

Gun Violence Prevention: Talking Points And Messaging

Gun violence is the leading cause of death for Millennials. Young people are disproportionately affected by gun violence. In 2015, gun violence will become the leading cause of death for young people, surpassing car accidents. More than half of the people murdered with guns in 2010 were younger than 30. And every day, 33 people are murdered with guns.

Millennials are taking charge of their future. Generation Progress hosted more than 100 young people for its second annual National Gun Violence Prevention Summit. It marks the creation of a strong, nationwide network of young activists, with attendees from 27 different states and 47 different organizations. Young people will go back to their communities, take charge of their future and continue to advocate for gun violence prevention.

- An American under the age of 25 dies from gunfire every 69 minutes.
- 65 percent of gun murder victims between the ages of 15 and 24 in 2010 were black.
- A person's greatest risk of being shot in the U.S. is between the ages of 17 and 29.
- 92 percent of young Americans between the ages 18 and 29 support requiring background checks on all gun sales.
- There is a crisis of gun violence in this country. Children and teenagers in America are more likely to die by gunfire than young people in any other country. And people of color are disproportionately affected by gun violence too.
- Just this year, guns surpassed car accidents as the leading cause of death among young people.
- Not only are young people victims of gun violence, but we also commit violent gun crimes in high numbers.
- Given the problems of gun violence in our culture, the summit is an answer to our problems. We are taking charge and working to enact positive change in our communities.
- Some may say that our generation is disengaged and lazy, but this summit shows that we are willing to tackle some of the most pressing issues of our generation. We are taking charge of our future.
- Young people overwhelmingly agree that the gun culture in our society is getting out of hand. This widespread concern means that it is time to act. It is time for young people to take charge of the future and advocate for common sense gun violence protection policies.