

## APPROCHE DE LA SYNTHÈSE DE DOCUMENTS :

- TITLES

America's love-hate relationship with guns

America's paradoxical approach to guns

The never-ending gun-control conundrum in America.

- INTRODUCTION

- HOOK AND PRESENTATION OF THE CORPUS

Mass shootings have become an almost daily occurrence in the United States. This is scrutinized in the five documents under consideration – two articles from *The Guardian* and *Time*, written in 2016 and 2023 respectively, an excerpt from the TV show *Last Week Tonight* devoted to guns in 2022, a 2022 bar chart from *The Economist* and an undated photograph of a gun supporter.

- MAIN QUESTIONS / THESES

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.

- PLAN

1. FACTS

- More and more shootings in the US over the past years

- 1,600 since Biden was elected (Doc2)
    - more between 2015 & 2022 than between 2000 & 2015 (Doc4)
    - rise in the number of school shootings (Uvalde, Parkland) (Doc3)
    - Still, many Americans still support the right to bear weapons (Doc5)

2. WHAT STOPS / HINDERS REGULATION

- many inadequate solutions (religion, man traps, blankets) → ridiculous (Doc3)
  - NRA : supporting the idea of more police officers in schools (Doc3)
  - Idea that more guns are needed to solve the gun problem in America (Doc3) → that is why some Fairy Tales are being rewritten (Doc1)
  - Gun culture in America is deeply entrenched (Doc5)
  - Doc 4 : the easy access to guns doesn't always mean a rise in mass shootings
  - No ground for optimism (Doc2)

### 3. PROSPECTS

- Anti-gun activists are fighting against this “degenerate culture” that puts children’s lives at risk (Doc1)
- Doc 3 : children need medical or mental health professionals rather than police officers at school
- But anti-gun activists have to face the intense lobbying of the NRA (Doc 1)
- The obvious solution is gun control (Doc3). President Biden believes he can make things change (Doc2) but he needs to be supported by Congress, which is a long shot , and time is not on his side (Doc2).

For now, although all hope is not lost (Doc2), it looks like achieving real progress in terms of gun control is a daunting task/ an uphill struggle