

### Gun Violence Mental Health Questions

1. Do you think that gun violence affects public health? Why or why not?
2. Who do you think is most affected by gun violence?
3. What have you heard about school shootings? How do these stories make you feel?
4. How many people die every year from gun shots?
5. What happens when something is declared a “public health crisis”?
6. In which year did an appropriations bill block CDC studies of gun violence?
7. Why do some gun advocates oppose funding gun violence studies?
8. Who called for a reboot of gun violence research in January, 2013?
9. Do you think a public health approach could help reduce gun violence?
10. How do your political views affect your views on gun violence?
11. What do you think is the best solution to violence in America?

### Obama Town Hall Video Guide

1. What constitutional amendment protects citizens’ right to bear arms?
2. What is a background check?
3. What are your views on whether people should be allowed to own and carry guns?
4. What did you think of Obama’s tone as he answered the question?
5. Why do many gun owners believe that Obama wants to confiscate their guns?
6. Obama stated that the power of the NRA prohibits him from restricting an ISIL sympathizer from purchasing a gun. What role do special interest groups play in the gun debate and the legislation process?
7. Do you think Americans should be able to own AR-15s assault weapons like the one used in the Orlando shooting?
8. What is the significance of the U.S. Supreme Court not hearing arguments on assault weapons’ bans?
9. In what way could Democratic and Republican lawmakers work together more to pass sensible gun control measures?
10. President Obama was very critical of the National Rifle Association (NRA). Why is it important to have those advocacy groups in the United States?

### Federal Programs/Legislation

For Each of the following, research and write 4-6 sentences about the topic.

1. National Firearms Act 1934
2. Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence
3. United States v. Miller (1939)
4. District of Columbia v. Heller (2008)