



Gun Violence

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Definition: Gun violence is the use of a firearm to threaten or inflict violence or harm.

- Specifically gun violence in African American communities
- Problem relating to a lot of people around the nation especially in urban communities.

Importance



- A leading cause of death amongst the youth ages 10-25 in African American communities.

"The Impact of Gun Violence: A Conversation with Students." EDgov Blog. Arne Duncan, 26 Mar. 2013. Web. 17 July 2013.

The Problem

- Senseless violence
- Decreasing our population
- Destroying the innocence of our youth
- Destroying our communities


Complex Factors Contributing to Gun Violence

- Easy access to guns
- Poverty
- Media influence

The Facts

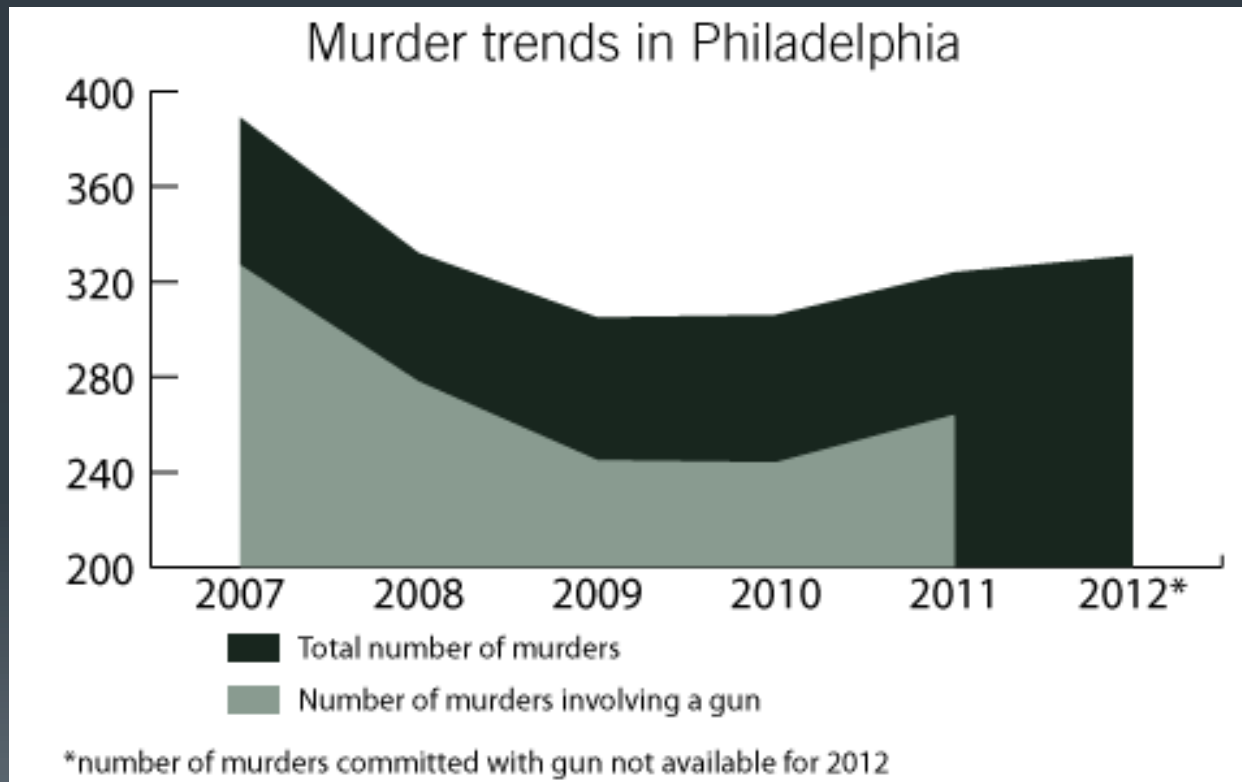
- The leading cause of death among African American teen's ages 15 to 19 in 2008 and 2009 was gun related homicide.
- African American children and teens accounted for 45 percent of all child and teen gun deaths in 2008 and 2009 but were only 15 percent of the total child population.
- Black males ages 15-19 were eight times as likely as White males of the same age and two-and-a-half times as likely as their Hispanic peers to be killed in a gun related homicides in 2009.

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- Current estimates are that there are 270 million guns held by civilians in the United States today.
 - That means there are almost 90 firearms for every 100 men, women and children in the U.S. today.
 - The NAACP has advocated for a number of sane, sensible gun laws which will do a lot to eliminate the damage caused by gun violence

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Philadelphia Murder Trends



The Daily Pennsylvanian

What's Being Done



- NAACP and Cure Violence advocating for new gun laws
- Cure Violence going out into troubled places and diffuse arguments
- NAACP opposing various pieces of legislation

What Do I Propose?

- Stricter procedures on accessing guns
- Incentives for people turning in guns
- Making the world more aware of gun violence

Conclusion

- Come together as one
- Become aware
- Save our youth
- Save our communities

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