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Gun violence is a social ill that should be addressed immediately. The act is often related to criminal gangs and activities that are committed to society. Some are caused by psychological challenges that people face. Others are caused by external pressures from family challenges or quarrels with friends. The issue of gun violence has been a significant concern in the United States. Emerging statistics done by various scholars have shown that the rate of death that occurs in the United States due to gun violence keeps increasing as days go by. The cases reported vastly come from deprived urban backgrounds. The states that are dominated by the black American people, unfortunately, top the list. The statistics do not lie thus, the united states government should put effort to curb the situation. In this essay, I will discuss this issue of gun violence using the following themes: suicide, domestic violence, gangs, robbery and assault, narcotic groups, accidental firearm, intentional suicide, and lastly, the use of firearms as protection.

Suicide

Suicide is the act of an individual wanting to terminate or end their own lives. The various police reports have shown that many people commit suicide because of different reasons. The unfortunate part is that some use the gun to commit the acts "Mental illness and reduction of gun violence and suicide: bringing epidemiologic research to policy." (Lynch & Dylan 67). The United States government has been of the influx of cheaply sold guns to the citizens in the

United States from Mexico. The worst part is that the majority buys guns for security purposes, but they end up misusing the guns.

Young people often commit acts of suicide. Depression has been on the thought of many young individuals in any society. This is quite normal in any given society as the social issue of jobs, relationships dispute, and family quadrilles are also rampant. Such issues should be addressed in a sober environment, and the affected people be helped. However, most young people do not open up, and they end up in depressing situations. The use of a gun to commit suicide comes in handy with the individual who wants to commit the act (Tseng et al 30). Guns in the United States are widespread in the community set up. They are easily bought through illegal means. Unfortunately, the victims end their lives very fast by just pulling a trigger. Such individuals continue to add to the warring statistics of gun violence. Most government officials argue that the availability of guns in the streets is the catalyst for suicidal attempts in various individuals. Thus the United States government has been relentless of fighting illegal sales of firearms to curb suicidal cases.

Intentional Homicide

Intentional homicide is quite a disturbing act. Various individuals, unfortunately, commit this crime in the society. Intentional homicide is a cleanly planned and executed activity by a particular person with ill intentions. Unfortunately, they commit the act using weapons, the most efficient and reliable weapon, which is a gun (Xu et al 146). Worrying statistics released by the United States government show that majority of the intentionally homicide committed crimes are performed using a gun.

The guns have cheap and easily accessible in the united states black market. Some of the fire's arms are stolen from police stations, which is quite unfortunate. Criminal love using guns to commit their crimes as the weapon performs the duty efficiently. The weapon is also easily disposed of, and evidence of committing the crime is hardly traced on a carefully planned criminal act (Swanson et al 367). The case of intentional suicide committed by an individual often involves people who know each other. The drive to commit such a crime, according to various police statistics found in the United States is caused by hatred towards the person being murdered. The United States government, however, has continued its fight to curb intentional homicide using guns through various community policing activities.

Domestics Violence

Domestic violence has been a worrying trend in the current generation. Many individuals get into marriages and lifetime commitments without taking their time. Thus various policing statistics in the United States show that domestic violence cases have been on the rise, and the use of firearms, especially guns, has been reported. This is quite saddening as such commitment institutions should be highly respected as some of them are quite sacred. The issue of domestic violence in the community set up has been quite rampant. The influx of guns in the black market in the United States has also made the situations even tricky. A typical couple can purchase a gun for security purposes in their household (lynch & Dylan 67). The gun, unfortunately, may later be used as a weapon during family disputes between the couple. Sadly, such a case does not end up well as the victims may die, and some put to live sentences in prisons. Such stories are quite saddening as various families break because of such acts.

The issue of gun violence has been rampant in the United States. Domestic violence at the community level has sadly triggered the statistics. Many couples use home-based firearms

intended for protection purposes against their mates and end up injuring them. This is quite sad as a weapon intended for legitimate use breaks quite several families. Various government officials have come out with strict policies that should be implemented before awarding any person with a home-based firearm (Tseng et al 33). The efforts are quite positive as the issue of gun violence in the home set-up will reduce amicably.

Robbery and Assault

The issue of robbery and assault in the community set-up has been very warring. Statistics in the United States has shown that states that have poor economic backgrounds and are found in the town setting contribute primarily to this menace. This is due to high poverty levels and high unemployment rates. The sad part is that the individual who finds themselves in robbery and assault cases are the young adults and teenagers of their respective communities. The issue of gun violence goes in hand with robbery and assault. Individuals who carry out such acts of crime often use the firearm as insurance policies of escaping. Sadly, those firearms cause deaths and bad injuries to the victims of robbery and assault cases "Youth Crime and Youth Justice." (Pitts 31). The assault part is saddening as female victims are raped at gun points. Some are retrieved off their possessions and money as they are obliged to do so because their lives are in danger.

The case of robbery and assault keeps on increasing. This is due to factors such as the influx of guns in the United States black market. The issue of unemployment of the youth has also contributed to robbery and assault case. The youths are quite many in any given economy: Thus, empowerment of any kind given to them is quite positive. Such criminals have often used guns even in their quarrels. Unfortunately, they kill each other with the same firearms that they use against innocent people. The United States government has been on the frontline to

fight such criminal activities. Robbery and assault victims are even affected psychologically; thus, most of them fear being encountered in a similar situation (Pitts 31). Efforts to end such groups are still ongoing as the states that are most affected have been assigned specific taskforce to deal with the criminal activity. Moreover, the retrieval of illegal firearms also is conducted in such operations.

Narcotic Groups

Narcotics have been a vital issue in the United States. The sale of narcotics has been illegal in that particular country since time immemorial. Various narcotic affiliated groups, especially from southern America, smuggle drugs into northern America. The American population is quite vast, thus provide a market for such illegal business. The sale of drugs, unfortunately, comes in handy with the sale of firearms. The drug lords are always on the run; therefore, they must carry firearms with them at all times.

The drug business is quite a dirty one. The persons that indulge in such acts are often murdered by the police or by their fellow mates. ⁴ "Cure violence: a public health model to reduce gun violence." (Butts 39). Their business deals interestingly involve vast sums of money; thus, a lot of mistrust and betrayal come in hand. Such information is given to the general public by the police forces. The police statistics in the United States also show that the notorious group that engages police in open gunshot outs is affiliated to narcotic groups. The United States government has not relented on fighting narcotic groups. The various taskforce has been established to fight such groups. They are the most notorious individuals that are known to be promoting gun violence. Their business is quite dirty and hazardous; thus, they feel that their only insurance of protection is the use of guns (Butts 40). They have taught such morals even

into their young ones such that even minor in their local based communities walk with guns and know how to operate them.

Locally Brand Gangs

The society that we are currently living in is entirely immoral. The unemployed youth, unfortunately, find recruiting themselves in locally branded gangs. Such groups are always affiliated with harmful affiliated activities in society. The gangs often have firearms that they use when conducting criminal activities. They terrorize different people and retrieve them off their personal belongings. The acquired firearms are always gotten through illegal means, thus often used to do illegal activity. The gangs, unfortunately, use the firearms to robe people of their belongings and also commit awful activities like rape (Lynch & Dylan 67). The use of firearms by such illegal groups develops the gun violence culture. Most of the groups will use such firearms even in public spaces. Various statistics in the United States have shown that states that are affiliated with poverty and high unemployment rates have high rates of gangs in their neighborhood.

The development of gun violence as a culture in any given community is quite saddening. The gun will be used to murder the life of young people who had enormous potential in life. The rate of teenage deaths in the United States has also been a significant problem. Such gangs, the youth to boycott school, and indulge with criminally instigated activity. The sad part is that most people that live in such neighborhoods will be compelled to acquire guns for self-protection purposes (Swanson et al 368). Communities that have gangs that live amidst them are quite dangerous. The people there do not feel safe; thus, they depend on guns to keep their loved ones alive. The development of gun violence in any given community is quite unfortunate. The police will also not be lenient when going for security operations in such areas. In most cases, they find

themselves in massive firearm confrontation with the police. Many lives are lost just because of embracing an awful gun culture in such communities.

Accidental Firearm Deaths

The acquisition of firearms has been made quite tricky in the current years. Many people in the United States nowadays want to possess firearms. This is because of security reasons in their neighborhoods and estates. The apparent reason is that they want to protect their families and loved ones from danger. The development of gun culture in such a society is hazardous indeed. Many children will grow up knowing that it is reasonable to have a gun in the house, which is quite unfortunate.

The United States is quite a democratic country; thus, various individual s who want firearms will be given. This will mean that various families will have a firearm at home. The firearm can be a blessing in disguise ⁴“Firearm legislation, gun violence, and mortality in children and young adults: a retrospective cohort study of 27,566 children in the USA(Tseng et al 30). The weapon is used for protection purposes, but the environment that it is situated is entirely wrong. Many parents opt to put their firearms safe far away from children’s reach.

The accessibility of such firearms in households is made impossible for the reach of children. Unfortunately, when some of them find such a weapon accidentally, they tend to be curious and even play with it. Such games may lead to the accidental shooting of various individuals. This is quite saddening as an innocent person may die just because of improper handling of a legal firearm at their home.

The right to have a firearm at home should come with responsibility and strict rules and regulations. The development of gun violence simply is catalyzed by the owning of a firearm at

home (Butts et al 40). Some family members can use firearms against enemies during fights. Couples also can be tempted to use the firearm against each other in times of disagreements. Gun violence has cropped up from the above instance; thus, the government should put strict rules and regulations before issuing people with firearms in the comfort of their homes.

Conclusion

Gun violence has been a big problem in the United States. This essay has vividly showcased how immoral behavior has been taught in society. The government, on the other hand, has been on the frontline of the fight against gun violence. Its efforts have beard fruits in some instances, while others are still work in progress. Gun violence can be a thing of the past if the government initiatives succeed, and the youth at the community level are empowered positively.

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