

Letters to a President

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The White House
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Dear President Biden,

The role of President is going to be extremely difficult, especially with a pandemic going on. But there are issues that need to be addressed, for example gun violence. Don't you think it's getting out of control? Every day American citizens are killed by crimes involving guns. Last year seventeen thousand plus people were killed or injured by a gun.

Every day children and adults fear for their lives if someone were to break into their workplace/school with a gun. Some children will refuse to go to school because they are petrified of getting shot. Children should not have to worry about things like that, they should be worrying about what game they should be playing at recess, or who they are sitting next to at lunch, NOT BEING KILLED!

The police officers who are meant to protect the people of America are also contributing to the gun violence. Many fear them for the exact reason they may be shot. Even when in danger or abused, people would rather go to the fire department and not to the police, because they scare them.

Race shouldn't come into this, either. A majority of gun-related police violence, the victims involved are poc's who most of the time aren't doing anything wrong. Recently, a heart breaking, disgusting event happened where a man shot 8 innocent Asian civilians at a spa. The police said that the shooter was just having a bad day. This man shot and killed eight people! Would this be different if it was an opposing race?

To solve gun violence a solution could be stricter rules and background checks. They should check if the buyer has any convictions and any type of mental illnesses, also what their intentions would be with the weapon. There should be limits on the guns people could buy so they can't buy unnecessarily large guns like military issued ones. If we in the UK can get by just fine without guns, why can't you?

Gun violence is out of control, please urgently address this.

Yours sincerely,

Eloise May