

Feedback: Now this is what I was expecting:) I really appreciated your argument in this paper and you did an excellent job on your annotations. Take care!

Annotated Bibliography

The gun reform debate in America has never been as contentious as it is presently. Due to the recent atrocities that have occurred in places such as Aurora Colorado, and Newtown Connecticut the debate on what can, and should be done about gun control has been very public, with increasing support for legislation that will curb America's gun control issues. While those on the opposing side of the debate are fighting valiantly to protect the rights they have been granted by the 2nd amendment, those on the side of reform are pointing to the senseless killing that have occurred, and the role that the propensity of guns in the society have played in countless of innocent lives lost. This debate, and this moment may have the potential to shape the course of this nation forever.

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CBS. "Aurora witnesses describe shooter's entrance, chaos." Cbsnews.com.CBS, 20 July. 2012. Online Video Clip. 10 March. 2012.

- **Description:** This video clip includes an eyewitness account of the shooting that took place in a Century movie theater in Aurora, Colorado on July 20, 2012 during a midnight screening on The Dark Knight Rises that left 12 people dead, and 58 injured. The eyewitness account is of Shayla Roeder a young woman who was in the theater when these events occurred. The clip also contains within in a clip of the aftermath of the shooting when the authorities begin to arrive, and the moviegoers are exiting the theater, some in bloodied clothing.
- **Audience Description:** The video originally aired in CBS News, on the day of the shooting and was available to watch online that same day. Anybody interested in more information on the Aurora shooting with internet access, or local television could access this clip.

- **Evaluative Statement:** The source I believe is both powerful and reliable. The eyewitness account as well as the video clip that appears to be taken with a cell phone camera, do a good job in showing the chaos that occurred in the theater at midnight. Shayla Roeder's firsthand account of the shock of the moment, coupled with her apparent disbelief as she's being interviewed paint a much deeper picture of the event.
- **Degree of Usefulness:** I believe this video clip is very useful because of the human element in place during the event. This clip does a good job of putting context to the events, and the visual medium does a better job than the written one of showing the human element in place.

Gostin, Lawrence O., JD, and Katherine L. Record, JD, MA. "Dangerous People or Dangerous Weapons Access to Firearms for Persons with Mental Illness." *The Journal of the American Medical Association* (2010).

- **Description:** This source does a great job of framing a point that is a basis of my argument where it is discussing the role of the mentally ill, and firearms.
- **Audience Description:** Anybody who's interested in the gun control debate as it regard those with mental illnesses.
- **Evaluative Statement:** This article brings up a myriad of discussion topics as it relates to the mentally ill and gun control, and what level of mental illness constitutes infringing on rights.
- **Degree of Usefulness:** This article was very useful in discussing the role the mentally ill play in the gun control debate, and the complexities of mental illness as it relates to legislation for gun control.

Spitzer, R. (1995) *The Politics of Gun Control* [Ebook Library version]. Retrieved from site.ebrary.com.www2.lib.ku.edu

- **Description:** This book discusses the impact of guns on society, and the history of the battle between Congress, and the NRA has been over the years. The book delves into gun legislation as it pertains to our 2nd amendment rights.
- **Audience Description:** This book is geared towards anybody that wishes to be more knowledgeable on the history of gun control in America, and the underlying political factions on both sides of the argument.

- **Evaluative Statement:** This book goes into specific detail on landmark legal battles between the NRA against anti-gun legislation, as well as the key players and lobbyists and their roles in the debate. This book gives insight to both sides of the gun control argument, and is very fact driven.
- **Degree of Usefulness:** This book is very insightful and helpful in giving the facts behind the gun control debate and its origins. It's political in nature, without having an obvious political leaning.

Walkup, John T., and David H. Rubin. "Social Withdrawal and Violence—Newtown, Connecticut." *New England journal of medicine* (2012).

- **Description:** This journal article discusses people who can be described as socially withdrawn and how that specific mental illness can trigger catastrophic events due to the present lax firearm regulation. It goes into detail how the Newtown, Connecticut shooting can be directly traced to this.
- **Audience Description:** The audience for this journal article is anyone interested in the specific details concerning the Newtown Connecticut shooter Adam Lanza and his mental state that may have lead him to commit the crime on that day.
- **Evaluative Statement:** This article delves into what mental state may have triggered Lanza to decide that day to kill the innocent people in Sandy Hook Elementary School, and how our current legislation is to blame for this.
- **Degree of Usefulness:** This source does a good job addressing the gun control issue in America in regards to the role social withdrawal which can be categorized as a mental health issue plays in this. I thought the article did a great job explaining how those who feel on the outskirts of society can make rash decisions that can lead to deadly consequences easily with the prevalence of firearms.