

THE BLOODBATH THAT NEVER CAME

85
DOCUMENTED,
VERIFIED
PREDICTIONS INSIDE

After every pro-Second Amendment ruling and reform of the last several years, gun control groups, advocates, and public officials predicted more shootings and more death. Instead, American murder fell to record lows.

-18.1%

U.S. murder in 2025, the fastest decline ever recorded

[FBI](#) · [Jeff Asher](#)

-9.3%

U.S. violent crime in 2025, the largest drop since FBI estimates began (1936)

[FBI 2025](#)

-21%

Homicides in 35 large cities in 2025; national rate likely the lowest on record

[Council on Criminal Justice](#)

-36%

U.S. murders, 2022 → 2025

Calculated from FBI revised estimates · [FBI CIUS Table 1](#)

THEY SAID

“The ruling in NYSRPA v Bruen will result in more guns in our communities. And it will assuredly result in more gun violence immediately.”

Brady · Gun control group · Jun 23, 2022 · [X](#) · [@bradybuzz](#)

“Put simply, this Supreme Court ruling will put New Yorkers at further risk of gun violence.”

Eric Adams · Mayor of New York City · Jun 23, 2022 · [NYC Mayor's Office statement](#)

“Today's decision means more deaths and more pain in a country already awash in gun violence.”

Brian Frosh · Attorney General of Maryland · Jun 23, 2022 · [WBAL-TV reprinting full statement](#)

“the Court has opened the floodgates to allow more violence, more death, and more injuries in our cities and towns.”

Rob Menendez · Congressional candidate (NJ), later U.S. Representative · Jun 23, 2022 · [New Jersey Globe](#)

“I just think more guns -- more access -- necessarily means more shootings and more killings. That's bad for Houston. That's bad for Texas.”

Kim Ogg · Harris County (TX) District Attorney · Sep 4, 2021 · [NBC DFW](#)

“It's not an exaggeration to say that pulling violence intervention workers out of communities will lead to an immediate surge in violence—people will die.”

Paul Carrillo (GIFFORDS) · GIFFORDS Center for Violence Intervention, on DOJ grant cuts · Apr 24, 2025 · [Giffords press release](#)

WHAT HAPPENED

3 straight drops

→ U.S. murder fell every year from 2023 through 2025, each drop larger than the last (FBI revised estimates).

[FBI CIUS Table 1](#)

688 shootings

→ NYC, 2025: fewest in recorded history. Murders -20.2%. [NYPD](#)

133 homicides

→ Baltimore, 2025: fewest in nearly 50 years. [Baltimore Mayor's Office](#)

924 → 559

→ New Jersey shooting victims, 2023 → 2025: record low. [NJ Monitor](#) / [NJSP](#)

-27.3%

→ Texas murder rate, 2021 → 2024, after permitless carry. [Texas DPS](#)

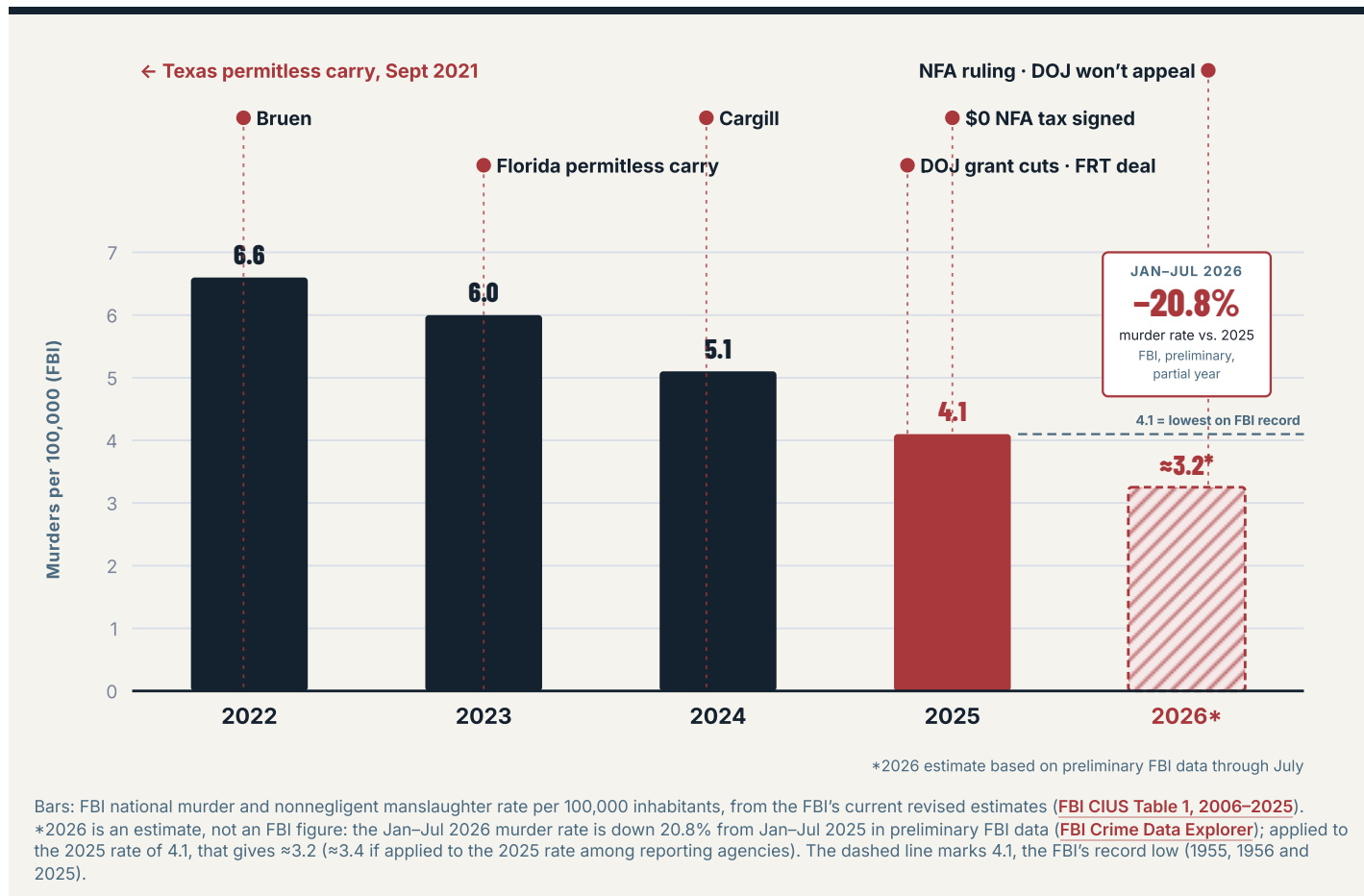
-20.8%

→ U.S. murder rate, Jan-Jul 2026 vs. 2025 (preliminary FBI data). On pace for a record low. [FBI CDE](#)

RIGHTS EXPANDED. MURDER FELL. THE PREDICTIONS OF THE SECOND AMENDMENT'S OPPONENTS WERE WRONG.

REFORM AFTER REFORM. MURDER KEPT FALLING.

Each red marker is a pro-Second Amendment ruling or reform that gun control advocates said would cost lives. The bars show the FBI's national murder rate per 100,000 residents.



-9.1%
2023

-13.7%
2024

-18.1%
2025

% change in U.S. murders (FBI revised estimates). Three straight years of falling murder, each drop larger than the last. In 2025 murder “fell at the fastest pace ever recorded to the lowest rate recorded since the FBI started its modern estimates.”

Jeff Asher, Aug 2026

SEPT 2021

PERMITLESS CARRY: TEXAS

Permitless-carry wave continues: Georgia (2022), Florida (2023), Louisiana (2024) and others.

17 Predictions Proven Wrong

JUNE 2022

NYSRPA V. BRUEN

Supreme Court ends “may-issue” discretion over carry permits.

39 Predictions Proven Wrong

JUNE 2024

GARLAND V. CARGILL

Supreme Court strikes down ATF’s bump-stock ban.

11 Predictions Proven Wrong

2025

DOJ / ATF CHANGES

Grant cuts, forced-reset-trigger settlement and more.

7 Predictions Proven Wrong

JULY 2025 → 2026

\$0 NFA TAX & NFA RULINGS

\$200 tax on suppressors and SBRs/SBSs zeroed (effective 2026); DOJ declines to appeal a 2026 NFA ruling.

11 Predictions Proven Wrong

THEY PROMISED A BLOODBATH. THE DATA DELIVERED RECORD LOWS.

85 PREDICTIONS, IN THEIR OWN WORDS

Every statement below is verbatim and verified against a primary source or a reputable outlet's direct quotation, and each one links to its source. Quotes are reproduced verbatim from the linked source. Ellipses (...) mark omitted words; bracketed text is ours.

Tags: **GROUP** gun control organization · **ADVOCATE** named leader or activist · **OFFICIAL** public officeholder, candidate or government body; the office held at the time of the statement is shown.

39 PREDICTIONS
PROVEN WRONG

NYSRPA V. BRUEN

June 23, 2022 — the Supreme Court strikes down New York's "proper cause" carry-permit regime.

WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED

-36%

U.S. murders, 2022 → 2025 (21,923 → 14,085), the three full years after Bruen. Calculated from FBI revised estimates (CIUS Table 1). [FBI CIUS Table 1](#)

688

NYC shooting incidents in 2025, the fewest in recorded history; murders fell 20.2% (382 → 305). [NYPD, Jan 2026](#)

924 → 559

New Jersey shooting victims, 2023 → 2025: a record low for the third straight year. [New Jersey Monitor / NJ State Police](#)

133

Baltimore homicides in 2025, the fewest in nearly 50 years. [Baltimore Mayor's Office](#)

Brady **GROUP**

Gun control group (@bradybuzz) · Jun 23, 2022

"BREAKING: In a decision that could gut gun laws everywhere, the Supreme Court just ruled in favor of the NRA. The ruling in NYSRPA v Bruen will result in more guns in our communities. And it will assuredly result in more gun violence immediately. #GunLawsSaveLives"

X · [@bradybuzz ↗](#)

Brady / Everytown / Giffords Law Center / March For Our Lives (joint)

GROUP

Joint press release (Brady, Everytown, GIFFORDS, March For Our Lives) · Jun 23, 2022

"This ruling will mean more guns in more places, which will inevitably lead to more tragic acts of vigilantism, gun violence, and preventable deaths."

[Brady press release ↗](#)

Jonathan Lowy (Brady) **ADVOCATE**

Brady Chief Counsel & VP of Legal · Jun 23, 2022

"This decision is radical judicial extremism at its worst, and Americans will die as a result."

[Brady press release ↗](#)

Kris Brown (Brady) **ADVOCATE**

Brady President · Jun 23, 2022

"Our safety from gun violence is at grave risk."

X · [@KrisB_Brown ↗](#)

John Feinblatt (Everytown for Gun Safety) **ADVOCATE**

Everytown President · Jun 23, 2022

"Let's be clear: the Supreme Court got this decision wrong, choosing to put our communities in even greater danger with gun violence on the rise across the country."

[Everytown press release ↗](#)

Eric Tirschwell (Everytown) **ADVOCATE**

Everytown executive director / chief litigation counsel · Jun 23, 2022

"More people will be harmed by guns as a result of today's decision... More people will be intimidated by guns, more people will be shot and wounded and more people will be shot and killed."

[ABC News ↗](#)

Everytown for Gun Safety **GROUP**

Gun control group (@Everytown) · Jun 23, 2022

"...it chose to put lives at risk and showed indifference to public safety."

X · [@Everytown ↗](#)

Giffords Law Center **GROUP**

Gun control group legal arm · Jun 23, 2022

"The gun lobby wants a world where everyone is carrying guns, but more guns in public will only escalate gun violence, leading ever more people to feel unsafe in their own communities. Some of those people will then buy guns, which in turn will further escalate the cycle of violence."

[Giffords press release ↗](#)

GIFFORDS **GROUP**

Gun control group (@GIFFORDS_org) · Jun 23, 2022

“BREAKING: Six conservative Supreme Court justices just issued a ruling in NYSRPA v Bruen that will make us all less safe.”

[X · @GIFFORDS_org ↗](#)**March For Our Lives** **GROUP**

Gun control group (@AMarch4OurLives) · Jun 23, 2022

“The Supreme Court's decision in NYSRPA v. Bruen is dangerous and deadly. ... The blood of the American people who die from needless gun violence will be on their corrupt hands.”

[X · @AMarch4OurLives ↗](#)**Igor Volsky (Guns Down America)** **ADVOCATE**

Executive director, Guns Down America · Jun 23, 2022

“This opinion is a death sentence for many more Americans... These justices have blood on their hand.”

[NBC News ↗](#)**Igor Volsky (Guns Down America)** **ADVOCATE**

Executive director, Guns Down America · Jun 23, 2022

“The conservative majority on the Supreme Court just increased gun violence across the country and put us all at greater risk of death.”

[X · @igorvolsky ↗](#)**David Hogg** **ADVOCATE**

March For Our Lives co-founder · Jun 23, 2022

“Today, the Supreme Court released a decision that will kill young people. It ruled that Americans have the right to bear arms in public for self-defense. But when one person carries a gun for their ‘safety,’ they put themselves and everyone around them at risk.”

[X · @davidhogg111 ↗](#)**Shannon Watts** **ADVOCATE**

Founder, Moms Demand Action · Jun 23, 2022

“BREAKING: SCOTUS just issued their opinion in NYSRPA v Bruen and they got it wrong. As our gun violence crisis gets even worse, SCOTUS has caved to the gun lobby's extreme agenda and will make it harder for some states and cities to protect public safety. #GunLawsSaveLives”

[X · @shannonrwatts ↗](#)**American Medical Association (Dr. Jack Resneck)****GROUP**

AMA President · Jun 23, 2022

“Overturning decades of reasonable firearm regulations will cost more lives.”

[AP live updates ↗](#)**Joe Biden** **OFFICIAL**

President of the United States · Jun 23, 2022

“I urge states to continue to enact and enforce commonsense laws to make their citizens and communities safer from gun violence. ... I call on Americans across the country to make their voices heard on gun safety. Lives are on the line.”

[White House statement ↗](#)**Kathy Hochul** **OFFICIAL**

Governor of New York · Jun 23, 2022

“We're already dealing with a major gun violence crisis. We don't need to add more fuel to this fire... We do not need people entering our subways, our restaurants, our movie theaters with concealed weapons...”

[CBS New York live updates ↗](#)**Eric Adams** **OFFICIAL**

Mayor of New York City · Jun 23, 2022

“Put simply, this Supreme Court ruling will put New Yorkers at further risk of gun violence. ... We will work together to mitigate the risks this decision will create once it is implemented, as we cannot allow New York to become the Wild West. ... This decision may have opened an additional river feeding the sea of gun violence, but we will do everything we can to dam it.”

[NYC Mayor's Office statement ↗](#)**Alvin Bragg** **OFFICIAL**

Manhattan District Attorney · Jun 23, 2022

“This decision severely undermines public safety not just in New York City, but around the country...”

[NBC News ↗](#)**Mondaire Jones** **OFFICIAL**

U.S. Representative (NY) · Jun 23, 2022

“...As we face rising gun violence across the country, this decision will only make it harder to protect New Yorkers from dangerous weapons in our communities...”

[ABC News ↗](#)**Kirsten Gillibrand** **OFFICIAL**

U.S. Senator (NY) · Jun 23, 2022

“Our nation is in the middle of a gun violence epidemic and instead of working to protect our communities, this court has made it even easier for potentially dangerous people to carry concealed handguns in public spaces...”

[AP live updates ↗](#)**Nancy Pelosi** **OFFICIAL**

Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives · Jun 23, 2022

“It is unfathomable that, while families in Uvalde, Buffalo and countless other communities mourn their loved ones stolen by gun violence, a supermajority of the Supreme Court has chosen to endanger more American lives...”

[AP live updates ↗](#)

Mike Thompson OFFICIAL

U.S. Representative (CA); chair, House Gun Violence Prevention Task Force · Jun 23, 2022

“This extreme ruling undermines responsible firearm regulations and will lead to more gun violence.”

[X · @RepThompson ↗](#)

Mike Quigley OFFICIAL

U.S. Representative (IL) · Jun 23, 2022

“This is a disastrous decision that will put MORE guns on our streets.”

[X · @RepMikeQuigley ↗](#)

Ben Cardin OFFICIAL

U.S. Senator (MD) · Jun 23, 2022

“Clarence Thomas' decision in NYSRPA v. Bruen will unnecessarily put more guns on our streets. More guns are not the answer.”

[X · @SenatorCardin ↗](#)

Gavin Newsom OFFICIAL

Governor of California · Jun 23, 2022

“This is a dangerous decision from a court hell bent on pushing a radical ideological agenda and infringing on the rights of states to protect our citizens from being gunned down in our streets, schools, and churches...”

[AP live updates quoting tweet ↗](#)

Rob Bonta OFFICIAL

Attorney General of California · Jun 23, 2022

“The data is clear and the consequences are dire — more guns in more places make us less safe.”

[CA DOJ press release ↗](#)

Phil Murphy OFFICIAL

Governor of New Jersey · Jun 23, 2022

“Let there be no mistake – this dangerous decision will make America a less safe country.”

[New Jersey Globe ↗](#)

Matthew Platkin OFFICIAL

Acting Attorney General of New Jersey · Jun 23, 2022

“this dangerous decision makes it harder to combat the proliferation of deadly weapons in our communities and in our public spaces. Plain and simple, the majority's decision disregards centuries of practice and recklessly enables violence.”

[New Jersey Globe ↗](#)

Rob Menendez OFFICIAL

Congressional candidate (NJ), later U.S. Representative · Jun 23, 2022

“the Court has opened the floodgates to allow more violence, more death, and more injuries in our cities and towns.”

[New Jersey Globe ↗](#)

Cory Booker OFFICIAL

U.S. Senator (NJ) · Jun 23, 2022

“This decision undermines public safety and makes our communities less safe.”

[New Jersey Globe ↗](#)

Andy Kim OFFICIAL

U.S. Representative (NJ) · Jun 23, 2022

“Their decision will put more guns on our streets at a time when we're still reeling from mass shootings like the massacre of children in Uvalde...”

[New Jersey Globe ↗](#)

Brian Frosh OFFICIAL

Attorney General of Maryland · Jun 23, 2022

“Today's decision means more deaths and more pain in a country already awash in gun violence. If the norm is that people can carry firearms, our neighborhoods, our streets and other public places will become more dangerous. It will make the lives of law enforcement more difficult and more perilous.”

[WBAL-TV reprinting full statement ↗](#)

Adrienne Jones & Bill Ferguson OFFICIAL

Speaker of the Maryland House & President of the Maryland Senate (joint statement) · Jun 23, 2022

“More guns in public means more violence, and more violence means more death and heartache everywhere. This is the wrong answer...”

[Maryland Matters ↗](#)

William Tong OFFICIAL

Attorney General of Connecticut · Jun 23, 2022

“This decision is reckless, and the consequences for public safety nationwide are dire, but it was not unexpected.”

[CT AG press release ↗](#)

David Linsky OFFICIAL

Massachusetts State Representative · Jun 23, 2022

“The end result is there will be an increase in gun violence... There will be people killed, there will be people injured, and we will all be less safe.”

[AP via Honolulu Star-Advertiser ↗](#)

Shannon Watts **ADVOCATE**

Founder, Moms Demand Action · Jun 24, 2022

“In a nation where the Supreme Court defends unfettered access to guns while opposing the right to safe and legal abortion, anyone going to a protest rally this weekend has to worry whether they’ll be shot by a madman with a gun. This isn’t freedom.”

[X · @shannonrwatts ↗](#)**Grace Meng** **OFFICIAL**

U.S. Representative (NY) · Jun 24, 2022

“Under this Republican controlled ‘pro-life’ Supreme Court there will be more guns on our streets and women’s lives will be put at risk.”

[X · @Grace4NY ↗](#)**New York State defendants (Office of the NY Attorney General)****OFFICIAL**

Defendants-appellants, Antonyuk v. Hochul (2d Cir.) · Nov 12, 2022

“the injunction threatens to cause a substantial increase in injuries and death from gun violence.”

[NY stay motion, 2d Cir. No. 22-2908 ↗](#)**17** PREDICTIONS
PROVEN WRONG**PERMITLESS CARRY**

2021–2025 — Texas, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida, Louisiana and others drop permit requirements to carry.

WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED**-27.3%**

Texas murder rate, 2021 → 2024 (7.1 → 5.2 per 100k). Permitless carry took effect Sept 2021.
[Texas DPS, Crime in Texas 2024](#)

-18.8%

Florida murder rate in 2024, the first full year after permitless carry (July 2023); all seven index offenses fell. [USAFacts \(FBI data\)](#)

Antonio Parkinson **OFFICIAL**

Tennessee State Representative (Memphis) · Jun 29, 2021

“I’m concerned that there could be more (shootings) because the access (to guns) is completely there, now.”

[MLK50 ↗](#)**Lina Hidalgo** **OFFICIAL**

Harris County (TX) Judge · Sep 1, 2021

“The fact is, permitless carry does not make us safer. It ignores the pleas of parents, business owners, and law enforcement who know it will make our communities more dangerous by encouraging scores to be settled with gunfire.”

[Everytown press release ↗](#)**Kim Ogg** **OFFICIAL**

Harris County (TX) District Attorney · Sep 4, 2021

“I just think more guns -- more access -- necessarily means more shootings and more killings. That’s bad for Houston. That’s bad for Texas.”

[NBC DFW ↗](#)**Shannon Watts** **ADVOCATE**

Founder, Moms Demand Action · Oct 25, 2021

“...Utah’s new permitless carry law is resulting in fewer people getting the gun safety training... This means more deaths from unintentional shootings, more suicides, more stolen guns used in crimes.”

[X · @shannonrwatts ↗](#)**Stacey Abrams** **OFFICIAL**

Gubernatorial candidate (GA) · Apr 12, 2022

“Kemp knows states that pass criminal carry see increases in gun violence... He knows the danger. Kemp just doesn’t care.”

[CBS News quoting Abrams tweet ↗](#)**Shannon Watts** **ADVOCATE**

Founder, Moms Demand Action · Jul 18, 2022

“Indiana Governor who signed criminal carry into law, which data foreshadowed would increase gun violence in his state, has thoughts.”

[X · @shannonrwatts ↗](#)**GIFFORDS** **GROUP**

Gun control group · Feb 27, 2023

“Instead of responding to this crisis, Florida lawmakers are choosing to make it worse with permitless carry.”

[X · @GIFFORDS_org ↗](#)**Shannon Watts** **ADVOCATE**

Founder, Moms Demand Action · Feb 27, 2023

“Permitless carry and ‘guns everywhere’ laws just killing more people in more places.”

[X · @shannonrwatts ↗](#)

Brady **GROUP**

Gun control group (@bradybuzz) · Mar 14, 2023

"FL ALERT: Deadly legislation... Permitless carry will increase the likelihood of unintentional shootings and violence."

[X · @bradybuzz ↗](#)**Gay Valimont (Florida Moms Demand Action)** **ADVOCATE**

Florida Moms Demand Action volunteer · Mar 30, 2023

"Putting more guns in more places with no questions asked will only lead to more senseless and preventable tragedies here in Florida."

[MDA press release ↗](#)**Moms Demand Action** **GROUP**

Gun control group (@MomsDemand) · Jul 24, 2023

"they pass dangerous laws like permitless carry, which put Texans at further risk of gun violence."

[X · @MomsDemand ↗](#)**Tom Gabor** **ADVOCATE**

Gun control author · May 13, 2024

"Another 'good guy' with a gun! We will see more of this as carrying without any screening, training, or education about guns or the law is spreading across the country. Permitless carry foments chaos."

[X · @tom_gabor ↗](#)**GIFFORDS** **GROUP**

Gun control group · Sep 17, 2025

"This means that anyone can now carry a gun in public in FL without a background check or training—no questions asked. It's a threat to every Floridian's safety."

[X · @GIFFORDS_org ↗](#)**John Feinblatt (Everytown)** **ADVOCATE**

Everytown President · Mar 30, 2023

"If Governor DeSantis and Republican legislators truly cared about public safety and protecting law enforcement, they'd be championing laws to keep guns out of dangerous hands — but instead, they're choosing to flood Florida's streets with concealed guns..."

[Moms Demand Action press release ↗](#)**Shannon Watts** **ADVOCATE**

Founder, Moms Demand Action · Mar 30, 2023

"If he doesn't, gun safety advocates and survivors will be here every step of the way to hold him accountable for the violence he's enabling."

[MDA press release ↗](#)**Angelle Bradford (Louisiana Moms Demand Action)****ADVOCATE**

Moms Demand Action volunteer · Mar 5, 2024

"Louisiana Republicans have chosen to make our restaurants, schools, grocery stores, parks, and everywhere else we go more vulnerable to gun violence..."

[X · @MomsDemand ↗](#)**GIFFORDS** **GROUP**

Gun control group · Aug 11, 2024

"The gun lobby claims permitless carry stops gun violence. But the data shows it only leads to MORE gun violence."

[X · @GIFFORDS_org ↗](#)**11** PREDICTIONS
PROVEN WRONG

THE \$0 NFA TAX & NFA LITIGATION

July 2025 — Congress zeroes the \$200 NFA tax on suppressors and short-barreled rifles/shotguns; 2026 court rulings and DOJ decisions follow.

WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED

-20.8%

U.S. murder rate, Jan–Jul 2026 vs. Jan–Jul 2025 (preliminary FBI data), the first months of the \$0 NFA tax. [FBI Crime Data Explorer](#)

-18.1%

U.S. murder in 2025, the year the tax cut was signed. [FBI, 2025 Reported Crimes](#)

GIFFORDS **GROUP**

Gun control group · Jun 28, 2025

"Today, in a disastrous move for crime and public safety, Senate Republicans inserted a provision eliminating National Firearms Act (NFA) taxes on silencers and short barreled firearms into the 'Big Beautiful Bill..."

[Giffords press release ↗](#)**John Feinblatt (Everytown)** **ADVOCATE**

Everytown President · Jul 1, 2025

"Slashing taxes on silencers, short-barreled shotguns and rifles, and similar devices is a \$1.7 billion gift to boost gun industry sales that will endanger law enforcement and our communities..."

[Everytown/MDA statement ↗](#)

GIFFORDS (Emma Brown) GROUP

GIFFORDS Executive Director · Jul 1, 2025

“Passing this bill endangers law enforcement and the communities they risk their lives to protect—and Republicans know it.”

[Giffords press release ↗](#)

Everytown for Gun Safety GROUP

Gun control group · Everytown tracker (accessed Oct 2026)

“On July 4, 2025, President Trump celebrated the country’s birthday by putting everyone at higher risk of gun violence.”

[Everytown tracker page ↗](#)

GIFFORDS (Emma Brown) GROUP

GIFFORDS Executive Director · Aug 5, 2026

“Today’s ruling is a dangerous step backward for public safety.”

[Giffords press release ↗](#)

GIFFORDS GROUP

Gun control group · Sep 18, 2026

“President Trump ordered the Justice Department NOT to appeal a dangerous court ruling that will make it easier for anyone—including criminals and prohibited people—to get short-barreled rifles and shotguns and silencers. This is a failure to defend public safety.”

[X · @GIFFORDS_org ↗](#)

GIFFORDS (Emma Brown) GROUP

GIFFORDS Executive Director · Oct 2, 2026

“The Trump Administration could bring us back to the days of Al Capone, when silencers and short-barreled shotguns were used in organized crime to terrorize the public. This decision creates a loophole in federal law ... while upending public safety...”

[Giffords Law Center press release ↗](#)

GIFFORDS (Emma Brown) GROUP

GIFFORDS Executive Director · Jul 3, 2025

“In siding with the gun industry CEOs, he has handed criminals a win, and communities will suffer the deadly consequences.”

[Giffords press release ↗](#)

GIFFORDS (Emma Brown) GROUP

GIFFORDS Executive Director · Jul 2, 2026

“The One Big Beautiful Bill has made our families, our communities — and the law enforcement officers who protect them — all less safe.”

[Giffords press release ↗](#)

Everytown / Brady / GIFFORDS (joint) GROUP

Joint statement (Kris Brown, Emma Brown) · Aug 13, 2026

“Today, the gun industry and silencer dealers are celebrating, while Americans are left less safe. [Kris Brown] ... silencers and dangerous, easily concealable weapons can now easily get into the wrong hands and be used to harm innocent people. [Emma Brown]”

[Everytown press release ↗](#)

Brady GROUP

Gun control group (@bradybuzz) · Oct 1, 2026

“Incredibly alarming that DOJ has declared it will not appeal the ruling that struck down the nearly 100-yr-old requirements for silencers, short-barreled rifles, and ‘sawed-off’ shotguns. These uniquely lethal devices can eviscerate public safety.”

[X · @bradybuzz ↗](#)

7 PREDICTIONS
PROVEN WRONG

TRUMP-ERA DOJ / ATF ACTIONS

2025–2026 — grant cuts, the forced-reset-trigger settlement and other executive-branch changes.

WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED

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U.S. violent crime in 2025, the largest one-year drop since FBI estimates began (1936).

[FBI, 2025 Reported Crimes](#)

-21%

Homicides across 35 large cities in 2025 (922 fewer victims).

[Council on Criminal Justice](#)

GIFFORDS (Paul Carrillo) GROUP

GIFFORDS Center for Violence Intervention · Apr 24, 2025

“It’s not an exaggeration to say that pulling violence intervention workers out of communities will lead to an immediate surge in violence—people will die.”

[Giffords press release ↗](#)

GIFFORDS GROUP

Gun control group · May 8, 2025

“DOJ cuts to the groups doing this work will make our communities less safe. They must reverse this dangerous decision or violent crime will spike. #ProtectCVI”

[X · @GIFFORDS_org ↗](#)

Kris Brown (Brady) **ADVOCATE**

Brady President · May 16, 2025

“When this technology is used in a shooting, this administration will be directly responsible for the loss of life.”

[Brady press release ↗](#)**Keith Ellison** **OFFICIAL**

Attorney General of Minnesota · Jun 9, 2025

“The last thing Minnesota needs is more lethal firearms on our streets...”

[MN AG press release ↗](#)**GIFFORDS (Emma Brown)** **GROUP**

GIFFORDS Executive Director · Jul 18, 2025

“Just six months into Donald Trump’s second term, we’re grappling with a more dangerous America.”

[Giffords press release ↗](#)**GIFFORDS (Emma Brown)** **GROUP**

GIFFORDS Executive Director · Jan 20, 2026

“On this trajectory, his legacy will be an increase in violence, gun crime, and life lost.”

[The Trace ↗](#)**GIFFORDS (Emma Brown)** **GROUP**

GIFFORDS Executive Director · Feb 24, 2026

“In his first year back in office, Trump has made Americans less safe and has done nothing to address gun crime and gun violence...”

[Giffords press release ↗](#)**11 PREDICTIONS
PROVEN WRONG****BUMP STOCKS: GARLAND V. CARGILL**

June 14, 2024 — the Supreme Court strikes down ATF’s bump-stock ban.

WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED**-18.1%**

U.S. murder in 2025, the first full year after Cargill: about 4.1 per 100k, tying the mid-1950s record low. [FBI, 2025 Reported Crimes](#)

503 → 407

Mass shootings, 2024 → 2025 (-19%, calculated): the fewest since 2018, down from 659 in 2023. [Gun Violence Archive](#)

-20.8%

U.S. murder rate, Jan–Jul 2026 vs. Jan–Jul 2025 (preliminary FBI data), two years after the ruling. [FBI Crime Data Explorer](#)

Eric Tirschwell **ADVOCATE**

Everytown Law · Jun 14, 2024

“Today, the Supreme Court failed to right the Fifth Circuit’s wrong, putting millions at risk of harm.”

[Everytown press release ↗](#)**Kris Brown (Brady)****ADVOCATE**

Brady President · Jun 14, 2024

“...it has inevitably put American lives in danger.”

[Brady press release ↗](#)**Justice Sonia Sotomayor****JUSTICE**

U.S. Supreme Court Justice (dissent) · Jun 14, 2024

“Today’s decision to reject that ordinary understanding will have deadly consequences.”

[Cargill dissent ↗](#)**Sen. Martin Heinrich****OFFICIAL**

U.S. Senator, New Mexico · Jun 14, 2024

“Innocent Americans will die because of this decision.”

[Heinrich press release ↗](#)**Sen. Jacky Rosen** **OFFICIAL**

U.S. Senator, Nevada · Jun 14, 2024

“For years, this ban has been a common-sense, bipartisan approach to keeping communities safer and this shameful decision will put more lives at risk.”

[Rosen press release ↗](#)**Gov. Gavin Newsom****OFFICIAL**

Governor of California · Jun 14, 2024

“This decision will put blood on our streets.”

[X · @GavinNewsom ↗](#)**March For Our Lives****GROUP**

Gun control organization · Jun 14, 2024

“There will be another shooting, and it will be exponentially more deadly because of bump stocks.”

[MFOL press release ↗](#)**Ciara Malone** **ADVOCATE**

Legal Director, March For Our Lives · Jun 14, 2024

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[MFOL press release ↗](#)**GIFFORDS** **GROUP**

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“Without action, lives are at risk.”

[GIFFORDS analysis ↗](#)**Geena Marano Springmann****ADVOCATE**

Moms Demand Action volunteer, Las Vegas · Jun 14, 2024

“But today, the Supreme Court got it wrong and issued a decision that will only put more lives in the line of fire.”

[Everytown press release ↗](#)**Sen. Chris Murphy****OFFICIAL**

U.S. Senator, Connecticut · Jun 15, 2024

“The horrific reality is that this decision by a radical, right-wing Court is going to cost innocent lives.”

[Murphy press release ↗](#)

SOURCES & METHODOLOGY

WHAT COUNTS AS “VERIFIED”

A statement is included in the main compilation only if (1) its exact wording was confirmed in a primary source (official press release, government statement, court filing or opinion, or the speaker’s own X post, retrieved via the X API) or in a reputable news outlet’s direct quotation, and (2) it is a verbatim quote, not a paraphrase or a reporter’s partial rendering. Every quote was checked against its original source. Quotes are reproduced verbatim from the linked source. Ellipses (...) mark omitted words; bracketed text is ours. Each quote links to the speaker’s own post or document, or to the outlet that quoted it. 64 of the 85 entries cite a primary source: the speaker’s or organization’s own release, post, statement or opinion. The other 21 cite news outlets that quote the speaker directly.

OUTCOME DATA

Every outcome figure comes from official crime statistics or established crime-data analysts, as listed at right. Chart bars are the FBI’s official national murder rates from its current revised estimates (CIUS Table 1, 2006–2025), which supersede the percent changes first published in earlier annual releases. The yearly changes and the 2022→2025 decline (–36%) are **calculated from those revised murder counts**. The 2026 figures are year-to-date changes in the murder rate, calculated from preliminary FBI Crime Data Explorer monthly data (rates among reporting agencies); the 2026 projection (≈3.2 per 100,000) is our calculation from that decline and the FBI’s 2025 rate, not an FBI estimate.

WHAT THIS FACTSHEET DOES AND DOES NOT CLAIM

Crime trends have many causes. This document does not argue that any pro-Second Amendment reform caused the decline in violence. It shows that the specific predictions of rising violence did not come true.

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