1. Over 120,000 Americans were killed or injured by gun violence in 2015 (36,252 deaths and 84,997 injuries). [https://www.cdc.gov/injury/wisqars/facts.html](https://www.cdc.gov/injury/wisqars/facts.html)


3. The vast majority of Americans support expanded background checks. Only 9 states and D.C. have *universal* background check laws that cover sales of all classes of firearms. [http://lawcenter.giffords.org/gun-laws/policy-areas/background-checks/universal-background-checks/#state](http://lawcenter.giffords.org/gun-laws/policy-areas/background-checks/universal-background-checks/#state)

4. Over 16,000 American children and teens (0-19 years) were killed or injured by firearms in 2014, and gun violence is the second leading cause of death for children and teens. [https://www.bradycampaign.org/sites/default/files/Kids-and-Guns-Report%202016_final.pdf](https://www.bradycampaign.org/sites/default/files/Kids-and-Guns-Report%202016_final.pdf)


7. The NRA’s top priority in Congress is the “concealed carry reciprocity” bill, which would force each state to recognize the concealed carry standards from every other state, even those that have dramatically weaker standards or require no permit at all. [https://everytownresearch.org/concealed-carry-reciprocity-overriding-state-public-safety-laws/](https://everytownresearch.org/concealed-carry-reciprocity-overriding-state-public-safety-laws/)

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