Gun Violence in Chicago

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How big of an issue is it?

- Although shootings per year have decreased since the spike in 2016 this issue not resolved
- Chicago has consistently had more total killings than any other U.S. city

“Gun violence is on the rise in Chicago with “604 being shot in this year alone” (Chicago Tribune)
How big of an issue is it? (cont’d)

100 most recent victims to gun violence in Chicago

April 9 - 22

Data collected from the Chicago Tribune crime team
The Impact on Others

- Has a major effect on families and others living within Chicago
  - Baby shot in knee, mother killed and father critically wounded in shooting on Far South Side
  - “They kept saying the address and the street but I didn’t put two and two together,” Boozer Collins said. “It’s unbelievable.”
  - Said by the sister of the victim
As seen from the chart, we are following the footsteps of the previous years.
What can we do to help?
Current Efforts

- Illinois has some of the strictest gun laws in the country:
  - 2013 to 2016
    - The CPD (Chicago Police Department) recovered 7,000 guns per year that had been illegally owned or associated with a crime
  - After 2016
    - CPD increased in force
    - Former Gov. Bruce Rauner even stricter gun laws

- FOID Cards
- Waiting Periods
- Child Access Prevention Law
- Design Safety Standards
- Reporting Lost or Stolen Firearms
- Temporarily Disarm Dangerous People
What WE Need to Do

- Prevention Infrastructure
  - Support Gun Violence Research
  - Health Systems
- After an interview with firearm safety and law expert, John Koterba, he suggests the primary goal should be “building a better community”
  - All gun crimes (since 2001) are happening mostly in the streets, sidewalks, and around common areas

Data collected from the Chicago Data Portal
What YOU Can Do

● Raise Awareness
  ○ NRA Programs
  ○ Education

● Research
  ○ Always Changing

● Recognize it as a Public Health Problem

● Support your Surrounding Community
B.U.I.L.D.

- Broader Urban Involvement & Leadership Development
  - One of Chicago's leading gang intervention, violence prevention, and youth development organizations
  - Organize gatherings to bring community members back into the neighborhood
    - Rebuild their hope.
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INTERVIEW

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