana: Dec. 10, 2012: Giffords Law Center p

and the source for their high ranking in gun death rates: (Alabama, #5, Missouri, #7, and Louisiana, #6. Incidentally, Iowa is #42- for now)

<https://giffords.org/lawcenter/resources/scorecard/#rankings>

28. Source for legal definition of “strict scrutiny”:

https://www.law.cornell.edu/wex/strict_scrutiny

29. Source for Louisiana case: <https://lawreview.law.lsu.edu/2014/04/04/up-in-smoke-an-update-on-louisianas-right-to-bear-arms/#:~:text=The%20Supreme%20Court%20of%20Louisiana%20granted%20writ%20on,fails%20strict%20scrutiny%20under%20article%201%2C%20section%2011.>

32. *By a nearly 2-to-1 margin, more voters oppose a “strict scrutiny” amendment than support it.*

Source: SurveyUSA - Results of SurveyUSA Mkt Research Study #24584

<https://everytown.org/documents/2019/02/iowa-polling.pdf/>

33: Brad Zaun, a legislator proponent of the amendment, maintained that a strict scrutiny amendment would not affect existing laws, as reported in the Des Moines Register on May 19, 2019:

www.desmoinesregister.com/story/news/politics/2019/03/13/2nd-amendment-pro-gun-iowa-constitution-senate-house-vote-pass-language-strengthening-gun-rights-2-a/3150071002/

Some trusted organizations supporting sensible solutions to gun violence:

Iowans for Gun Safety www.IowansForGunSafety.org

Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence <https://giffords.org/lawcenter/gun-laws/>

Brady www.bradyunited.org

States United for Gun Violence Protection <https://supgv.org>

Moms Demand Action For Gun Safety in America/Everytown for Gun Safety
www.facebook.com/MomsDemandActionIA and www.everytown.org

March for our Lives <https://marchforourlives.com>

Guns Down America: <https://gunsdownamerica.org/>

Some trusted databases of gun violence statistics and studies:

GVPedia <https://www.gvpedia.org/>

The Trace <https://www.thetrace.org/>

CDC <https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/firearms/fastfact.html>

Brady <https://www.bradyunited.org/key-statistics>

Everytown: <https://www.everytownresearch.org/EveryStat>