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Good Luck!

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Gun Control

Yes or no to Gun Control in 2019?

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Abstract

Gun violence is an ongoing safety issue that continues to affect American communities. The problem has become so significant that it is simultaneously recognized as a cultural issue, a public health threat, and a social problem. Emotions elicited by gun violence continue to propel debates on effectiveness of the existing gun control policies and regulations. Moreover, this research provides some background information about the history of guns as it leads to the present, beginning with the Gun Control Act of 1968 (P.L. 90-618) and the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act (P.L. 103-159). A review of the two legislations will provide greater insight into the government's prior efforts to control guns. Given the magnitude of gun violence in the country, the paper supports measures put in place to control guns. The main reason for supporting gun control is that, despite the magnitude of gun violence and its associated repercussions, there exists a need for creating new policies that better regulate gun production, distribution, and ownership.

No matter what paper you write, it must have a strong thesis statement. The thesis is the backbone to any paper. This is a good thesis statement. Your thesis statement needs to be all encompassing and should point out the main point/issues you will be talking about in your essay. Be sure to create a clear thesis statement that establishes the overall point/purpose of your paper. So far it's pretty good, it contains the gist of your essay, it's precise and neatly written. Good job on that!

Key Terms: firearm, gun, gun control, policy, politicians, violence

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Gun Control

Yes or no to Gun Control in 2019?

In recent years, gun violence has proliferated that it has become so difficult to control using existing gun policies. A survey done by the National Crime Victimization (2018) indicate that approximately 30 individuals are killed with guns, 151 injured, 55 kill themselves, and 46 accidentally shot (National Crime Victimization Survey, 2018). As an after effect of such frequencies, several attempts have been made to control guns. For example, the Obama administration issued several executive orders and proposals in the attempt to regulate production, distribution, and ownership of guns. Unfortunately, these efforts have shown no positive effect in gun control. Policies that, thus far, has been established, for example, Act of the 1968 (P. L. 90-618) and the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act seem to be ineffective.

Gun violence continues to be a potential problem affecting the nation as a whole. More specifically, the problem presents a particular threat to younger individuals who are exposed to guns and gun violence at an early age. The use of guns is high in areas with high rates of gun violence. Unfortunately, this is a ramification that affects a large number of young people perhaps even the majority. Therefore, the issue poses a need for a better understanding of how to control guns and, especially in neighbourhoods with higher rates of criminal activities.

Remember that for every piece of evidence (quoted or paraphrased material) you provide, you need to answer the question, "So what?" in your own words by explaining how it relates to your topic sentence and thesis statement.

According to Webster & Vemick (2013), the government has a significant role to play in protecting citizens from gun related crimes. However, the only means for executing this responsibility is predominantly through laws and strategies. In the past few decades, all efforts put in place to execute that responsibility has proven unsuccessful. Gun control is a

Try to avoid the inclusion of quoted or paraphrased sources in your topic sentence. It's important to use this opportunity to establish the paragraph's topic in your own words.

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big issue of concern as many Americans continue to express their discontent with the elevation of gun use in modern society (Calhoun, 2014).

The very meaning of the phrase “gun control” is subjective to debates simply because it is relatively ambiguous for rendering a wide variety of meanings and interpretations. Gun control is viewed against the sale, possession, and the use of specific firearms. With this understanding, policies developed for gun control should be focused on regulating the sale of guns, illegally possessing or acquiring guns, and even the use of specific firearms. Actually, there is a need for understanding specific requirements that could possibly help in gun control.

Gun violence, especially in areas with the highest rates of poverty create a complex situation that is difficult to regulate or one that cannot be handled easily. Areas with higher poverty rates have high rates of gun use. This is a justifying reason why federal laws and community policing continues to be ineffective in those particular areas. Many of the wealthy people living nearby acquire guns for self-protection and consequentially continue the cycle of gun violence.

Combine this sentence with your previous body paragraph.

There are several challenges that thwart gun policies from being effective. They include: gun culture, right to self-defence, and limited public resources.

It's possible to combine these into one cohesive sentence. This will give the paragraph a stronger topic sentence and eliminate repetition.

Gun Culture

The American culture accommodates what is identified as gun culture. The highest population of ~~the~~ Americans who support the idea of designing stricter gun control policies tend to criticize the long-held gun culture. They accuse it for making available conditions that prevent effective enactment of stricter gun control policies. In the past, most American households owned a gun/s that were used as a weapon for self-defence. Carrying this culture from the past, most Americans still believe on the concept of self-reliance, which justifies the

Maybe mention how gun rights is built into our constitution and that the basis of this is due to the fact that if ever Americans had to rebel against the gov, then they could arm themselves (in the 1800s this idea works, but obviously it doesn't now)

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need for possessing a gun. This realization unearths a concealed path which perhaps may have been guiding decisions that people make towards gun possession.

One thing we should note here is that most cases of gun violence committed in the United States involve the use of illegally obtained guns. The guns are purchased from black market and from unlicensed dealers who purchase them from domestic manufacturers. Also, the initial gun culture allow criminals to get firearms from other dealers who facilitate firearm transfers from one state to the other without the approval of the legal pool.

The Right to Self-Defence

The Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act (P.L. 103-159) was enacted to ensure that critical background checks are performed on every person purchasing a new gun. Despite its enactment, 40 percent of gun dealings are still conducted without critical background checks. Analysis done in gun violence indicate a substantial correlation between gun control and increased rates of gun violence. Negligence is a controlling variable, which is primarily linked to the correlation. Many politicians neglect to recognize the need for controlling guns. On the other hand, gun control lobbyists strongly hold their belief in the right for people to possess guns. They argue that a restriction to ownership means denying people their rights to self-defence (Abrams & Chan, 2017). In ^{doing so} doing, lobbyists ignore the risk guns pose to people beyond what is believed is the use of guns for self- defence that guarantee safety in a free nation. Their logic does not provide proper ideals that guarantee safety of the citizens and as required by law.

Limited Public Resources

By looking at this issue from a cultural perspective, researchers argue that high rates of crime are burdensome (Hamilton & Kposowa, 2015). This is because the government need to commit a large amount of public resources towards, legislation, enforcement, and

Develop your paragraphs more. In general, all paragraphs need to have 3 pieces: P-Point—also known as your topic sentence where you state what the paragraph is about I-Information—where you present your information (facts, details, quotes, and reasons) E-Explanation—where you explain the relevance or importance of your information Please be sure to do all of this when writing your paragraphs.

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adjudication of gun control laws. The issue has been reported to contain a polarizing impact which has resulted in major divisions among different people in government ranks hence making it nearly impossible to control guns. Therefore, unavailability of adequate public resources is just another reason why gun control is a very challenging wedge issue.

According to Godwin & Schroedel (2017), failure to control inappropriate use of guns happen because the majority of policymakers are funded by gun lobbyists whose goals is to make profits from gun sales. To ensure that the ways in which they are influenced is not direct, they give excuses for not having enough public resources to support formation of new and effective gun policies. Therefore, there is a need for a society that not only offers a backing for and facilitates transformative changes, but also that mandates policymakers to prioritize interests of the citizens over financial gains.

Guns are deadly. If they are owned by anyone, it means that everyone is exposed to a certain level of risk of suffering from gun violence. Increasing rates of mass shooting are making people believe that unless new ways for dealing with gun violence are put in place, no one including policymakers is safe. Lobbyists will continue to support gun manufacturers in producing more and more guns hence increasing distribution to uncontrollable levels. When this happens, it will be very difficult to confiscate guns from people who put them in the wrong use. Also, a lot of guns will make communities reach at a point where they will no longer need security offered by the government because most of them will resort in protecting themselves with guns.

CDC (2019) reported that on average, 93 individuals lose life through gun violence a day. In an average month, approximately fifty women are killed by their partners using a firearm. These statistics shows that if something is not done, more and more people will continue to be killed until gun violence becomes a disaster in the country. It is also important to note here that Black men among other people of colour continue to be at a higher risk of

Your topic sentences should derive from your thesis statement. Each paragraph that you write should be able to stand alone and not have to rely on previous writing to understand its context in your essay.

For each topic sentence, you want to make a direct connection back to the thesis, and this sentence must show what the paragraph is going to be about without having to rely on reading the paragraph before. The idea here is that if you were to skim through this whole essay, you should be able to get an idea of what the whole paper is about by reading just the topic sentences of each paragraph.

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being incarcerated for having guns or even losing their life to gun violence. These statistics make the common citizen feel that there are unlimited chances of experiencing gun violence and, therefore, having a safe country becomes almost impossible.

Gun violence does not only affect people's health, but also consume their financial resources. Individuals who are fatally injured spend longer periods in hospitals and this means spending more money on treatment. On the hand, gun violence dominate on the victims mental health in the sense that even after recovering from physical injuries, a victim continues to experience episodes of fear associated with a gun encounter. This affects one's wellbeing while it increases the risk of living in unsafe neighbourhoods. In recent years, there have been increasing cases of mass shooting. So many people have lost their kids to mass shooting while others have lost their family members and close friends.

Another reason why guns should be controlled is because they cost the United States Security Sector approximately \$229 billion every year. Even though there are policies requiring gun dealers to perform some background checks on those purchasing guns, those policies are not effective hence making it possible for so many guns to fall in the arms of criminals as well as those with ill intents.

You never outline how these policies cost the USA 229 billion.

Recent mass shootings, such as the ones that took place at Sandy Hook Elementary School, Connecticut, and the Century Centre in Colorado, have triggered intense debate on how effective are gun control laws in controlling the quantity of live bullets in the United States. With stricter gun policies, the U.S government could reduce the number of bullets in magazines of semi-automatic guns hence reducing cases of mass shootings. It can also be able to regulate gun purchases that are done over the internet.

Elaborate a bit more on this.

Canada's gun policies, proves that gun control can significantly reduce cases of suicide and the rates of homicide (Fleming et al, 2018). This is because stricter regulations

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Remember to stay focused on your topic. Your assignments asks you to relate yourself to the story or show what you've learned from it. Asking questions about the plot takes away from that focus.

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ensure that firearms do not fall on the wrong hands, and this could mean that eventually criminals will have fewer guns to use in carrying out their criminal activities. On the other hand, the uncontrolled black market for guns enable people to access ghost guns, which have no serial numbers. Without serial numbers, ghost guns are easily transported from one state to the other (Fleming et al, 2018).

How does this connect back to your main point towards Americas gun laws? Can you try to connect this? In doing so you would be bridging your body paragraphs.

Avoid ending a body paragraph with a direct quote or a paraphrase of what someone else has said. The evidence you use is for your supporting sentences, but the end of your paragraph is where you should add your own ideas or analysis.

Fleming et al (2018) suggests that if debates for the enactment of stricter gun control are based partially on the moral repugnance of gun violence, then, this can help people see its severity. The ultimate goal for manufacturing guns is either to cause or prevent violence. For this reason, it is strongly recommendable for policymakers to start viewing gun control from a morally repugnant perspective. However, such a position could require breaking apart violence employed from the context in which it is used, self-defence being the most obvious justifying context. The reality is that all people in the U.S., regardless of whether they are hunters or gangster tend to notice the magnitude to which guns negatively affect the society. On the other hand, the fact that people use guns for self-defence bring more confusion to the matter. This is evidenced by people who live in risk-free areas but still own guns. This contrasts the need for those who live in unsecure neighbourhoods who really require guns to stay safe. This is really confusing. How so?

Fleming et al (2018) discloses policy paradox as a fundamental issue challenging the implementation of gun control policies. The biggest concern underlying the paradox is that contentious debates regarding gun control are primarily focused on political agendas rather than on rational reasoning. Therefore, to ensure optimal results in gun control, policymakers must be ready to use logical reasoning to weigh their decisions and evaluate how much they affect the designing and implementation of effective gun policies. This could help attain optimum outcomes for the greatest interests of the people.

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Additionally, gun control challengers who primarily focus on their best interests such as the National Rifle Association should be encouraged to change their policies to ensure that fewer guns are distributed in black markets. Stricter policies could also help regulate gun use at State level but also at Interstate level should be a requirement that policymakers meet (Coates et al, 2017).

Your body paragraphs are much too short. Remember to stick to 5-6 sentences per paragraph. Each paragraph is like an idea and to fully flesh them out you have to keep them aligned as is with a topic sentence that refers back to your thesis statement, then you back it up with supporting evidence, then you analysis and discuss it more, and then you transition into your next idea or paragraph.

Recent gun debates in the U.S have specific political aspects. Currently, the U.S. has roughly 20,000 laws and regulations designed for gun control (Fleegler, 2013). In spite of this, thousands of people die every day from gun injuries. On the other hand, as the number of gun caused fatalities continue to increase, policymakers need to come up with stricter or harsher regulations as well as identify and fix potential areas that tend to render gun policies ineffective.

One area to consider fixing is reducing political influences by the National Rifle Association because the organization has been the highest influencer of gun control legislative processes. A considerable counter argument for this, is that most politicians are sceptical on how NRA affects the legislative process. This is because most of them view gun possession as a basic need for self-defence that originates from the people but not from NRA.

According to Ayres & Vars (2018), stricter and restrictive gun control policies can really help address an array of issues which range from prohibition of illegal possession, restrictions on imports, registration requirements, and legal change of ownership. Stricter gun control policies require a culture that inspires acceptance and one that is effective in shedding off the long-held gun culture. Additionally, efforts put in place for gun control require leaders who are enthusiastic in leading with empathy. Their decision to create and support policies for gun control should be on logic, which is based on moral perspective rather than on influence.

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Having looked at different aspects of gun control, this paper concludes by arguing that proposals for gun control should also include changes that could help in decision-making. On the call to design stricter gun control policies, policymakers should primarily focus on severity of gun violence on people's life. Secondly, they should consider on the primary role of the policies developed. If it is to prevent gun distribution, then, policies made should involve manufacturers as well as security agencies that ensures that few firearms are illegally held. To do this, they may need to take a three-tier approach which include rational, legal, and criminal perspectives which justify their need for designing and enacting stricter policies. The three-tier approach could ensure that the issue of gun control is not left alone to the national and state governments do decide its best fit. Moreover, gun violence is an issue that affects the public at large.

Great job! You've wrapped up the paragraph by answering the question, "So what?" and explained why the information you've presented is important and relates to your topic.

As discussed throughout the paper, combined support for gun control laws could perform a significant role in reducing the rate of gun violence. Before making new policies, policymakers can try to tighten the existing control policies such as mandating stricter background checks and licensing of firearms. This could ensure that guns do not fall on the wrong hands. In addition, through strict licensing, criminals using marked guns to commit crimes could easily be traced through the registered serial number.

The Second Amendment need further amendments to determine the question of legitimacy on who need to own a gun. The Amendment place some barriers in gun control because it allows citizens to use firearms in whichever way they reckon as right. If an amendment is not done, then, it could be difficult to design gun policies that are efficient and effective in controlling the use of guns. If it is not amended, then, people will still use it to defend their need for having more and more guns manufactured and distributed in the market. For this reason, there is an important need for policymakers to arrange for the reformation of

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the entire legislative amendment to ensure that it eliminates existing barriers and allow for the creation of new gun regulation policies that are more effective and efficient.

On the other hand, security agencies have a role to play in making gun regulation policies work for the better and as expected. Part of those rules include establishing procedures to be followed in background checks and writing guidelines to be used by gun dealers to register guns. In an effort to ensure that gun regulations become effective, they should make sure that all gun dealers become liable for every firearm that falls into the wrong

hands.

Remember that a conclusion doesn't introduce new topics. This includes quoted or paraphrased material from outside sources. Concluding paragraphs restate the introduction and wrap up the paper. The conclusion should summarize the key points of your body paragraphs and reiterate your thesis statement. Any reader should be able to read only your conclusion paragraph and know what was discussed in your essay (the main idea and any major supporting topics). If you were to read just this final paragraph, would you know what your essay discussed?

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