

Will Obama's gun control proposals actually work?

His own experts say “No”

Summary of Select Firearm Violence Prevention Strategies

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On average there are about 11,000 firearm homicides every year. While there are deaths resulting from accidental discharges and suicides, this document will focus on intentional firearm homicides. Fatalities from mass shootings account on average for 35 fatalities per year. Policies that address the particular issues of mass shootings. impact even if they do not address the particular issues of mass shootings.

This document provides a cursory summary of select initiatives to address the assessment of the evidence for the initiative.

...coupled with a gun buyback and no exemptions.

Gun buybacks

Twitter summary: Buybacks are ineffective unless massive and coupled with a ban

Goal: Reduce access to firearms by incentivizing owners to dispose of their unwanted guns rather than transfer them to a more risky possessor

Evidence: Gun buybacks are ineffective as generally implemented. 1. The buybacks are too small to have an impact. 2. The guns turned in are at low risk of ever being used in a crime. 3. Replacement guns are easily acquired. Unless these three points are overcome, a gun buyback cannot be effective.

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The Australia buyback appears to have had no effect on crime otherwise. One study (Leigh & Neill 2010) has proven confusing in that its abstract suggests that Australia's gun buyback reduced firearm homicide rates by 80%, but the body of the report finds no effect. Others (Reuter & Mouzas 2003) have used the same data and also found no effect on crime although they also noted that mass shootings appear to have disappeared in Australia. A third study (Chapman et al 2006) using Australian data from 1979 to 2003 shows that the firearm homicide rate was already declining prior to the firearm reforms and that there is no evidence that the new legislation accelerated the declines. This remains true when data through 2007 are added to the analysis (conducted by G. Ridgeway on 1/3/2013 at NIJ).

President Obama's own experts say that a gun ban like the one he is proposing will not work without being “coupled with a gun buyback.” A mandatory gun buyback is another way of saying “confiscation.”

And what about so-called “universal” background checks? Obama's own experts say their “effectiveness depends on...requiring gun registration.” A mandatory national gun database would be an illegal invasion of privacy unprecedented in our nation's history.

Read the full memo from Obama's experts at nraila.org/obamasexperts. The President knows his proposals will not work without confiscation and registration — his own experts have told him so.



Call your Senators today. Tell them to oppose Obama's gun control proposals and to fix our broken mental health system.

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