

Debate Note-catcher - Take a Stand

Step 3- Choosing a Side:

Which side are you arguing? Write a complete sentence using the proposition.

We are the negative

Step 4 - Organizing the Case: Use the chart below to organize the structure of your argument with your group. You must also work as a group to brainstorm possible rebuttal points. Rebuttal points are responses to arguments made by the opposing side.

Opening (1-2 minutes)	
-Opening Statement (resolved) -Hook -Overview of three claims	Do you own a gun? Do you feel the need to protect your family and household? We believe America is not safe due to guns. American is very unsafe due to the lack of gun laws. You would not need to feel unsafe if gun control laws were more strict. Every year in America too many people die. The constitution was ratified in 1789 back when the only weapons they had were single shot muskets, the framers probably never thought that guns would evolve into what they are today. So the question is do you support gun laws?
Arguments (3-5 minutes)	
Claim#1	More people die each year because gun rights are not strict enough.
-Evidence #1 with explanation -Evidence #2 with explanation -Evidence #3 with explanation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. "There were 464,033 total gun deaths between 1999 and 2013: 270,237 suicides (58.2% of total deaths); 174,773 homicides (37.7%); and 9,983 unintentional deaths (2.2%). [4] Guns were the leading cause of death by homicide (66.6% of all homicides) and by suicide (52.2% of all suicides). Firearms were the 12th leading cause of all deaths, representing 1.3% of total deaths topping liver disease, hypertension, and Parkinson's disease, as well as deaths from fires, drowning, and machinery accidents." This showing how guns are too dangerous and lives can be saved and changed if more firearms have more restrictions and gun laws. 2. "American children under age 15 were nine times more likely to die of a gun accident than children in other advanced wealthy countries... About 200 Americans go to emergency rooms every day with gunshot wounds." This shows how even accidents can be fatal and can be decreased if there is more restrictions on guns and more gun laws. 3. "legal purchase of a handgun appears to be associated with a long-lasting increased risk of violent death." This quote shows how owning guns increases the risk even more of more death and violence.
Claim#2	If there's no guns there wouldn't be any deaths by guns.
-Evidence #1 with explanation -Evidence #2 with explanation -Evidence #3 with explanation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. "Several mass shootings in recent months have brought renewed attention to the issue of gun violence in America" This quote talks about how mass shooting are a problem and if we didn't have guns there wouldn't be as many deaths by guns. 2. "To you, the right to own a gun— including one of those assault weapons that looks like what a robot might utilize to kill the enemy in a movie called Robot War 3—is more important than

	<p>people's lives. People's lives matter less than your gun."</p> <p>Jim is asking whether a gun is more important than a human life? Which is a silly question as Jim compares it to robots using in which robots have no hearts.</p> <p>3. "Gun ownership in the United States far surpasses other countries, and the recent mass shootings, in particular, have raised comparisons with policies abroad."</p> <p>This is describing the fact that other countries have smaller rates of gun ownerships which decreases crime rates while the US far surpasses the other countries with gun ownership and also crime rates. Coincidence?</p>
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Claim#3	The 2nd amendment was made only to think about Single shot muskets, so as technology advances so has mass destruction by guns.
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<p>-Evidence #1 with explanation</p> <p>-Evidence #2 with explanation</p> <p>-Evidence #3 with explanation</p>	<p>1. "Gun control laws are just as old or older than the Second Amendment (ratified in 1791)." This quote shows how old gun laws are. All they had was single shot muskets which takes long enough to shoot which was not dangerous. As guns have advanced so have the dangerousness of the advanced technology we have now.</p> <p>2."For other purposes, such as responding to sudden invasions or other emergencies, the government could rely on a militia that consisted of ordinary civilians who supplied their own weapons and received some part-time, unpaid military training." This quote shows that in the beginning of this amendment it was meant for the militia and not thought for all people.</p> <p>3."Yet the Amendment was easily accepted because of widespread agreement that the federal government should not have the power to infringe the right of the people to keep and bear arms, any more than it should have the power to abridge the freedom of speech or prohibit the free exercise of religion." This quote shows that the second amendment was agreed on because the government should not have the power to infringe the right of the people to have the right to keep and bear arms.</p>
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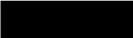
**Closing
(1-2 minutes)**

<p>Closing Statements</p> <p>-Restate position</p> <p>-Restate claims</p> <p>-Compelling narrative</p>	<p>so as explained in the earlier evidence, there are many reasons why we should have gun laws. But overall, the main ones we should focus on are... If there's no guns there wouldn't be any deaths by guns, more people die each year because gun rights are not strict enough, and how the 2nd amendment was made only to think about Single shot muskets, so as technology advances so has mass destruction by guns. With these gun laws these reasons would vanish and you would feel more safe. CONSIDER IT!</p>
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Possible Rebuttal Points:	
What might the other side say?	How will I respond?
people might that we don't need gun laws.	that we do need gun laws because there were 464,033 total gun deaths between 1999 and 2013: 270,237 suicides (58.2% of total deaths); 174,773

	homicides (37.7%); and 9,983 unintentional deaths (2.2%).
illegal immigrants shouldn't be able purchase a gun in their country because they would hurt people.	then that means there should gun laws.
The laws may limit possession of certain types of weapons to the police and the military	If the gun laws are passed they how will our police and military be able to defend us without guns.

Step 5- Choosing Team Roles: After discussing the roles with your team you will choose who will be performing which one. Use the remaining time to revise and improve your introduction, main points, and closing.

Role & Description	Student Name(s)
Opening Statements (1-2 minutes) This person provides an opening statement and a hook, which is a statement or short narrative designed to get the audience's attention. Then the person introduces the case with a summary of the three main claims.	
Speakers / Claims (3-5 minutes) Each speaker provides one or more of the reasons / evidence outlined in the case and uses evidence from text sources.	  
Closing Statements (1-2 minutes) This person restates the position and summarizes the claims made by the debate team. Afterwards the person gives a convincing narrative to end the debate with strength and explain why his/her side is a better argument.	

Order of Debate:

- Affirmative Opening and Outline
- Negative Opening and Outline
- Affirmative Claim #1
- Affirmative Claim #2
- Affirmative Claim #3
- Negative Claim #1
- Negative Claim #2

- Negative Claim #3
- Recess for Preparation of Rebuttals
- Rebuttal Time
- Affirmative Closing
- Negative Closing

Response Preparation: As the opposing team presents their arguments, your team will fill in the chart below with the opposing arguments and how you want to respond to their arguments.

Opposing Arguments/Claims	Rebuttal/Response