

### **Annotated Bibliography (MLA)**

Jones, John. "National Statistics on Gun Violence." *Journal of American Political Studies*, vol. 50, no. 9, 2011, pp. 98–101. *Academic Search Complete*, doi: 10.32619.

In this fact-filled article, Jones provides extensive statistics regarding a wide range of gun violence across America. The author provides statistics dating from the 1960s through 2011 related to the number of deaths directly tracked to crimes involving firearms. Furthermore, the data is broken down by city and state, providing a detailed examination of which areas of America suffer the most gun-related violence. Jones' article appears in a peer-reviewed journal considered to be a credible source. Although the article is somewhat dated, the info provided will be used to provide readers a historical perspective on gun-related crimes through the 2010 decade.

Smith, Kathy, and Bart White. *Lessons from Columbine: How Police Now Handle an Active Shooter Situation*. New House Publishing, 2014.

Smith and White's book provides a summary of the events that occurred at Columbine High School on April 20, 1999. More importantly, the authors detail how lessons learned from law enforcement who handled the Columbine shooting have completely changed the way mass shootings are now handled. For instance, terms such as "active shooter" were developed after Columbine, and police procedures now recommend directly approaching active shooters to hopefully minimize civilian casualties. Both authors are former law enforcement and provide a unique perspective on how police procedures have changed over the past two decades. This book will be used not only to provide some background info on school shootings but also to emphasize the importance of learning from these tragedies.

Ziegler, John. "Second Amendment under Siege in America." *New York Times*, 31 May 2017, late ed., p. D4. *LexisNexis*, doi: 4233.nyt.32244.

In this scathing opinion piece, Ziegler argues against those who feel more gun regulations are needed in America. Citing from the Second Amendment and multiple Constitutional scholars, the author provides a convincing argument that the country's forefathers intended civilians to have access to weapons in addition to the militia. Furthermore, Ziegler offers the viewpoint that if the rights provided in the Second Amendment can be ignored or altered, then Americans risk losing the freedoms offered in the Constitution's other amendments. Although somewhat guilty of the slippery slope fallacy, Ziegler does appear to be a credible author, whose articles have been carried by most major newspapers in America. Ziegler's article will be used in the paper's opposition section as a leading example of the main reason conservative Americans oppose new gun-control measures.

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- Each annotated paragraph usually contains:
  - Summary of the source
  - Evaluation of the source
    - Is source/author credible? How do you know?
    - Is info relevant, accurate, and current?
    - How do you plan to use this source? (e.g., to provide background, in opposition argument, etc.)