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### E3.2 Guns should be controlled

On 16<sup>th</sup> September a navy yard staff member by the name Aaron Alexis killed 12 innocent people in the workplace with a gun in the nation's capital. This news hit the headlines and ~~throws back the~~ Americans back <sup>into</sup> to the debate <sup>over</sup> of gun control. Gun related violence <sup>has</sup> been happening almost every month but it has come a <sup>time</sup> where this has to be stopped through enacting strict laws that will limit the possession of guns in the workplace. Many Americans have lost their loved ones both old and young ~~children~~ through gun related violence. Laws will have to be enacted now to actually define <sup>which</sup> the people that should be allowed to <sup>possess</sup> hold guns in public and ~~those~~ <sup>such as</sup> who should be limited like those <sup>one word</sup> ones who have been taken to courts on gun related cases. I don't think there is any one happy with this vice <sup>the issue</sup> next time it could be you falling prey and it has to be debated now and solution brought forth <sup>a</sup> that <sup>need to be</sup> is controlling the guns <sup>through the</sup> of the acquisition and possession <sup>of guns</sup>. We have become desensitized on the gun control debate not with regard to the victims of the massacres but with regard to Americans' <sup>loss</sup> loss of energy to believe that there can be any solution to <sup>the problem</sup> gun control.

Some however thinks that gun control cannot be a solution to this problem arguing from the perspective that despite gun shops being illegal in some <sup>is</sup> states <sup>the</sup> like Chicago people still die <sup>cities such as</sup>

from gun related violence. But ~~to me~~ gun control will contribute largely to a reduced number of incidences <sup>of</sup> ~~on gun murder~~ <sup>by firearms</sup>.

Politicians and ~~the~~ concerned authorities <sup>such as</sup> like the police should start walking the talk towards reducing the vice rather than engaging themselves in mere rhetoric. The people who commit these crimes should be looked at ~~themselves~~ rather than focusing too much on the gun itself. The guns do kill but it is the person who pulls the trigger. Alexis legally <sup>own</sup> a gun despite records showing that he had <sup>a</sup> history <sup>of</sup> for violence <sup>H</sup> he was arrested on two separate occasions for rage-fuelled incidents in which he apparently fired his weapon in anger—but escaped jail on both occasions. He was referred to the Seattle Municipal Court but records do not show any conviction. Alexis was also booked by police in Fort Worth Texas over an incident on September 4 2010. <sup>L</sup> local authorities again declined to press charges, leaving him without a criminal record. Before a license is given for one to <sup>possess</sup> hold a gun the history for <sup>past</sup> the person ought to be looked at first. Having a clean record should only be one step towards being granted a permit to <sup>obtain a firearm,</sup> hold it. There also should be no <sup>easy access</sup> free entry <sup>such as</sup> in to public places like movie theatres with a gun and only a security officer should be ~~the only one~~ allowed to bring order in such <sup>a</sup> places. There is a problem with the <sup>C</sup> constitutional ~~frame~~ <sup>S</sup> second <sup>A</sup> amendment because it states that “a well-regulated militia, being necessary for the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.” <sup>What need is there for today</sup> He is a militia and how should it be regulated. The <sup>S</sup> second amendment was also written at times <sup>a</sup> when individuals did not have access to sophisticated weapons and that is enough reason to <sup>and</sup> re-view it again because time keeps changing (Andrew, David, Brannon 43).

People should not wait for <sup>to</sup> incidence <sup>to</sup> to happen ~~so that they~~ start thinking of what to do ~~as~~ they debate because nobody knows who will be the next victim; it could be you. Individuals

Is this a quote or a paraphrase?



should ~~rise and~~ put pressure on <sup>their</sup> the leaders to do something to enact laws that will regulate gun ownership. What we often see is the president speaking out on <sup>the News in the</sup> new wake of massacre and politicians will be passing condolences to the bereaved families and ~~not~~ <sup>but not</sup> expressing outrage and <sup>following up with passing laws</sup> talking about gun control. Sometimes those who express stronger views on gun control sometimes are thrown out of offices <sup>such as</sup> like Police Chief Mark Kessler (Andrew, David, Brannon <sup>and</sup> 44).

Advocates <sup>for</sup> of gun owners claim that guns don't kill people. <sup>Consequently</sup> But despite lobbying for gun control and <sup>by</sup> ~~huge~~ support by a <sup>increasing number</sup> section of Americans for the control the congress will do nothing about it. Americans often respond swiftly and emotionally to incidence of gun crimes then forget it very fast and move on with life until the next <sup>Scream</sup> ~~streamed~~ from the screens forgetting the fact that they could be the next victims. According to New York mayor Bloomberg gun <sup>fatalities</sup> ~~facilities~~ are expected to exceed traffic fatalities by 2015. <sup>D</sup> The death as a result of shooting are at an <sup>increasing</sup> alarming rate. Washington <sup>had</sup> has 106 homicides with firearms <sup>there</sup> in 2012 while 1,304 took place in California. According to the survey conducted by <sup>[state?]</sup> slate and the twitter feed, as of today, an estimated 28,676 people have died from the gun <sup>shot in the United States</sup> in us since the Newton shooting at elementary school. The only thing protecting people from bad guys with a gun is not a good guy with a gun <sup>is someone, anyone,</sup> since they were also once good guys <sup>but</sup> the only problem <sup>was to be</sup> was to be with a gun.

Some Americans ~~do~~ accept that gun violence has become part of American life and there is nothing that can be done to impose stronger regulations. There is also <sup>an</sup> inability by the <sup>C</sup> congress to pass regulations on gun control. Politicians should walk the talk and enact regulations to control the guns. Gun control cannot be 100 percent solution to the problem but the murderers have to be understood and their <sup>obtaining</sup> motive behind the shooting. Once that is known people with similar traits and motives can be prevented from <sup>obtaining</sup> holding guns. Some cities that have banned gun

shops still witness gun related murders. And therefore gun control cannot be the sole solution but researching deeper <sup>into</sup> to know <sup>any the</sup> motives, and <sup>than</sup> characters with the same motives can be prevented from possessing guns. The incidents of gun violence are different and addressing ~~form~~ <sup>shooters</sup> one point of view is actually missing the wider picture. Some legally own the guns, but have <sup>similar</sup> motives <sup>to</sup> of having individuals and such people should be <sup>dispossessed</sup> disposed of their guns (Andrew, David, Brannon 45).

Factors leading to gun violence should be addressed such as poverty, mental illness and failing schools. It is time not to discuss gun control but <sup>rather</sup> the ~~guns~~ <sup>to</sup> mental illness, health and its impact on services. Public debates and attacks on the National Rifle Association have proven <sup>to be</sup> ineffective way to tackle gun violence. <sup>The people who cause the mayhem</sup> Guys spraying the cities majority of <sup>the</sup> them are not members of NRA and therefore constantly attacking <sup>the NRA</sup> them is not the right path to <sup>take</sup> go (Andrew, David, Brannon 45). People should not be allowed in to public places with guns. The restaurants owners should for example not allow people in to the restaurants with guns. They should have security personnel at the entry point to search and <sup>disposes</sup> dispose any individual entering <sup>inside</sup> of their guns <sup>which be</sup> and can collect <sup>ed</sup> them when exiting. People entering movie theatres with guns should be a thing of the past and security officers should search every individual before entering (Ferrall 162). By security officers searching and ensuring no one enters cinema halls with a gun <sup>that</sup> <sup>will discourage</sup> then the individuals <sup>from</sup> will not be bringing <sup>one</sup> them from home. Schools territories should also be out of <sup>dis</sup> bounce for any person possessing a <sup>gun</sup> gun. Mental illness should be better address <sup>ad</sup> by giving the <sup>patients</sup> victims enough care and counseling until they are free from such illness. In public places <sup>patients</sup> therefore it is only the police who should be allowed to hold guns (Ferrall 162).

Poverty should also be addressed. A very poor man will be frustrated and feel that he/she has nothing to lose in life if he/she commits such atrocities. Frustration and <sup>a</sup> deep sense of



disrespect <sup>for</sup> to oneself often trigger such massacres. One feels that the world is unfair to them and <sup>he or she</sup> become jealous with those who have everything by their side (Smith and Ross 98). Ban on the possession of magazines capable of holding more than ten rounds should be introduced.

Currently Tens of thousands of law enforcement officers across the country currently possess these common, standard-capacity magazines when they are off duty for self-defense, sport and other lawful purposes. Laws have to be put in place that will force active police officers to surrender their privately-owned magazines—or face criminal liability.

The second amendment should be relooked at because since <sup>it was ratified</sup> then many changes have occurred in our <sup>societies</sup> including individuals having access to a more sophisticated <sup>weapons</sup>. Change in <sup>society</sup> societies is inevitable and it should also be so with the laws (Ferrall 162). The law should not be so rigid. The <sup>s</sup>second <sup>A</sup>amendment <sup>says</sup> said that "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."

James Madison and the Founders of this nation would be enraged to see the Second Amendment being used to put guns in the hands of the Tucson shooter and so many others like him. The right to bear arms is granted only in the context of a well-regulated militia and thus the security of a free state. This imbalance clearly threatens "the security of a free state." The Second Amendment says access to these weapons must be strictly regulated. As a free and lawful people, we have the legal duty to end this unconstitutional madness. Make no mistake: this murder and mayhem has been made possible by the claim to a Constitutional right that is not there. The Bill of Rights is the law of the land, clearly stated. Guarantees of religion, speech, assembly, the press, freedom from torture and so much more are natural rights, inherent to the human condition (Smith and Ross 98). But the right to bear arms is granted only in the context of a well-regulated militia and

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thus the security of a free state. A National Guard, yes. Heavily-armed lunatics roaming the streets unregulated... never!

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