

# Gun Control

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A Comparison of Japan and America

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America



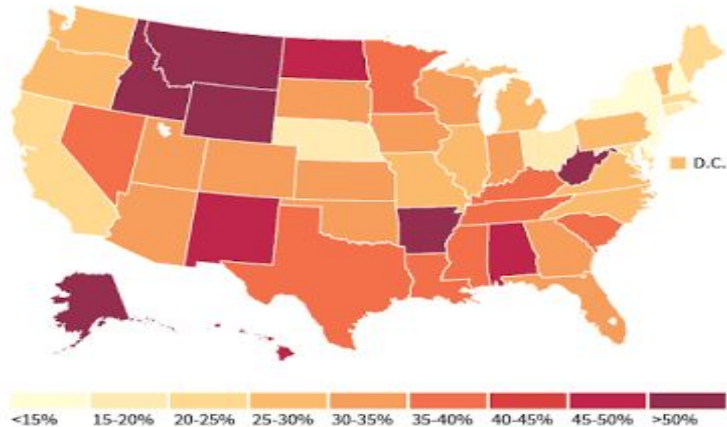
# Gun Culture of America

- Second Amendment
- 22% of Americans own guns
  - 3% own **HALF**
  - total of 270 million legal guns, but 310 million guns estimated.

## The States With The Most Gun Owners

A new study from BMJ found gun ownership rates varied widely in the 50 states and D.C.

Percent of U.S. adults owning guns, by state, 2013



## Protection tops the list of reasons for owning a gun

% of gun owners saying each is a major reason they personally own a gun

	All gun owners	Urban	Suburban	Rural
For protection	67	71	71	62
For hunting	38	27	34	48
For sport shooting	30	31	30	30
As part of a gun collection	13	12	11	15
For their job	8	12	6	7

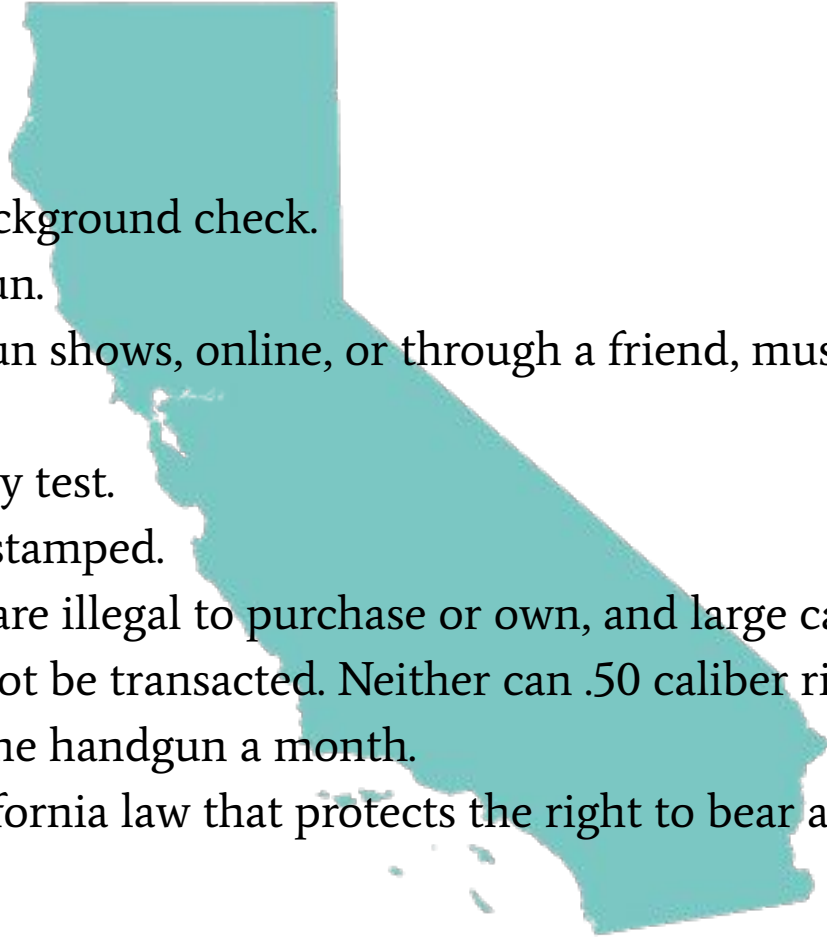
Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted March 13-27 and April 4-18, 2017.

"America's Complex Relationship With Guns"

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# California Gun Laws

- You must pass a universal background check.
- Wait 10 days to receive the gun.
- All purchases, including at gun shows, online, or through a friend, must go through a licensed dealer.
- You must pass a written safety test.
- All handguns must be microstamped.
- Most assault grade weapons are illegal to purchase or own, and large capacity ammunition magazines cannot be transacted. Neither can .50 caliber rifles.
- You cannot buy more than one handgun a month.
- There is no provision in California law that protects the right to bear arms.



# Louisiana Gun Laws

- No background checks are required for transfer of a firearm between those without a licence.
- No regulation for assault weapons.
- Local Governments are not allowed to regulate guns.
- Owners are not required to have a licence or register their weapons.
- Purchase of a firearm can be done online.
- Purchase is not allowed for those convicted of domestic abuse.
- No police discretion is incited when applying for a concealed weapon permit.
- A hand gun cannot be purchased by someone under 21 without a permit.



# Recent Gun Crimes in America

There has been on average **one** school shooting **a week** in 2018

## Parkland, Florida

- Marjory Stoneman Douglas HS
  - **17** students and faculty were killed in the shooting
  - The shooter was 19 year old  
Nikolas Cruz
    - Expelled for disciplinary reasons
    - House was visited on 39 occasions by police
    - Legally purchased and owned the gun used.
  - **9th** deadliest shooting in US modern history
  - Spawned wave of protests
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# Current Efforts to Improve Gun Control- America

- According to a survey by the Associated Press, **51%** expect stricter gun laws, **6%** expect only some legislation, and **42%** expect no change at all (the remaining 1% was unclarified).
- Examples of Current Movements/Changes:
  - Gun laws passed in New Jersey and Florida heavily strengthen control
    - **Notable: A1217, family can ask for removal of guns; A2781, proof of “justifiable need”**
  - National legislation banning bump stocks
  - Various movements such as March For Our Lives
  - Several corporations remove support and funding from NRA

Japan





# Current Gun Situation in Japan

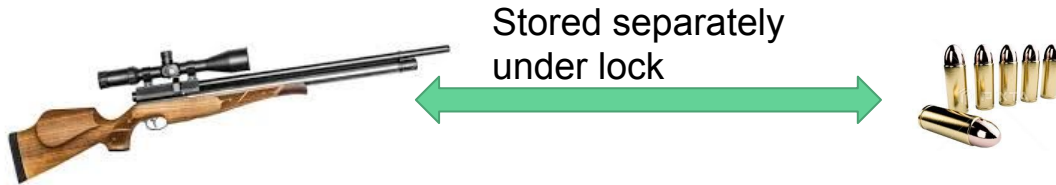
- Possessing guns is basically banned in Japan regardless to what kind they are
- 22 incidents happened in 2017 (13 of them occurred by gangsters)
- Most strong connection with gangsters
- Seizure of guns by police has been severely carried out, most of them are imported from abroad, also suggest family of old soldiers to submit the old  
— army guns used in wars

# Shooting as a Recreation in Japan

- Gun acquisition laws determine that only those who are athletes of shooting or nominees have a right to own a gun
- According to National Rifle Association of Japan, you must get a license to acquire guns, there are various steps to get it;
- You will be checked your mental health, or drug record, even that of your relatives and colleagues (Reference from BBC), etc...(no homeless accepted, or if you have had arrested by stalking someone within 3 years)
- You must take a lecture that takes almost a whole day
- After you passed the exams above, you must submit an application of allowance of possessing guns
- You need to get a gun within 3 months after you got the license

# Gun law after getting licence

- Police must be notified where the gun and the ammunition are stored.
- You must store the gun and the ammunition separately under lock and key.
- You are inspected once a year.
- Gun shops can be no more than three in Japan.
- You can only buy fresh cartridges by returning the spent cartridges.
- After three years your licence runs out, at which point you have to attend the course and pass the test again.



# Gun Control History in Japan

- Japan is the first nation to impose gun laws in the world

**1588** Almost guns and swords were taken away from peasants. (Katanagari)

**1687** People needed the permission from the government to have guns, but it's not so strict.

**1946** Military guns spread to citizens under the confusion after the World War II.

**1965** The regulation of guns was decided more strictly. People can obtain guns only after many examinations and judgements. It is continuing presently.

# Comparison

## Similarities

- License is needed to possess guns in California and Japan.
- You must pass a background check and a safety test for guns license. (For some states)
- It is allowed to possess guns for hunting and sport shooting.
- Laws being recently passed in America (not nationally) resemble Japanese laws.

## Differences

- Guns and their usage (recreational or otherwise) are prolific in America.
- Cultural mentality is widely different between America and Japan.
- No legal differences exist among prefectures in Japan.
- Owning guns for protection isn't permitted in Japan.
- Gun deaths per nation in 2017: 15,549 (America) to 10 (Japan).

# Our Thoughts

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