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Today we are face with a growing numbers of horrific mass shootings. Many Americans want something done to prevent incidents like the Sandy Hook elementary school shooting from ever happening again. The question is what is to be done to prevent it from happening in the future. In the past all that has been done was to strengthen the gun laws. Even though gun laws in the past have been implemented to protect us from these types of events mass shootings still happen. Today after sandy Hook it seems that we are going to take the same route as we did in the past, add more gun laws. The only problem is that there is no proof that past gun laws has had some or any effects on gun crimes. A two year study by a Task Force on Community Preventive Services was conducted to find out just that. The following paragraphs will cover the main problem and question as well as the research methods, results and conclusion of the finding found in this study.

The Purpose of the Research Study, Problem, and Questions

The (Task Force) conducted a study review of other independent nonfederal task force's scientific evidence found in their studies regarding the effectiveness of firearms laws (Thacker, 2003). Each of these studies was focused on a particular firearms law (Thacker, 2003). The task force was faced with the problem of if the firearms laws where at all effective in preventing violence, including violent crimes, suicide, and unintentional injury (Thacker, 2003). Some questions to be answered in this study was does the Ban of specified firearms and ammunition had decreased the amount of violent crimes (Thacker, 2003)? Does restrictions on purchasing firearms for persons with prior felony conviction, domestic violence convictions, drug abuse, or deemed "mentally defective show any decrease in violent activity (Thacker, 2003)? How much of a difference does the waiting period for firearms have on crime (Thacker, 2003)? Do Child access