

Gun Control Policies

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Assessment:

Throughout the last thirty years, gun violence has been a major social issue in the United States. The Second Amendment gives all Americans the right to firearms and taking guns away from people is violating their rights. Although the action of taking guns away from Americans is unconstitutional, guns mixed with malicious people have been the cause of multiple mass shootings. For these reasons, the outcome of gun control in America can be difficult to predict but with Biden's presidency, it may be made easier.

Biden has recently been admitted into office with a new approach to reducing gun violence throughout America. During Obama's presidency, Biden and Obama were successfully able to limit gun control with new policies. Unfortunately, Trump removed the legislation allowing for easier access to guns. During the Biden presidency, the gun control laws will be replaced. Some of these laws could be altered by the constitution and I will be predicting the overall outcome of gun control.

First, the president does have the power to enact an executive order to enforce laws immediately.

President Obama was able to successfully use this power to enact his gun control laws and I believe that Biden will also use the executive power to his advantage. Second, for executive power to be overridden Congress needs to have a majority vote to override an executive order. Congress during Obama's presidency did not even attempt to override the executive order and I do not believe that it will be rejected by Congress today. Over the past four years, gun violence has increased with more and more mass shootings occurring throughout the nation. The regulations Biden wants to implement are not a violation of the 2nd amendment because his acts don't prevent people from protecting themselves but they prevent mass shootings and other forms of domestic violence.

The first step of Biden's gun control plan is to reduce the ease of access when it comes to guns. The sale of guns online will be banned because people can easily buy guns online without a background check. The owners of automatic, high magazine and silenced weapons will have to either turn in their weaponry or they will have to perform thorough background checks and get their guns registered. Policies like these ones will reduce the use of these weapons in mass shootings potentially lowering casualties. This act will be justified because it will be benefiting the most people by reducing the number of casualties.

Since Biden has the power of the executive order then he can lawfully implement all of his gun control regulations. Regulating gun control will overall benefit most people, so congress will most likely not override the executive order increasing gun control. Due to Biden's executive power, he will be able to successfully implement all of his laws and that is why he is a key to predicting future regulation. The only way these events will not occur is if Biden suddenly changes his stance on gun control but other than that it looks like gun restrictions will be increased.

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