

How Should We Prevent Mass Shootings in Our Communities?

Community Forum Worksheet



NOW THAT YOU HAVE DELIBERATED IN YOUR FORUM, you and others in your community can use this worksheet to continue considering ideas about what might be done about this problem. Here is a reminder of actions you discussed in your forum:

- a. Ban military and assault weapons.
- b. Pass “red flag” laws.
- c. Hold voluntary gun buyback programs.
- d. Enact a mandatory waiting period and background check to buy guns.
- e. Post more guards and metal detectors at schools and events.
- f. Train teachers and students to hide and stay out of danger.
- g. Teachers and other professionals should identify potential threats.
- h. Arm teachers and school staff.
- i. Public figures should stop stereotyping minorities.
- j. Reduce the violence in popular culture.
- k. Allow the FBI to monitor online conversations.
- l. Internet companies should ban hate speech.

1. Which **three** actions above (a-l) do you most strongly support? _____
2. Which **three** actions above (a-l) do you most strongly oppose? _____
3. Are there any actions above you still feel **unsure** about? _____

4. Below are some actions that people can do by themselves or with others. Which ones do you think would be helpful? Which ones would not be helpful?

Action	Helpful	Not Helpful
Boycott companies that help gun manufacturers		
Carry firearms openly		
Speak out against hate and violence		

5. What else could people, working together in your community, do to address this problem?

6. Did you talk about aspects of the issue you hadn't considered before?

Yes

No

If so, please explain. _____

7. Were there ideas or proposals that you tended to favor coming into the forum that you now have second thoughts about?

Yes

No

If so, please explain. _____

8. Not including this forum, how many National Issues Forums have you attended?

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1-3

4-6

7 or more

Not sure

9. Are you male or female? Male Female Other (please specify) _____

10. How old are you?

17 or younger

18-30

31-45

46-64

65 or older

11. Are you: African American Asian American Hispanic or Latino
 Native American White/Caucasian Other (please specify) _____

12. Where do you live? Rural Small Town Large City Suburb

13. What is your ZIP code? _____ What state do you live in? _____

Please give this worksheet to your moderator when you have filled it out, email to forumreports@nifi.org, or mail to: National Issues Forums Institute, 100 Commons Road, Dayton, Ohio 45459.

This worksheet is also available online at www.nifi.org/questionnaires.