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The Psychology that Drives Voting Behavior Regulating Gun Control

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Abstract — In this presentation, I explore the conflicting views on the gun control debate in the United States, the psychology that drive them, and compare the regulations the United States has for gun control versus other nations. Through researching arguments of both viewpoints and connecting them with psychology, I explain what makes gun control such a largely debated issue. Along with this I research the way other nations approach gun control regulation and their successes.

I. Introduction

According to CNN, an average of one or more school shootings per week have occurred in 2018. This causes a large portion of the population to fear gun violence and advocate for stricter gun laws. On the other hand, others feel that by restricting gun laws infringes on their second amendment rights. Fear drives people to become emotionally charged toward the way that they feel safe. With fear backing both sides of the gun control debate, emotions run deep and solutions are more difficult to create.

II. Findings

Fear and strong emotions backs both sides of the gun control debate which is why it is such a widely debated topic. Fear of violence and lack of safety advocate for more strict gun regulations. On the other hand, many argue that by creating more severe gun regulations that their second Ammendment rights are being infrindged upon. Some argue that changing gun control regulations will not prevent gun violence. Other nation's have different gun regulations than the United States and may be more effective.

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