

No Gun Violence



“Don’t let anyone tell you that these bad things happen and then everyone goes back to “normal.” ... You don’t have to be ‘everyone.’ Stay with the grief. Stay with the anger. Stay troubled by it all. Stay open-hearted to those who grieve. Stay tuned to those working for change.”

— Morgan Harper Nichols,



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WHEN WILL?

WON'T YOU STOP GUN VIOLENCE

WHAT HAS IT TURNED INTO

A WAY OF LIFE FOR PEOPLE? NO MORALS

BORN INTO OUR COMMUNITIES

BORN WITH SHELLS AND PAIN

WHAT OTHER CHOICES DO THEY HAVE?

THE BLACK BOYS IN OUR COMMUNITIES

WHAT OTHER CHOICE DO THEY HAVE?

-JAMIR WALKE



GUN VIOLENCE



KILLING YOUNG INNOCENT KIDS

**WHY KILL INNOCENT PEOPLE ?
DO YOU KNOW THAT YOU'RE HURTING
MOMS AND FAMILIES ?
DO YOU FEEL ANY TYPE OF WAY
ABOUT KILLING THESE PEOPLE?
GUN VIOLENCE IS A REAL THING IN
PHILADELPHIA
KILLADELPHIA IS CALLED THE CITY.
YOUNG BLACK KIDS GET KILLED
EVERYDAY
KILLING INNOCENT KIDS THAT
DIDN'T EVEN GET TO SEE THE AGE OF
18
COULDN'T EVEN FINISH HIGH SCHOOL.
WHY KILL THESE KIDS ?
DO YOU HAVE ANY EMPATHY?
-MORGAN**

**THIS IS A
SCHOOL ZONE
NOT A
WAR ZONE**



Gun Violence

40 ACTIVE-SHOOTING incidents in the U.S. last
35 MALES
3 FEMALES
4 UNSPECIFIED
SHOOTERS 
ACCORDING TO FBI DATA



**KEEP
CALM
AND
STOP KILLING
PEOPLE**



 BUILDING IT **BETTER** together
**GUN VIOLENCE
SOLUTIONS**



THE CITY OF FEAR

**IS IT PHILADELPHIA, OR KILLADELPHIA ?
IT'S ALL THE SAME AT THIS POINT
BODIES DROP FAST AS HELL
WEEKEND AFTER AFTER WEEKEND
BLEEDING OUT AND WEEZING
LEFT IN THE STREET UNTIL THE FEDS COME
WHEN WILL IT STOP?
KIDS CAN'T PLAY, PARENTS TOO SCARED,
SCHOOLS ON LOCK
LIFE ISN'T WHAT IT USED TO BE
THE IMPACT OF THE LOSS IN OUR CITY
IT'S LIKE SOMEONE HIT PAUSE IN LIFE
THE WORLD IS ENDING DAY BY DAY
FAMILIES AND FRIENDS DEAL WITH
UNBEARABLE HURT
WE NEED TO BITE THE BULLET
THE PAIN & FEAR NEEDS TO STOP
PHILADELPHIA, KILLADELPHIA
-IMAN**



PREVENTION

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COUNSELING

Books, not guns.
Culture, not violence.



The situation is getting worse, and people are losing hope. That despair stokes violence.

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WHY IS IT THAT GIVING GUNS IS SO EASY, BUT



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GIVING BOOKS IS SO HARD?

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YOUTH

"WE NEED A CHANGE"

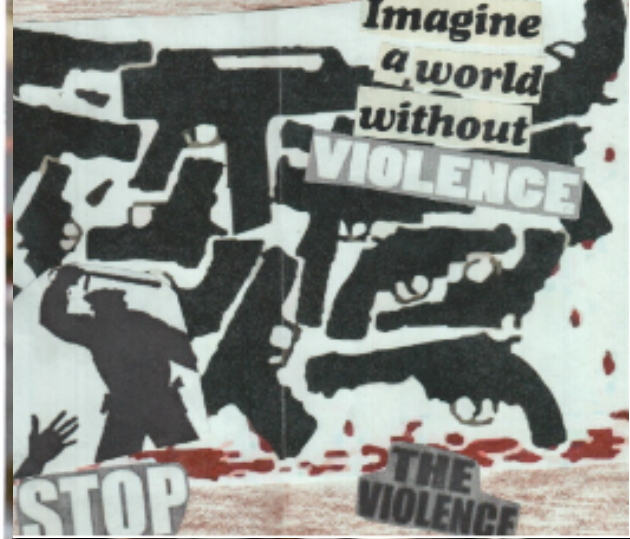
**THIS IS THE CITY OF KILLADELPHIA
WELL IT USED TO BE PHILADELPHIA
SWEAR THESE BODIES ARE DROPPING LIKE FLIES
FAMILIES AT FUNERALS WITH TEARS IN THEIR EYES
THEY TRY TO STAY STRONG BUT THEY BREAK DOWN AND
CRY**

**WE NEED TO MAKE A CHANGE.
WHEN WILL WE STOP?
WHEN WILL IT END?
HOW MANY TIMES ARE WE GOING TO LET
THIS KEEP HAPPENING?
IT HAPPENS AGAIN AND AGAIN
IT'S A CYCLE CONTINUED
IS THIS THE NEW TREND?
WE NEED TO MAKE A CHANGE.**

**IT'S LIKE WE LAYING SOMEONE NEW DOWN EVERYDAY
I CAN'T TAKE THIS NO MORE
I GET ON MY KNEES AND I PRAY
TO STOP THESE TRAGIC WAYS
IM PRAYING FOR A CHANGE
IF WE DON'T DO SOMETHING NOW
IT WILL FOREVER BE THE SAME
WE NEED TO MAKE A CHANGE.
SOMEBODY'S UNCLE, BROTHER, DAD IS GONE
WHY IS THIS HAPPENING, THIS IS WRONG?
HOW WILL YOU EXPLAIN THIS TO THE FAMILY?
YOU HAD THE WRONG DROP
WHY DID THE CORNER STORE HAVE TO BE HIS LAST STOP?
WE NEED TO MAKE A CHANGE.**

**'BOOM, BOOM BANG'
ANOTHER ONE SHOT AGAIN
TOLD YOU, IT WILL ALWAYS BE THE SAME
IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE
CAN'T YOU SEE
HIS BODY DROPPED
HES BLEEDING PROFUSELY
HE WON'T MAKE IT THE DOCTOR SAID
MAKE THE CALL
TELL HIS MOTHER
IM SORRY YOUR SON IS DEAD**

**TELL THEM I'M SORRY THIS WAS A SAD MESS
BUT MANY FAMILY AND FRIENDS DO WE HAVE TO LOSE TO
THE INTERNET?
TO UNDERSTAND THIS IS WRONG
PUT DOWN THE GUNS
I'M TIRED OF THE RIP POST AND FUNERALS
YOU TOOK SOMEONE'S LIFE AND RUINED YOURS
OVER SOMETHING DUMB THAT COULDVE BEEN IGNORED.**



No Gun Violence



ENOUGH IS ENOUGH
We Need To Change.



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MY POET SPREAD



THE POET I'VE CHOSEN IS GILL MCCULLOCH, GILL WRITES ABOUT THINGS THAT SHE DEEPLY CARES ABOUT AND OR THINGS SHE FINDS HUMOROUS. SHE TOUCHES ON THE KEY POINT AND ISSUES INCLUDING MY ISSUES WHICH IS GUN VIOLENCE.

HER POEM "PROTECT KIDS, NOT GUNS" SPEAKS ABOUT THE DANGER THAT PEOPLE CHILDREN FACE AND THE CONSEQUENCES THAT THEY ARE FORCED TO FACE WHEN ONE DECIDES TO TAKE ANGER OUT ON THEM OR IN THEIR ENVIRONMENT. GILL SPEAKS ON WAYS TO SOLVE THE THE BIGGEST PROBLEM YET, WHICH IS MENTAL HEALTH. GILL SAYS IN THE POEM "WHY IS THERE SO MUCH DESPERATION AND ANGER?"

**WHY NOT GIVE PEOPLE MENTAL HEALTH CARE THEY NEED?
WHY ARE SOME DRUG COMPANIES SO FULL OF GREED?"**

THIS LINE ADDRESSES MY COLLAGE AND POEM, BECAUSE I SPOKE ON THE PROBLEM, THE OUTCOME, AND POSSIBLE WAYS TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM THAT NO ONE HAS YET TO TOUCH ON.

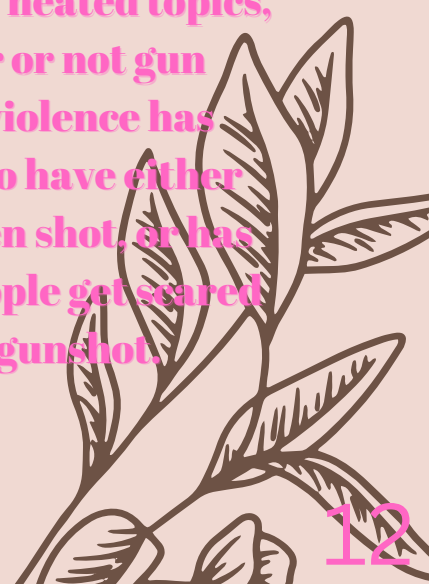


Research



Studies indicate that there are anywhere from over 200 million to more than 350 million guns in the U.S. Millions of people in the United States already own a firearm, making gun violence a serious problem in today's culture. Despite the fact that some individuals may use them for safety and defense, it has become a constant issue in our world and has injured and murdered numerous people as well as damaged numerous families when the firearms ended up in the wrong hands. In Pennsylvania, firearms are responsible for 1,574 fatalities and 3,058 injuries annually. Pennsylvania state has the 27th highest gun violence in the U.S. Estimates show 321 people are shot on average every day in the United States. 111 of them pass away, including 65 suicides and 42 homicides, accidental shootings death, police shootings, one deaths for which there is no known reason. Many of these deaths stem from many incidents such as school shootings, drive-bys, gang violence and mistaken identity etc. Mass shootings, tragedies after tragedies, and ongoing social issues are all a result of gun violence in the United States. Due to this, gun violence has claimed numerous innocent lives.

As a result of a sharp rise in gun violence over time, the US is in desperate need of legislation that would ensure the welfare and safety of its population. Researchers are examining gun laws and regulations because of the horrifying incidents involving gun violence. Have you ever seen any news about gun violence on social media? The majority of individuals, I believe, will respond "yes." Gun violence and gun regulation, as I previously stated, are currently highly heated topics, and there is ongoing discussion regarding whether or not gun ownership should be protected or restricted. Gun violence has definitely shaped the lives of adults and children who have either witnessed gun violence, known someone who has been shot, or has been shot. Due to the impact of the situation some people get scared anytime they hear anything relatively close to a gunshot.



The research I did was the killings in Philadelphia from articles , social media and the news. A lot of reports on gun violences are mostly on social media and the news.

According to studies, there are somewhere between 200 million and 350 million firearms in the United States.

Since millions of Americans already own firearms, gun violence is a significant issue in contemporary culture. Although some people may use them for protection and defense, it has been a persistent problem in our world and has caused many injuries and murders in addition to destroying many families when the firearms ended up in the wrong hands. Every year, there are 1,574 firearm-related fatalities and 3,058 injuries in Pennsylvania.

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Jamir Walke

QUESTION 1: WHAT ARE YOUR VIEWS ON GUN VIOLENCE?

MOM: I THINK THAT IT SHOULDN'T BE A THING IN OUR COMMUNITY AND WE SHOULD PUT WEAPONS DOWN AS A WHOLE.

QUESTION 2: HOW DO YOU THINK GUN VIOLENCE HAS IMPACTED OUR COMMUNITY?

MOM: IT HAS CAUSED A LOT OF HURT ON THE PEOPLE IN COMMUNITIES, AND HAS SEPARATED OUR COMMUNITIES AS A WHOLE.

QUESTION 3: HOW CAN WE SLOW GUN VIOLENCE DOWN?

MOM: I THINK THAT THE PUNISHMENT WHEN PEOPLE ARE CAUGHT WITH WEAPONS SHOULD BE HEAVIER.

QUESTION 4: DO YOU KNOW ANYONE AFFECTED BY GUN VIOLENCE?

MOM: YES I KNOW A LOT OF PEOPLE.

QUESTION 5: HAVE YOU OR A LOVED ONE BEEN DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY GUN VIOLENCE?

MOM: YES THEY HAVE.

QUESTION 6: HOW HEAVY DO YOU THINK THE PUNISHMENT SHOULD BE FOR PEOPLE CAUGHT WITH GUNS?

MOM: VERY HEAVY, I DON'T HAVE A SPECIFIC NUMBER BUT ENOUGH TO TEACH PEOPLE A LESSON.

QUESTION 7: DO YOU THINK GUNS SHOULD BE BANNED AS A WHOLE?

MOM: YES BECAUSE IF THEY WERE BANNED THE VIOLENCE WOULD GO DOWN TREMENDOUSLY.

Contributor Page

We believe that gun violence is a serious and constant issue in our society that cannot be solved, it is terrible for the community, and especially the kids. given the environment that that we grew up in or hang around and the people we surround ourselves with a lot of this has become normal to us, we have become numb to a lot of the things other people are not because it is ot normal and it should not be normalized but it is due to a lot of us being desensitized to the violence and killings around us.

ARTIST STATEMENT

ME IN SPECIFIC, I USED A COLLAGE BASED ON THE STOPPAGE OF GUN VIOLENCE, ALONG WITH A POEM DESCRIBING THE IMPACTS OF GUN VIOLENCE TO CONVERY MY ZINE'S MAIN PURPOSE. MY POEM WAS BASED ON THE POET LUCILLE CLIFTON, AND MY POEM WAS BASED ON HER FAMOUS POEM WON'T YOU CELEBRATE WITH ME. I INCORPORATED HER TECHNIQUE OF ASKING QUESTIONS AND LEADING THE READER ON TO FULLY DEVELOP AND CREATE MY POEM. ALONG WITH THE POEM, I INTERVIEWED MY MOM ABOUT HER BELIEFS OF GUN VIOLENCE, AND ABOUT HER PERSONAL EXPERIENCES WITH GUN VIOLENCE. MY CREATIVE SUBMISSION WAS A COLLAGE AND IT REFLECTS BACK TO MY POEM BY REALLY BRINGING OUT THE IMPACT GUN VIOLENCE HAS ON COMMUNITIES AND MORE IMPORTANTLY FAMILIES AS A WHOLE. I WANTED TO CREATE SOMETHING THAT WOULD TOUCH PEOPLE WHO HAVE HAD TO DEAL WITH GUN VIOLENCE FIRST HAND. - JAMIR

**I CREATED A COLLAGE FOR MY ZINE TO ILLUSTRATE THE EFFECTS AND CONSEQUENCES OF GUN VIOLENCE IN OUR SOCIETY TODAY. I ALSO CREATED A POEM TO DISCUSS THE DEVASTATING EFFECTS OF GUN VIOLENCE AND HOW IT INFLUENCES EVERYONE IN ITS CLOSE SURROUNDINGS. SINCE MAYA ANGELOU REPEATS THE SAME PHRASE IN EACH STANZA OF HER POEM "STILL I RISE," I DECIDED TO USE IT AND EMBRACE HER USE OF REPETITION. I CREATED A COLLAGE FOR MY CREATIVE ENTRY TO HELP GIVE A MORE VISUAL DEPICTION OF WHAT THE POEM DISCUSSES AND TO HIGHLIGHT HOW IT IMPACTS THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND THE PEOPLE LIVING THERE
-KENNEDY**

I MADE A COLLAGE FOR MY ZINE IN AN EFFORT TO USE QUOTES AND A VISUAL ELEMENT TO SPREAD AWARENESS OF ONE OF THE MAIN PROBLEMS—GUN VIOLENCE. MY POETRY WAS ALSO INFLUENCED BY THE STYLE AND CONTENT OF "SOME KIND OF LOVE, SOME SAY" BY MAYA ANGELOU. THE SAME LITERARY DEVICES THAT MAYA ANGELOU UTILIZES IN HER POETRY—RHYTHM, IMAGERY, METAPHORS, HYPERBOLE, AND SIMILES—ARE ALSO EMPLOYED IN MY POEM, WHICH IS BASED ON HER WORK. MY CREATIVE WORK WAS A COLLAGE THAT PROVIDED A VISUAL REPRESENTATION OF THE CURRENT STATE OF OUR CITY AND THE EFFECTS IT IS HAVING ON CHILDREN, ADULTS, SCHOOLS, AND JOBS. I WANTED THE COLLAGE TO GIVE A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE PROBLEM AND DIFFERENT WAYS THE PROBLEM CAN BE RESOLVED - IMAN

ARTIST STATEMENT PART 2

I made a collage for my zine to show and stop gun violence. I used creativity for my submission of imagery. The poet I used was Maya Angelou imitating one of her poems “And Still I Rise” I used that poem specifically because she used repetition and imagery in her poem. My poem is based on repetition and imagery just as Maya Angelou’s. The purpose of my zine is to express in a way to tell people to stop killing innocent kids and stop gun violence all around the world. I used a collage as my creative piece to show to stop gun violence because it’s hurting families and it’s getting out of hand. My poem explains why we should stop using guns as a weapon to kill innocent kids. In my collage has signs that says “stop killing us” and “stop gun violence”.

-Morgan

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