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5 pieces worth reading

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How can we be a country that does this to our children?

Esau McCauley argues in this *New York Times* article that the latest mass shooting at Covenant School in Nashville, Tennessee suggests that America has failed as a country to protect its children. As a Christian, McCauley argues that he believes in prayer, but he also contends that, as a nation we must act more effectively to regulate firearms to protect our most vulnerable residents, especially.

McCauley, E. (2023, March 28). "How can we be a country that does this to our children?" *The New York Times*. Retrieved from <https://www.nytimes.com/2023/03/28/opinion/how-can-we-be-a-country-that-does-this-to-our-children.html>

What an assault weapons ban could - and couldn't - do to end US mass shootings

In this *Vox* article Nicole Narea discusses President Biden's renewed call for an assault weapons ban following the tragic mass shooting in Nashville and sketches the effects such a prohibition would likely have on mass shootings. Previous studies have found that a ban would have prevented 30 mass shootings between 2005-2019 in which an assault weapon was obtained legally. However, the passage of a "red flag" law to prevent individuals believed to be a danger to themselves or others from possessing firearms may be more effective than prohibition, as assault weapons account for only a small percentage of firearm murders overall.

Narea, N. (2023, March 28). "What an assault weapons ban could - and couldn't - do to end US mass shootings." *Vox*. Retrieved from <https://www.vox.com/politics/2023/3/28/23660290/nashville-shooting-biden-assault-weapon-ban>

Why the mass shooting cycle remains predictable and permanent

Zachary Wolf argues in this *CNN* commentary that the nation's ongoing cycle of gun violence is unfortunately sadly predictable, given that President Biden can do little unilaterally to stop mass shootings, the Republican-controlled House of Representatives is unlikely to pass legislation to

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prevent them and the closely divided Democratically-controlled Senate is also poorly positioned politically to do so.

Wolf, Z. (2023, March 28). “Why the mass shooting cycle remains predictable and permanent.” *CNN*. Retrieved from <https://www.cnn.com/2023/03/28/politics/gun-laws-nashville-what-matters/index.html>

Mass shootings seldom shift partisan policies despite outcry

David Lieb argues in this *Associated Press* story that the partisan control of individual states will likely determine what, if anything, is done in response to gun violence, as Democratic-led states are likely to enact stronger gun regulation and Republican-led states are unlikely to do so. Lieb describes how several states have responded to past mass shootings to illustrate his argument.

Lieb, D. (2023, March 29). “Mass shootings seldom shift partisan policies despite outcry.” *Associated Press*. Retrieved from <https://apnews.com/article/nashville-school-shooting-covenant-school-04ecedf88a3777c64051aaedcf893c70>

Why Corporate America has grown silent on gun violence

Nathaniel Meyersohn contends in this *CNN* piece that fresh independent efforts by corporations to regulate sales of some weapons have now all but ended as those entities have faced active political pressure from Republican lawmakers not to act. Although a few companies, including Dick’s Sporting Goods, Walmart, and Citigroup have placed some restrictions on gun sales, other corporations have not followed their example due to a fear of antagonizing gun rights supporters and/or out of a belief that it is not their responsibility to regulate firearms accessibility.

Meyersohn, N. (2023, March 28). “Why Corporate America has grown silent on gun violence.” *CNN*. Retrieved from <https://www.cnn.com/2023/03/28/business/guns-corporate-america-nashville/index.html>