

## What are the questions we should be asking?

In the wake of the mass shooting in Parkland Florida at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School what questions do we need to be asking in order to lessen gun violence in the United States?

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Gun Laws &amp; access -</b></p> <p><b>What's working about our Gun laws? What's not working</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What kinds of guns can people buy? What is required to buy a gun? What is the waiting period?</li> <li>2. What do you need to get a permit for a gun?</li> <li>3. How many days does it take to get a gun? Age restrictions?</li> <li>4. What background checks do exist for mental illness and what do we need more of?</li> <li>5. Ex: How often are background checks completed for gun owners AFTER a gun is purchased?</li> <li>6. Once you own a gun, do you have to go through further mental health checks? How often? How is the background researched?</li> <li>7. How much information is required in a background check? (in the state of California, other states?)</li> <li>8. How old do you have to be to own a gun?</li> <li>9. Should civilians be able to own semi - assault rifle guns? What's the problem with assault style weapons?</li> <li>10. What is the most high powered weapon civilians have access to? Why?</li> <li>11. What are the registration laws for guns?</li> <li>12. History of gun access - when did we start having access to guns and how does this correlate with homicide rates?</li> <li>13. What percent of crimes are committed with legally purchased guns? More than 80 % of mass shootings 3% of crimes committed with guns in California are purchased illegally?</li> <li>14. . What are current laws about ammunition? What needs to change? Should we limit bullets?</li> <li>15. Is there a safety course you have to take before buying?</li> <li>16. Is there a limit on how many guns you can own?</li> <li>17. Should the semi automatic be banned?</li> <li>18. What is the consequence for gun owners who don't follow procedures?</li> <li>19. Should there be regular gun checks? How should this be implemented?</li> <li>20. What is the current policy for attachments on guns?</li> </ol>	

<p><b>School safety: What's working and What needs to change?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would more gun control increase safety on campus?</li> </ul> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Should teachers have guns? (perspective of students, teachers, lawmakers)</b> Should school security guards / personnel be armed? Where would funding for weapons and training come from? Where would the gun be kept.</li> <li>2. <b>Are the doors locked? Should rooms stay locked?</b></li> <li>3. <b>Should there be monthly checks in lockers or backpacks?</b></li> <li>4. <b>Should there be more protocols for teachers and counselors checking / reporting on kids with mental illness?</b></li> <li>5. <b>How closely is the school partnering with police?</b></li> <li>6. <b>Who has authority to order a school lockdown?</b></li> <li>7. <b>Should social media be monitored?</b></li> <li>8. <b>Does the district have planning and assessment teams?</b> How do they communicate with parents, students, and schools?</li> <li>9. <b>Hire 3 math teachers, or buy a surveillance system?</b> Funding will come from?</li> <li>10. <b>Who is responsible for watching students?</b></li> <li>11. <b>Should students be provided with counseling 2 X a month?</b></li> <li>12. Are we preparing students enough? More assemblies?</li> <li>13. What schools have good security systems or procedures?</li> <li>14. How much training do people have for mass shootings?</li> </ol>	
<p><b>History of School shootings &amp; Other Mass Shootings - What should we be learning from past experiences?</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ex: Could previous mass shootings been have prevented by changes in the laws?</li> <li>2. <b>Motives of shooters? Is this something we can look out for?</b></li> <li>3. <b>Average age of shooters? Is there a profile?</b></li> <li>4. <b>When do most mass shooters acquire guns?</b></li> <li>5. <b>What signs cannot be ignored?</b></li> </ol>	
<p><b>Who else should be held liable / responsible in the gun discussion?</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Are gun shop owners, police, FBI communicating enough after people register a gun ?</li> <li>2. <b>Who is the NRA? What do they advocate? Do they help or hinder safety? (gun safety or gun rights?)</b></li> <li>3. <b>Who writes gun laws? Who should have a say in creating gun laws?</b></li> </ol>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>4. Who has a list of people who own guns? What should be done with that list? How are current lists monitored by police?</li><li>5. What does Mental Health Reform look like in schools and how should this be involved?</li><li>6. How do we increase awareness in the community? What would a system look like?</li><li>7. How many times does the FBI have to get threats to take action</li><li>8. Who is responsible for watching gun providers?</li></ul>	
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