Exploring the Link Between Guns and Violence, Part 2: Policy Action on the Ground

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POLL #1

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Objectives

• Further explore why gun violence should be viewed as a pandemic, and the problem solving approaches that such framing provides

• Address the challenges and opportunities of coalition building around this topic

• Discuss the role of the elected official in the gun violence debate.
Welcome to our presenters:

Charles Ransford
Brina Milikowsky
Vincent DeMarco
Charles Ransford is the Senior Researcher at Cure Violence, an international public health initiative to support community-based and city-wide violence prevention based at the University of Illinois at Chicago. His primary responsibility is to advance the theoretical basis for the Cure Violence model for preventing violence. In addition, Mr. Ransford also conducts research on the effectiveness of the model, helps to improve data collection, and works to change how people think about the issue of violence. Mr. Ransford has published papers on the Cure Violence model as well as issue of violence.

Website:  www.cureviolence.org
Brina Milikowsky is Senior Policy Advisor and Counsel in the NYC Office of the Mayor, where she spends most of her time as a senior strategist for Mayors Against Illegal Guns, the national bipartisan coalition of more than 1,000 mayors and 1.2 million grassroots supporters co-chaired by Mayor Michael Bloomberg. Prior to joining the mayor’s office, she worked for a D.C-based legal advocacy organization, was policy director on a Congressional campaign, clerked for a federal judge, and practiced litigation at a New York City law firm.

Website:
Vincent DeMarco is a long time advocate for public health causes including reducing teen smoking, expanding health care access, and gun violence. Building on his successful leadership of Faith United Against Tobacco, he has built Faiths United To Prevent Gun Violence, a coalition of 50 national faith groups and denominations committing to making America safe from gun violence. As President of Marylanders To Prevent Gun Violence, he played a key role in the enactment of Maryland's landmark Firearms Safety Act of 2013 which includes fingerprint licensing of handgun purchasers, one of the most effective tools a state can enact to reduce gun violence.

Website:  www.faithagainstgunviolence.org
POLL #2

How familiar are you with the gun violence problem as seen through the public health lens?

a. Very familiar
b. Somewhat familiar
c. Not familiar at all
d. Not sure
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POLL #3

Which of the following policy actions would you prioritize in order to decrease gun violence? (check all that apply)

a. Require/strengthen background checks for all gun sales
b. Pass a new, stronger ban on assault weapons
c. Limit ammunition magazines to 10 rounds
d. Support and emphasize community-based public health approaches
e. Give law enforcement additional tools to prevent and prosecute gun crime
f. End the freeze on gun violence research
g. Make schools safer (counselors, emergency response plans, more nurturing environments)
h. Ensure quality coverage of mental health treatment, especially for young people
i. Other (please submit answer in Q&A)
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POLL #4

In what ways are you ready to join the gun violence prevention conversation? (please check all that apply)

a. Read and learn more about this topic
b. Look for opportunities to write an op-ed
c. Join local organizations or movements to create change in my local community
d. Write letter to my local government and legislator(s)
e. Engage in social media
f. Other (please submit answer in Q&A)
g. I will not be further joining the gun violence prevention conversation
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