

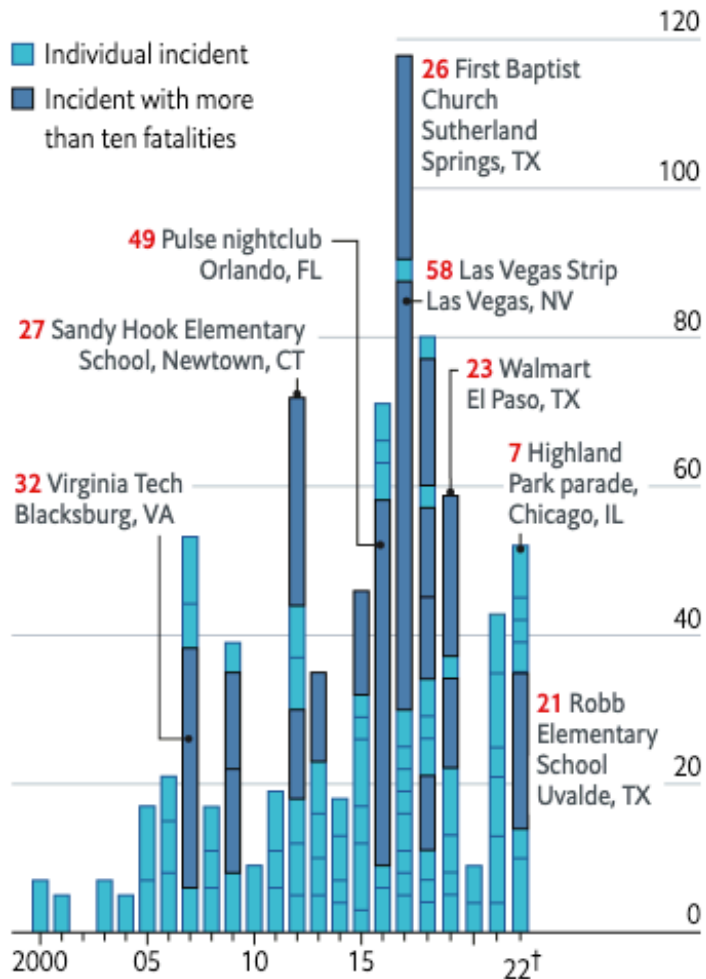
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Another massacre

United States, number of fatalities
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*Shootings with three or more fatalities excluding perpetrator(s). Before January 2013, with four or more fatalities. Some death tolls have grown since the initial attack. Not comprehensive †To July 6th
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- **THESIS (problématique) :**

Given the many obstacles to gun use restrictions in the U.S., can progress really be expected on this issue?

With the number of killings on the rise, why, paradoxically, does it look so unrealistic to envisage more restrictive measures on firearms?

This dossier shows that, paradoxically, although the number of mass shootings is on the rise, adopting stricter laws on firearms will not be a piece of cake.

- **CONCLUSION**

In short, supporters of gun control have reasons to believe that all hope is not lost, but the scope of the problem and the deeply-rooted gun culture suggest this will remain an uphill battle.

- **PLAN**

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 - America's paradoxical approach to guns
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