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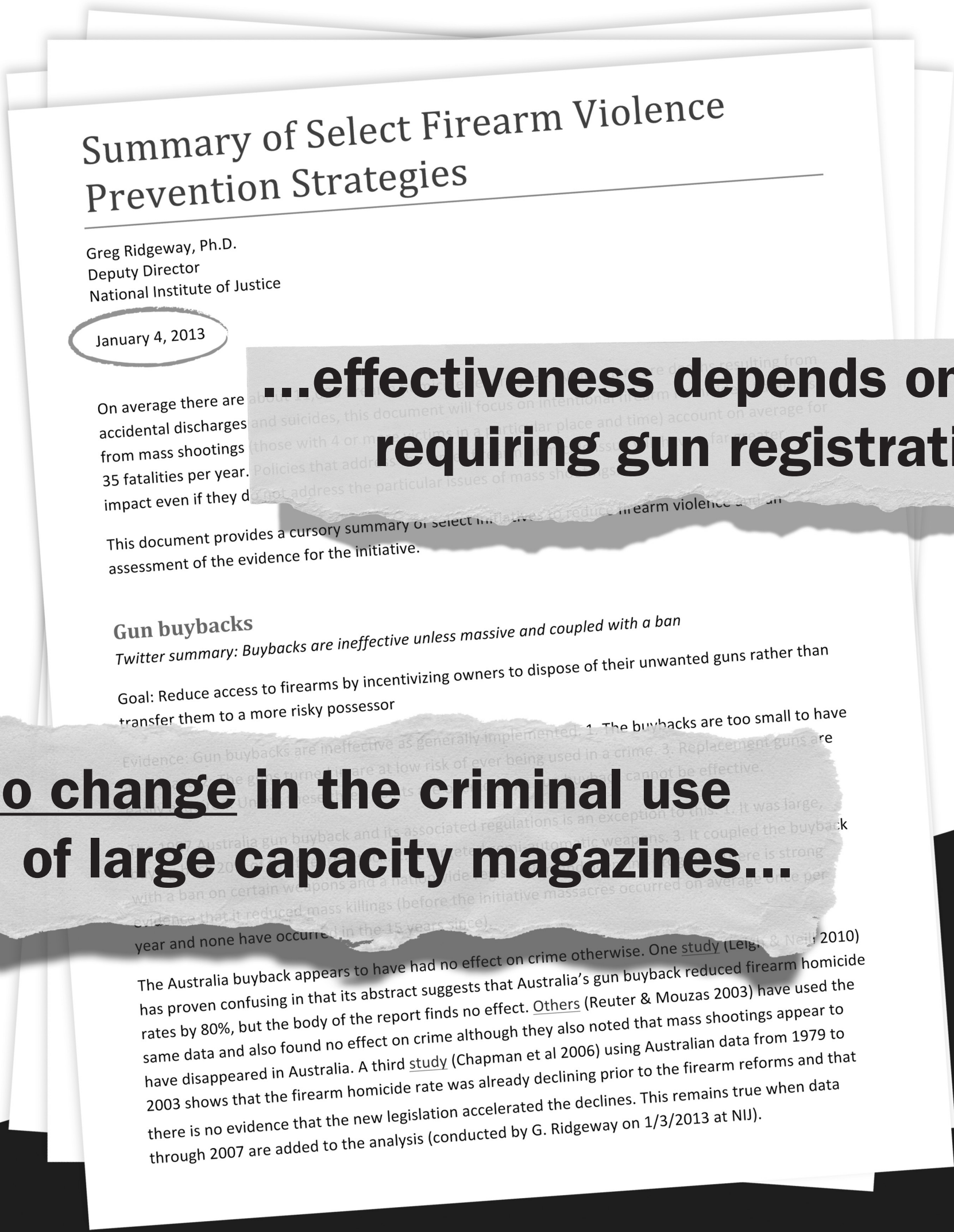
Will Gov. Hicklenlooper's gun control policies actually work?

President Obama's own experts say "No"



Summary of Select Firearm Violence Prevention Strategies

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On average there are about 11,[illegible] accidental discharges [illegible] and suicides, this document will focus on intentional firearm [illegible] from mass shootings (those with 4 or m[illegible] in a particular place and time) account on average for 35 fatalities per year. Policies that addr[illegible] impact even if they do not address the particular issues of mass sh[illegible] firearm violence a[illegible]

This document provides a cursory summary of select in[illegible] assessment of the evidence for the initiative.

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 [illegible] 2. The guns turned in are at low risk of ever being used in a crime. 3. Replacement guns are [illegible] cannot be effective.

[illegible] 1997 Australia gun buyback and its associated regulations is an exception to this. It was large, [illegible] 2. It coupled the buyback with a ban on certain weapons and a half-[illegible] automatic weapons. 3. It coupled the buyback with a ban on certain weapons and a half-[illegible] There is strong evidence that it reduced mass killings (before the initiative massacres occurred on average once per year and none have occurred in the 15 years since).

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).

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Governor Hickenlooper recently said he supports so-called "universal" background checks. But even President Obama's own experts say that "effectiveness depends on…requiring gun registration." A mandatory national gun database would be an illegal invasion of privacy unprecedented in our nation's history.

And what about the "large" magazine capacity bans that Hickenlooper and the State Senate are now considering? Obama's experts cited a study that found a "large" magazine ban had "no change in the criminal use of large capacity magazines." The ban will do nothing to end crime.

Read the full memo from Obama's experts at ***nraila.org/ObamasExperts***. Hickenlooper knows his proposals will not work without registration and may have no effect on criminal violence – the President's own experts have told us so.

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