

Fact Sheet on Gun Violence in America

June 29, 2016

A 26-Hour 'No Bill, No Break' Sit-in by House Democrats

In a historic move to demand life-saving action from Congress, House Democrats held a 26-hour sit-in on the House Floor to protest Speaker Ryan and House Republicans' refusal to allow a vote on bipartisan legislation to address gun violence. During the sit-in, House Republicans recessed the House of Representatives without bringing gun violence prevention legislation up for a vote.

House Democrats sat-in for 26 hours on the House Floor to demand that Speaker Ryan and House Republicans allow an immediate vote on bipartisan, commonsense gun violence prevention legislation to help keep guns out of dangerous hands, including the bipartisan King-Thompson legislation to expand and strengthen our background check system.

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- **89 people** die from gun violence and **208 people** are shot and survive.

Every Year On Average over 108,000 people are shot

Every year, **over 108,000 people** in America are shot in murders, assaults, suicides & suicide attempts, unintentional shootings, and police intervention.

- **32,514 people** die from gun violence and **75,962 people** survive gun injuries.

National CNN/ORC Poll – June 16-19

There is overwhelming public support for both expanding background checks and for banning people on terrorism watch lists from buying guns. Support for specific gun safety measures among Americans is very strong.

- 92% in favor of expanded background checks.
- 85% in favor of banning people on federal terrorism watch lists from buying firearms.
- Support even higher among GOP: 90% of GOP in favor v. 85% for Democrats.
- Support for tougher gun laws is now 55%; highest support since just after the shootings in Newtown.

National CBS News Poll – June 13-14

According to a new CBS News poll conducted in the days following the shooting, 57 percent of Americans now say they support a nationwide ban on assault weapons. That's up 13 percentage points from the 44 percent support for a ban that the same poll showed in December.

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Recent Mass Shootings in Wisconsin

Trestle Trail Bridge Shooting in Menasha, WI (June, 11 2015)

- Sergio Valencia del Toro, 27, in what officials say was a random act, shot and killed three people including an 11-year-old girl, while intoxicated, before turning the gun on himself.

Sikh Temple Shooting in Oak Creek, WI (August 5, 2012)

- U.S. Army veteran Wade Michael Page, 40, opened fire in a Sikh gurdwara killing 6 people and wounding 4 others before he died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound during a shootout with police. Page became a full member of the Northern Hammerskins, a chapter of Hammerskin Nation, one of the most violent and dominant skinhead groups in the U.S. and purchased his handgun legally. It was a similar style semiautomatic handgun used in several other mass shootings including Virginia Tech, Aurora, and the shooting in Arizona that wounded Congresswoman Gaby Giffords.

Crandon Shooting in Crandon, WI (October 7, 2007)

- Off-duty sheriff's deputy Tyler Peterson, 20, opened fire inside an apartment after an argument at a homecoming party. He fled the scene after killing 6 people and wounding a 7th and later committed suicide.

Living Church of God Shooting (March 12, 2005)

- Living Church of God member Terry Michael Ratzmann, 44, opened fire killing 7 and wounding 4 at a church meeting at a Sheraton hotel before committing suicide.

Weston High School Shooting Cazenovia, WI (September 29, 2006) **not considered a mass shooting**

- The gunman, 15-year-old student Eric Hainstock, entered the school's main hallway with a .22 caliber revolver and a 20-gauge shotgun from his father's locked gun cabinet and fatally shot Principal John Klang with the revolver. Staff and students apprehended him and waited till police came. He is serving a life sentence and will be eligible for parole in 2037.