

**THE
VIOLENCE
PROJECT**

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Gun Violence Prevention Briefing**

The many forms of “gun violence”

- **Suicide** by firearm (approx. 24,000 deaths)
- Community gun **homicide** (approx. 18,000)
 - *includes interpersonal conflicts and shootings related to gangs/groups or underlying crime*
- **Domestic** violence (approx. 2,000)
- **Unintentional** shootings (approx. 500)
- **Police-involved** shootings (approx. 1,000)
- **Mass** public shootings (approx. 100)



**MOST
COMPREHENSIVE
MASS SHOOTER
DATABASE**

EXPLORE THE DATABASE

GET IN TOUCH

SCROLL DOWN

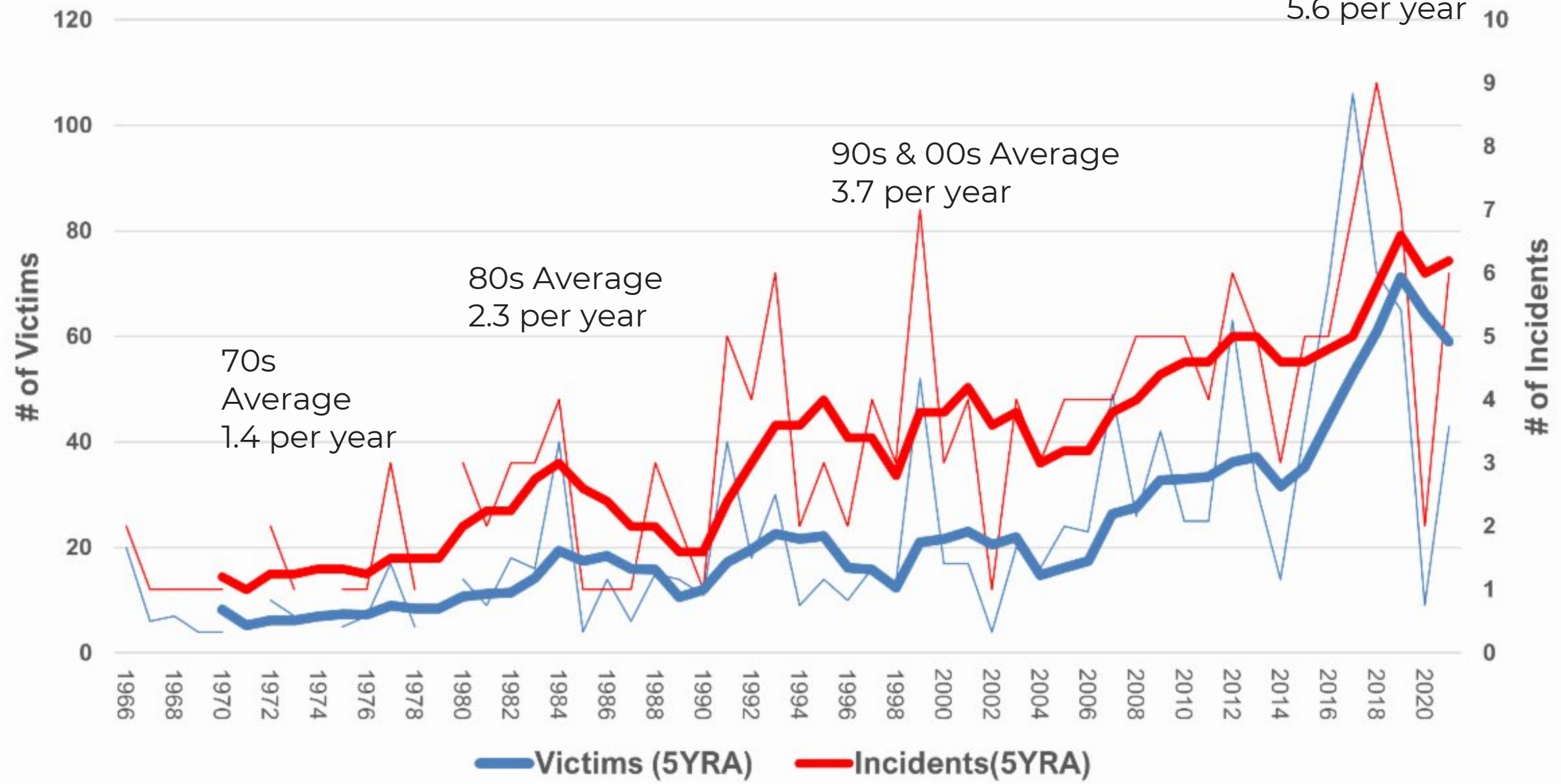
Number of Mass Shooting Incidents & Victims by Year (1966-2021)

2010s Average
5.6 per year

90s & 00s Average
3.7 per year

80s Average
2.3 per year

70s
Average
1.4 per year



Fear of School Shootings



Six in 10 Fear a Mass Shooting



Source: F. Newport, Gallup News, October 18, 2017

U.S. NEWS

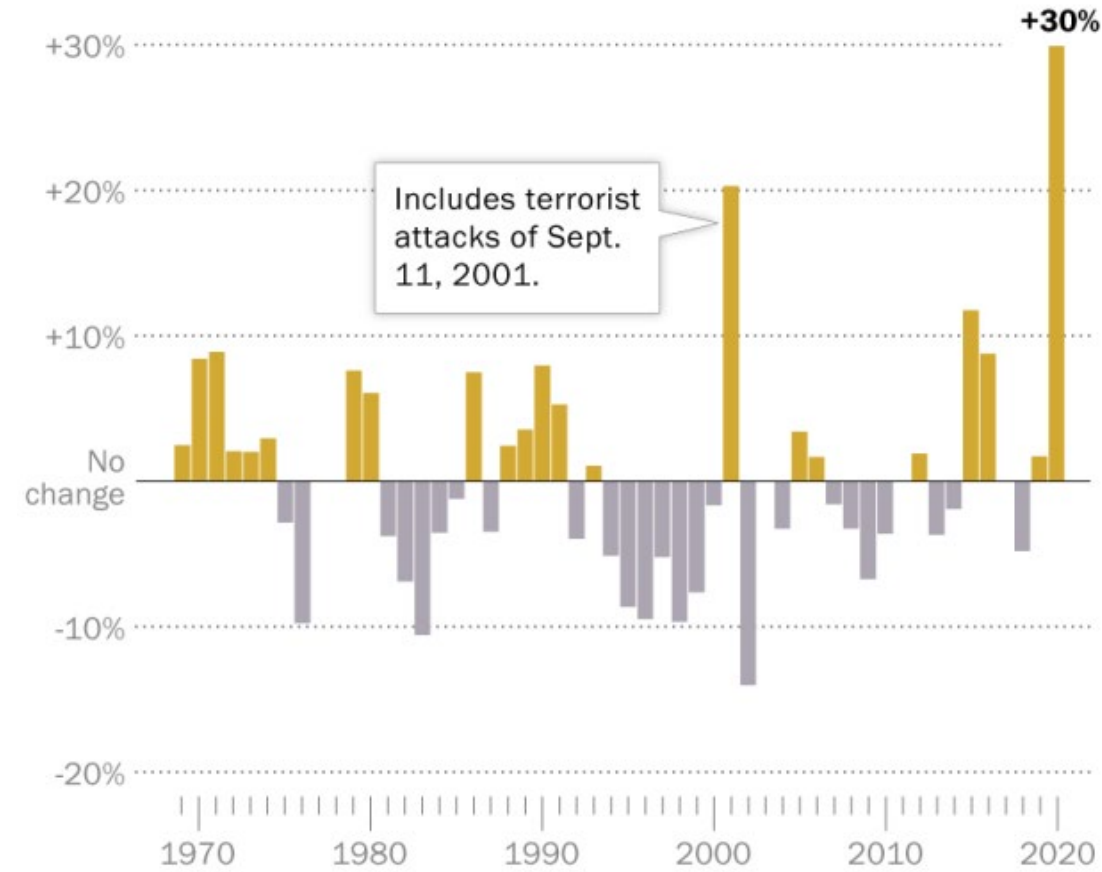
Major retailers are selling bulletproof backpacks, as parents and kids fear more school shootings

A majority of U.S. teens fear a shooting could happen at their school, and most parents share their concern

Source: Pew Research Survey (2018)

U.S. murder rate rose by nearly a third in 2020, marking one of the biggest annual increases on record

% change in annual U.S. murder rate per 100,000 people



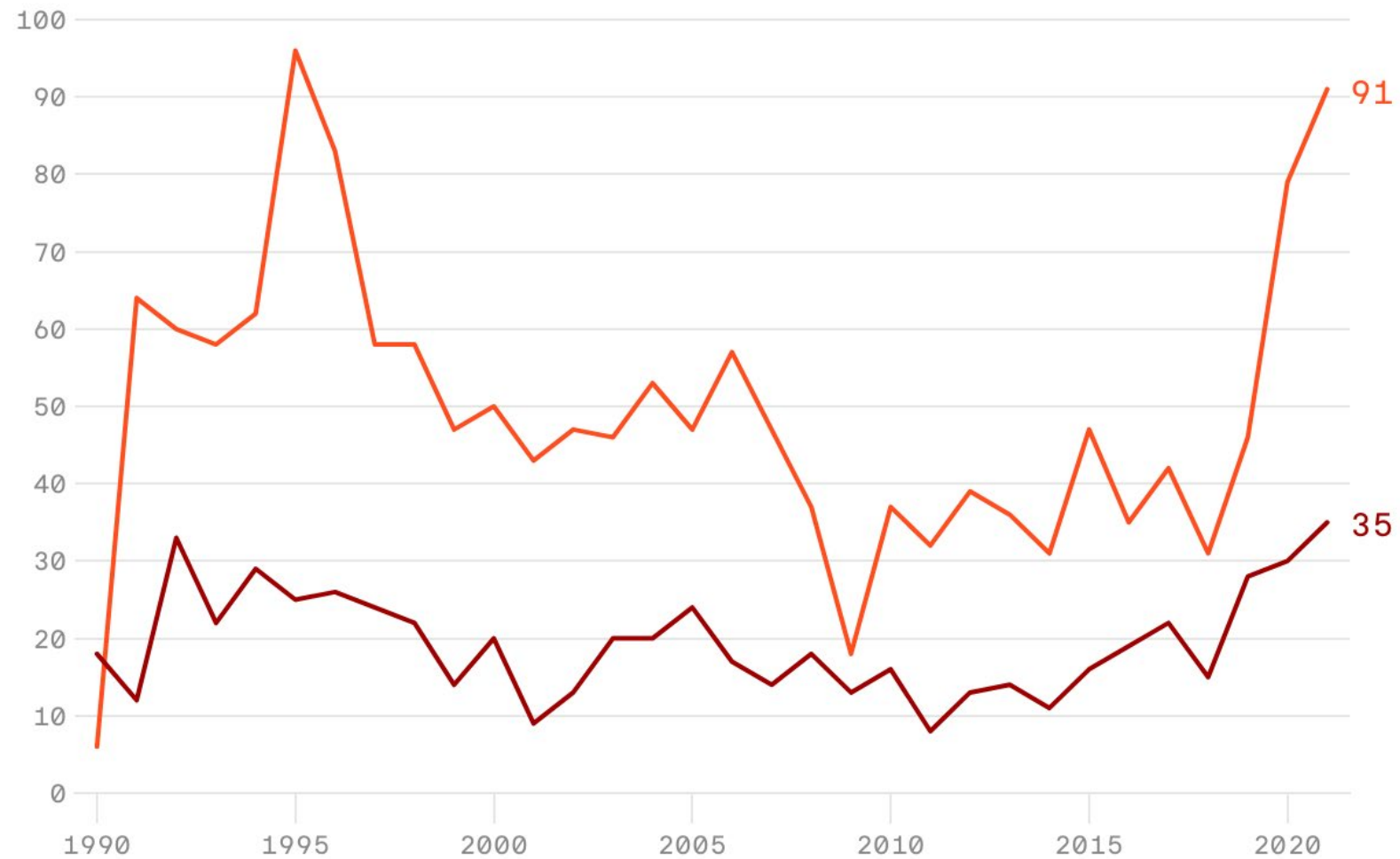
Note: 2020 data is provisional. While the U.S. murder rate rose 30% in 2020, it remained below the levels of earlier decades.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Number of homicides in Minneapolis and St. Paul, by year

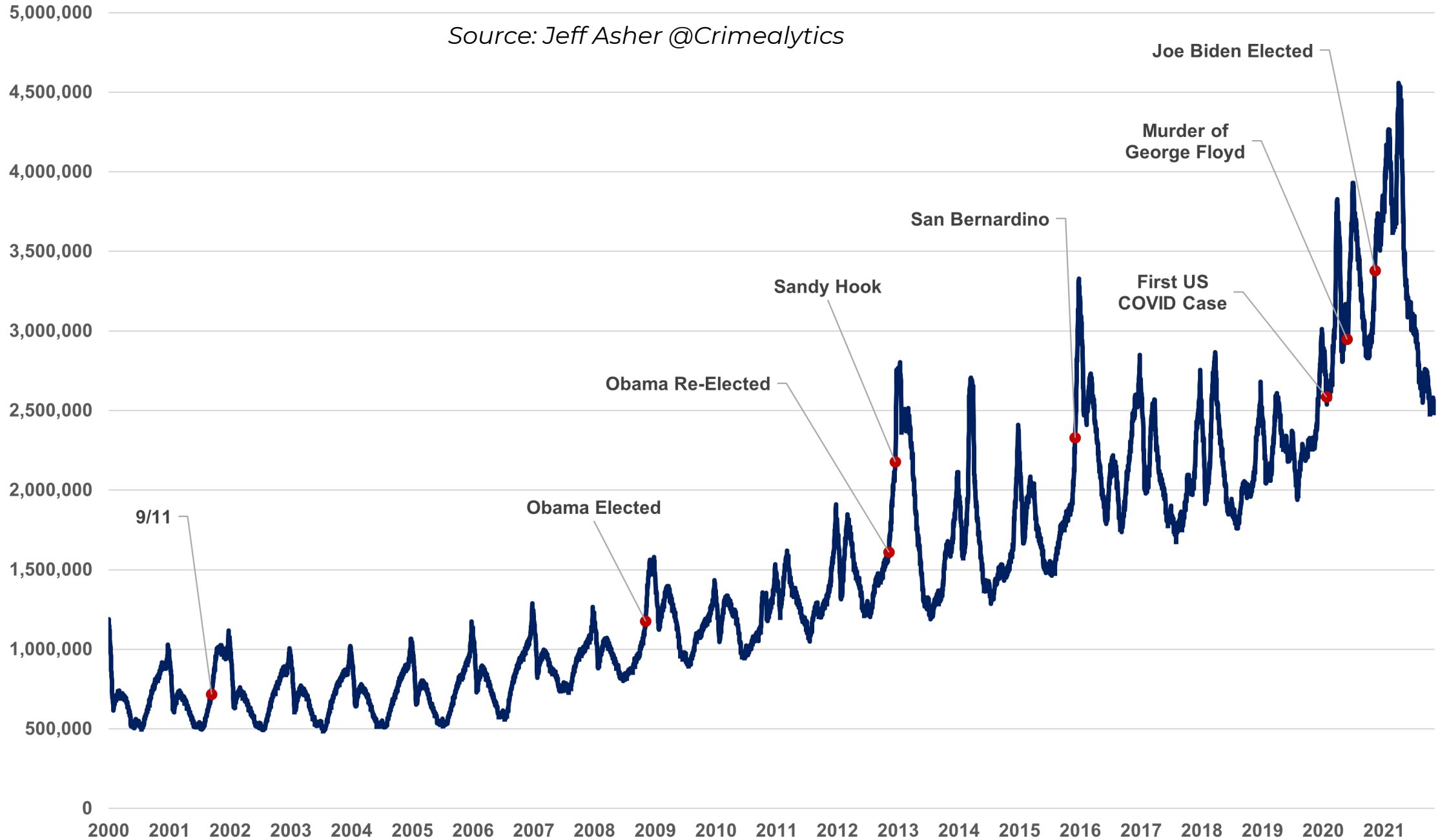
1990-2021; 2021 data is through Dec. 5

— Minneapolis — St. Paul



NICS Background Checks Over 30 Days

Source: Jeff Asher @Crimealytics

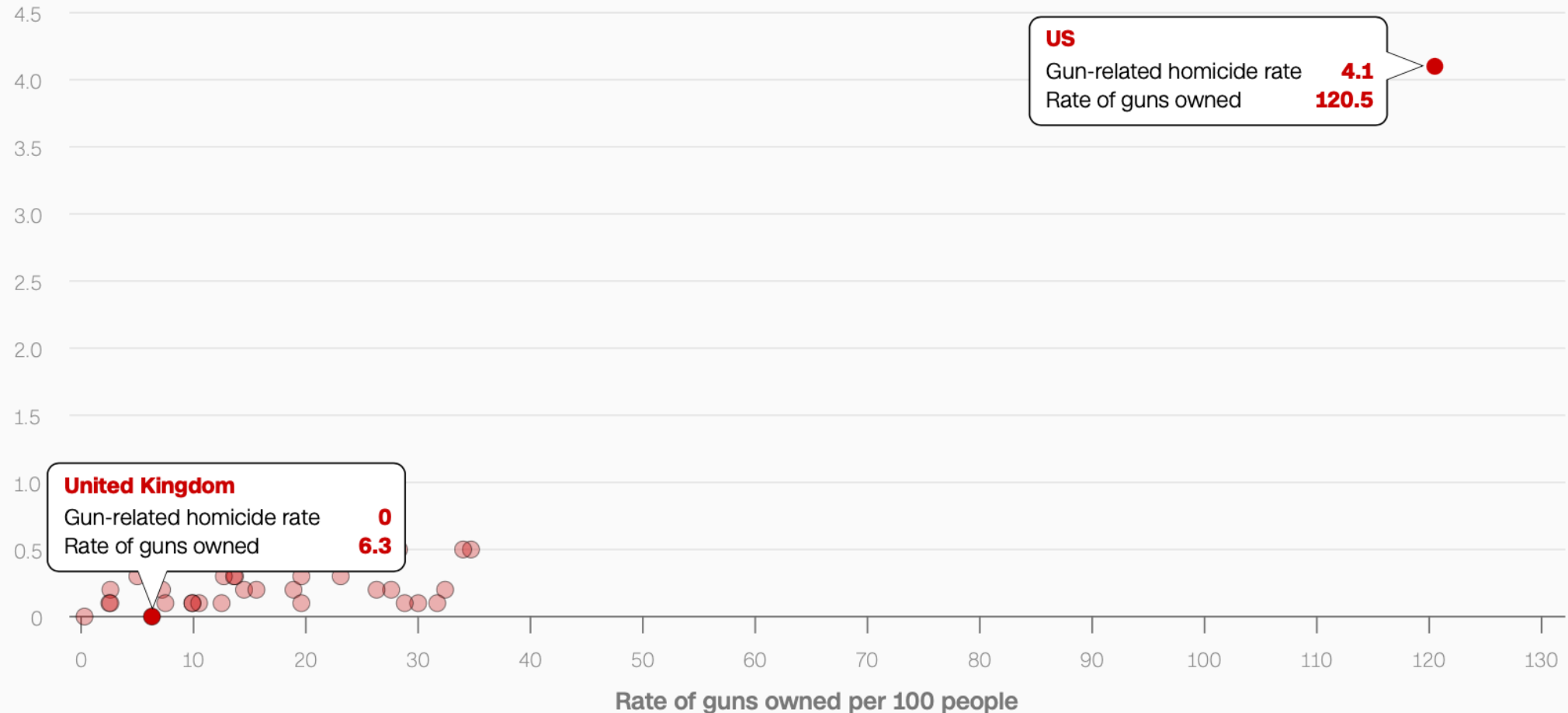


The US has the highest firearm homicide rate in the developed world

In 2019, the number of US deaths from gun violence was about 4 per 100,000 people. That's 18 times the average rate in other developed countries. Multiple studies show access to guns contributes to higher firearm-related homicide rates.

United Kingdom ▾

Gun-related homicide rate per 100K people



Note: Developed countries are defined based on the [UN classification](#), which includes 36 countries.



Source: [Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation \(Global Burden of Disease 2019\)](#), [Small Arms Survey \(Civilian Firearm Holdings 2017\)](#)

Murder Clearance Rate

100%

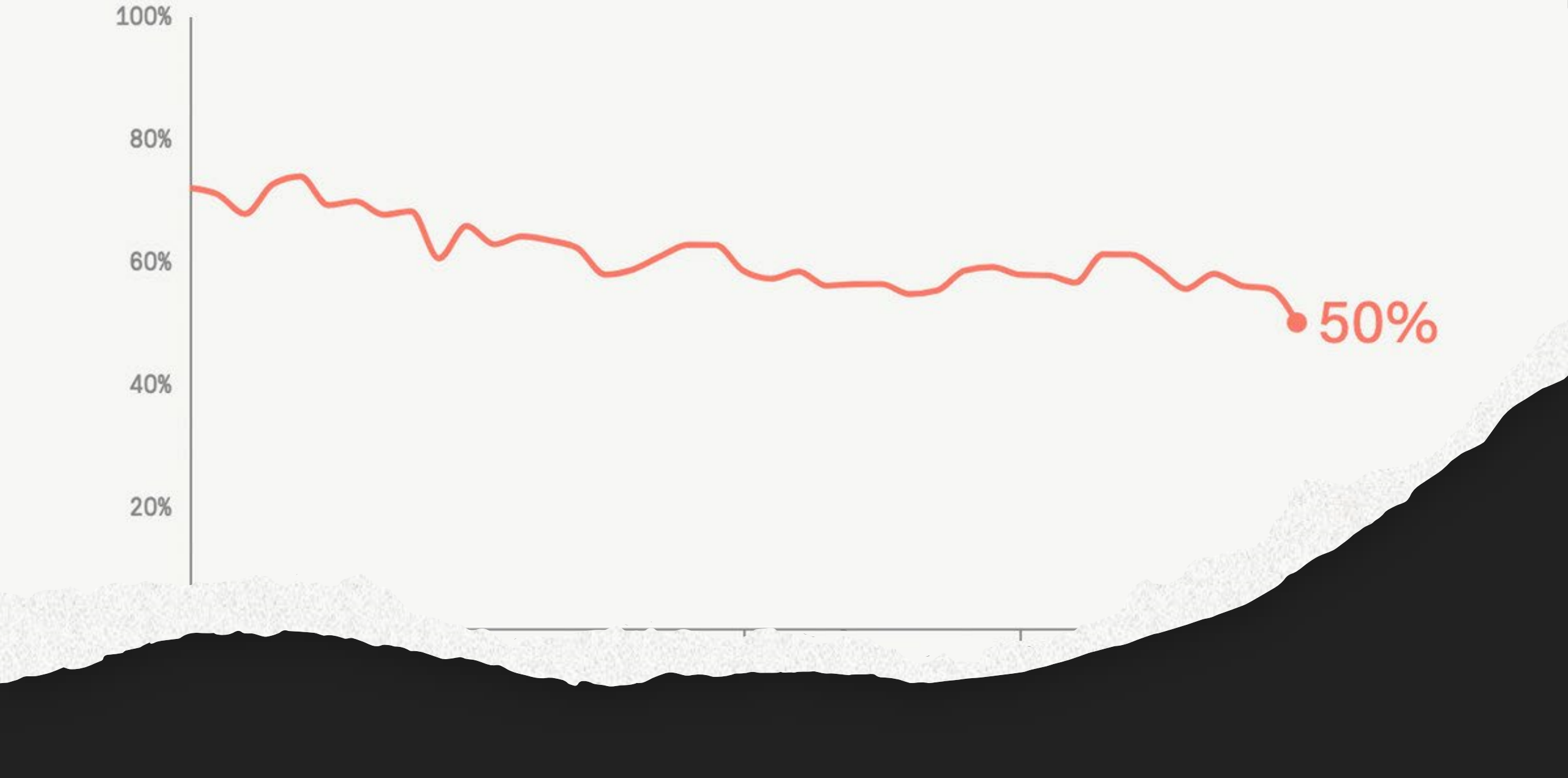
80%

60%

40%

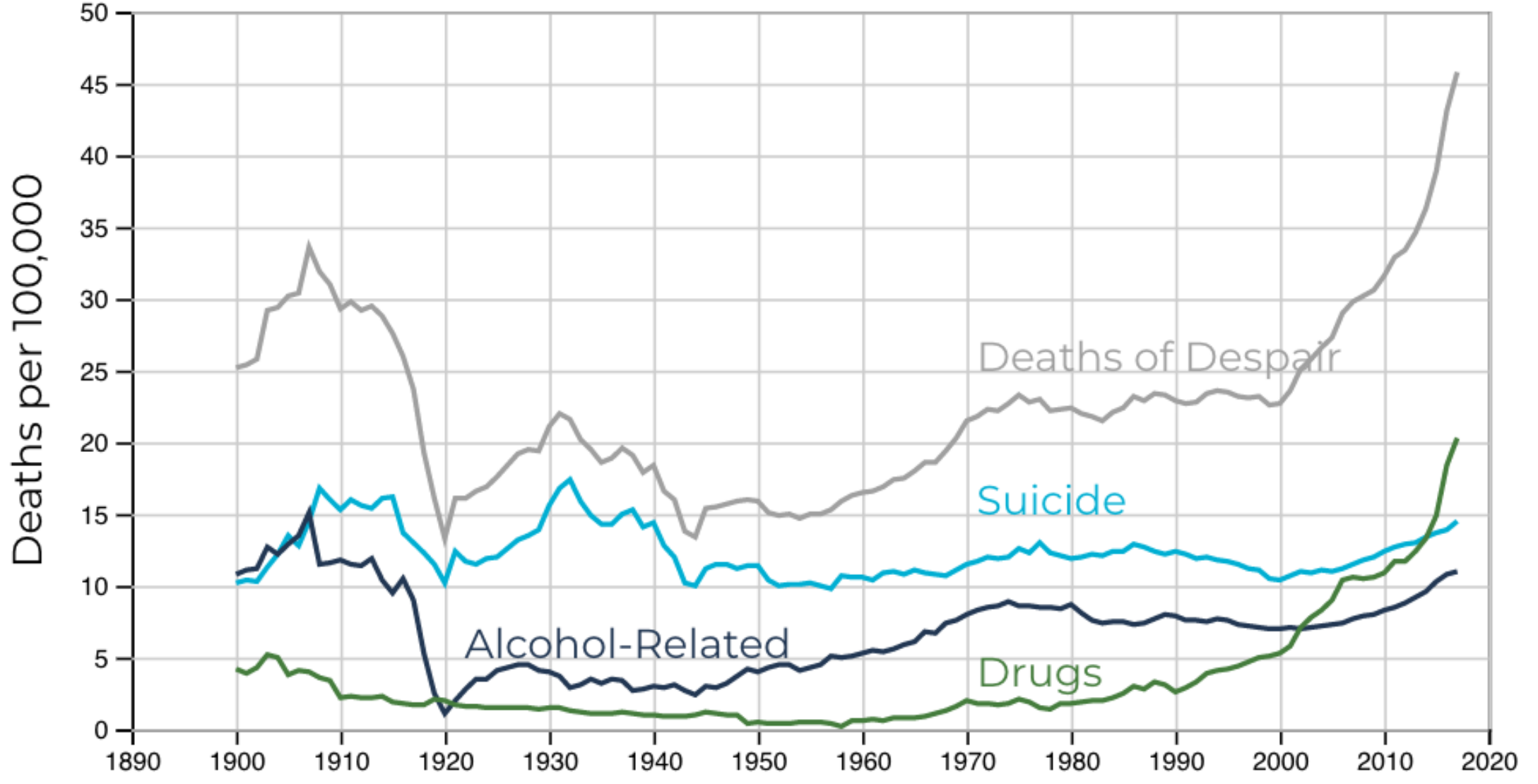
20%

50%



**No one really knows why
murders rose
dramatically in 2020**





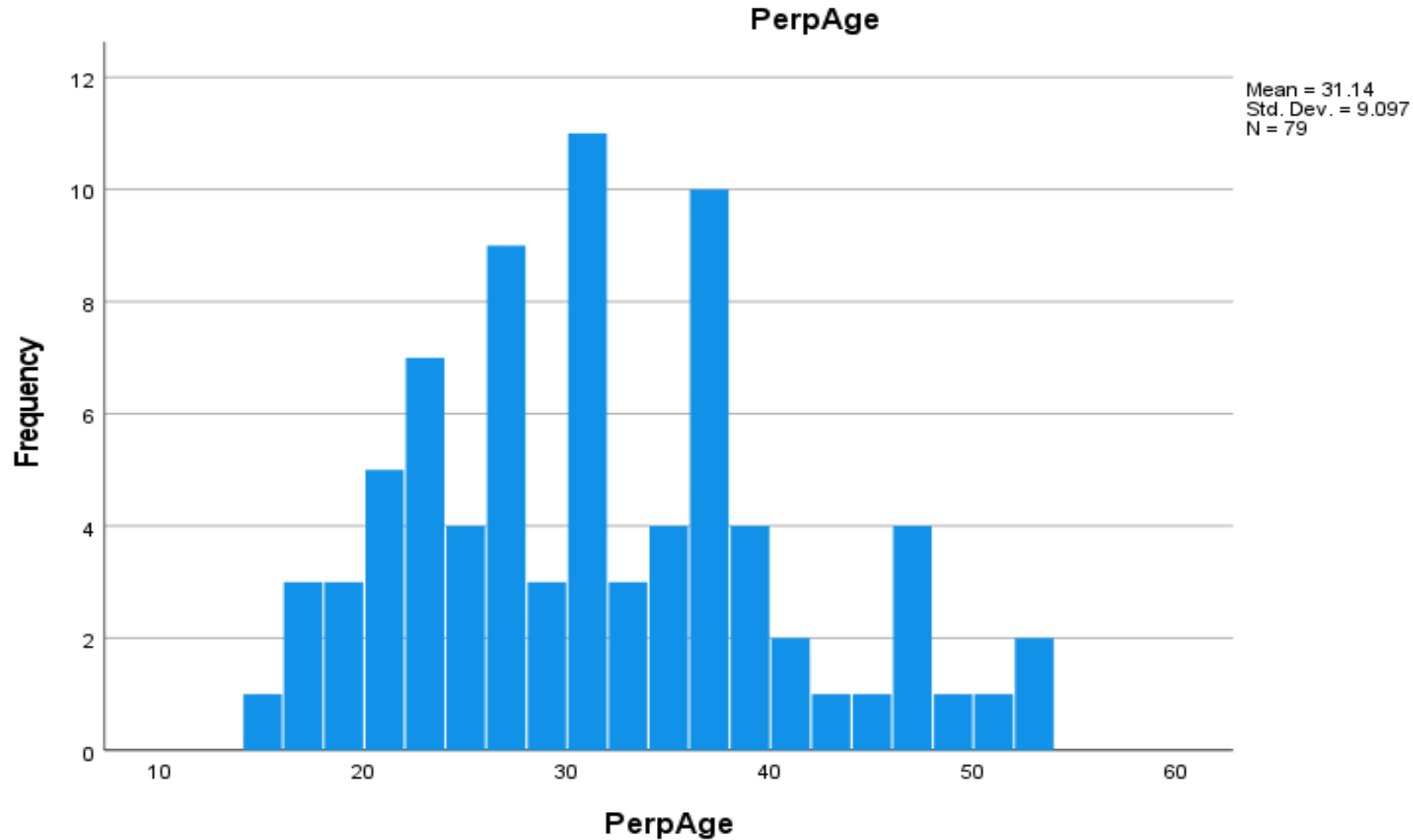


WHO THEY WERE

Victims

- 70% Minneapolis
- 30% Saint Paul
- 77% Male
- 29% Female
- 70% Black
- 15% White
- 52% had children
- Most common months- Aug & Sept
- Most common day - Sunday
- Mostly at night
- Most common location - outside
- Other victims - 30%
- Perpetrator arrested - 57%

Perpetrators (91% male, 78% Black)





**THE
SENTENCING
PROJECT**

RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY FOR REFORM

Data Reveals Violence Among Youth Under 18 Has Not Spiked in the Pandemic

Throughout the pandemic, a flurry of alarming news coverage and inflammatory rhetoric from politicians have appeared in national¹ and local² media highlighting serious violent crimes by youth. The issue has generated considerable political attention in Congress³ and across the country, and it has fueled

scarce evidence of a youth-led crime wave. Rather, most of the data suggest that youth violence has been flat or declining.

The share of crimes in the U.S. committed by youth has fallen by more than half over the past

Areas of Needed Research

Individuals

Families

Communities

Programs

Policies



Bipartisan Safer Communities Act

- Amending who needs a federal license to buy and sell firearms
- Enhanced background check for young people ages 18-21
- Providing states with funding to implement extreme risk protection order programs
- Expand access to community and school-based behavioral health services for children and families
- Training for school personnel and other adults to detect and respond to mental health issues
- \$1 billion to help schools put in place comprehensive strategies to create safe and healthy learning environments for all students.



Holistic Violence Prevention

INTERVENTION

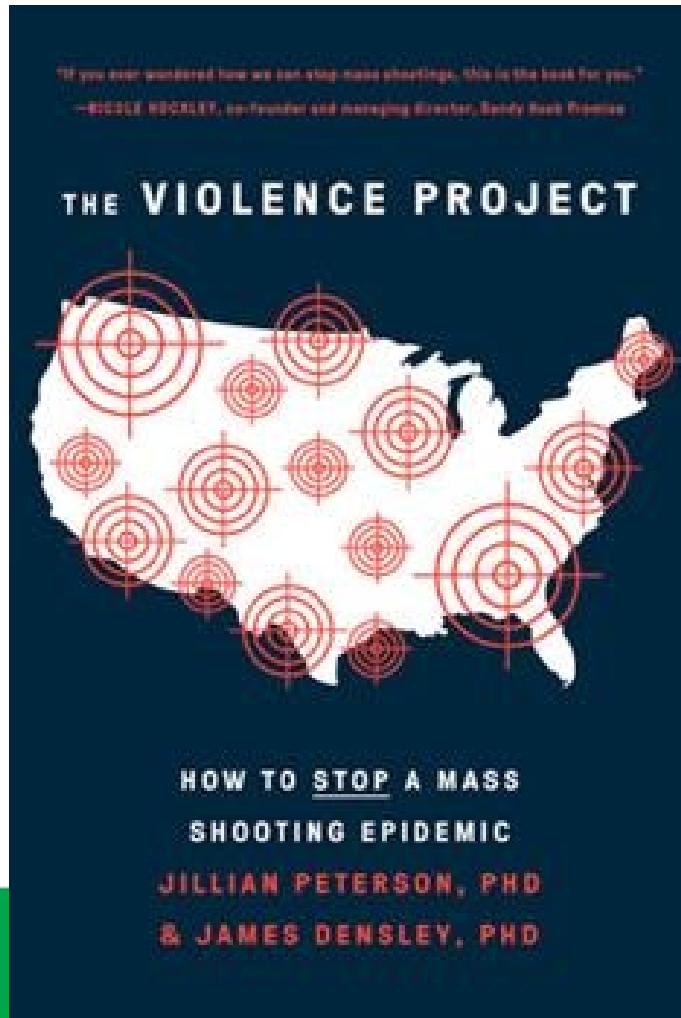


Addresses the complete systems of pathways and precursors to violence.

Examines and responds to the root causes of violence at the individual, institutional, and societal level.



Questions and Discussion



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