

Obama takes action over U.S. gun control

President Barack Obama is rolling out a string of executive actions aimed at curbing gun violence, despite staunch opposition in Congress

■ All sellers must be licensed and must conduct background checks on potential buyers – overturning current exemptions to private sellers at gun shows and online

■ **FBI** to hire 230 new examiners to help process new background checks

■ Congress will be asked to invest \$500m in its 2017 budget to boost access to mental health care

■ States must provide information on people disqualified due to mental illness or domestic violence

■ Licensed gun dealers required to report any lost and stolen guns to **National Crime Information Center**

■ Departments of defence, justice and homeland security will explore “smart gun technology” to improve gun safety

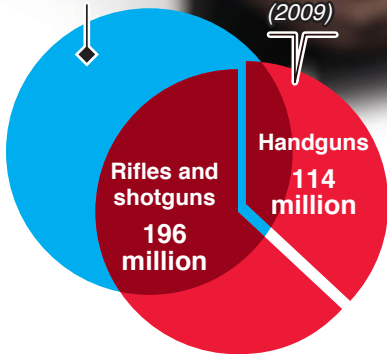
Sources: U.S. Congress, Gunpolicy.org, National Shooting Sports Foundation

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306.8 million
U.S. population
(2009)

310 million
Guns owned by
U.S. citizens
(2009)



Deaths resulting from firearms
TOTAL: 33,636 (2013)

