Day 5

**Guiding questions:**

**I would like for the debate to center on race and gun policy again today in order to allow for more response.**

Val

[https://thehill.com/homenews/administration/454338-fbis-wray-says-majority-of-domestic-terrorism-arrests-this-year](https://thehill.com/homenews/administration/454338-fbis-wray-says-majority-of-domestic-terrorism-arrests-this-year?fbclid=IwAR0X6bnuCtOauYMlHRiv5ok8ON3qLDoSFc8hPIwzu4IRP6dQl3huYd55hF8)

**[FBI's Wray says most domestic terrorism arrests this year involve white supremacy](https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=https%3A%2F%2Fthehill.com%2Fhomenews%2Fadministration%2F454338-fbis-wray-says-majority-of-domestic-terrorism-arrests-this-year%3Ffbclid%3DIwAR3J3wcDuBDv6fQqFcD-P9kAMqh7VVmWoVOThIYeah1cY6cK_u1xdrxKamA&h=AT3x_LVGhu_55SOK3V_gvI13VaxP_b67noiK9G-_YK3A1L7v7jXq5p9ydzSxn25CCcVf6Ci1VAk-zcjNTf0t6Dx-pnLJq5thZ2r9yYrdsjs51aaRxMFqE4Mtc1WOJqI1sdJW6fY" \t "_blank)**

[FBI Director Christopher Wray said Tuesday that the agency has made about 100 domestic terrorism-related arrests since October, and the majority were tied to white supremacy.](https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=https%3A%2F%2Fthehill.com%2Fhomenews%2Fadministration%2F454338-fbis-wray-says-majority-of-domestic-terrorism-arrests-this-year%3Ffbclid%3DIwAR3J3wcDuBDv6fQqFcD-P9kAMqh7VVmWoVOThIYeah1cY6cK_u1xdrxKamA&h=AT3x_LVGhu_55SOK3V_gvI13VaxP_b67noiK9G-_YK3A1L7v7jXq5p9ydzSxn25CCcVf6Ci1VAk-zcjNTf0t6Dx-pnLJq5thZ2r9yYrdsjs51aaRxMFqE4Mtc1WOJqI1sdJW6fY" \t "_blank)

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*Danielle*

*Val, if you have a chance can you comment on the article in case others don’t have time to read it?*

Val

Sure

It is not racist to think that white supremacist hate crimes pose a tremendous threat to our nation. If you feel that white supremacist terror is on the rise it's because it is as cited by our countries FBI director Chris Wray. All hate crimes are abominable.

Val

I cite this because I was accused of racial profiling when discussing white hate crimes.

As to the other issue of arming any race , that’s ridiculous. The same standards apply as to.all races. More guns equals more gun violence.

*Danielle*

*Thank you. I also want to check in with everyone as we start day 5 and see how the conversation is working for you all. As we wrap up over the next few days, I want to see if you have any suggestions on how to improve. All comments welcome! Feel free to reach out to me as a separate comment individually if you are more comfortable with that as well.*

Val

Ok

Terry

Parks Val, I agree totally with all the statements you made.

Val

Thanks

People stretch the truth to fit a particular narrative. If you stick to facts the truth becomes self evident.

Phil

Hey, let's face it ,if 20 six year olds can be murdered in their own school rooms without a single legislative response ,it is time to remove those people responsible for our legislation.

This is so let the responsibility of the present PARTY.

Soley

The nonsensical historical references and the "What about them" allusions are simply red herrings to inaction. The tenets of a reasonable regulatory program for guns is fairly obvious

Phil

The politics of change are what we need .The present REPUBLICAN PARTY has shown itself to be unwilling to embrace any rational discussion of sensible regulation ,even in the face of a national carnage the takes some 40k + lives every year.

Nobody wants to "take away My guns"

We need an analysis of the entire industry in an open and transparent forum.

*Danielle*

*Why don’t we center today’s discussion instead on party politics and gun reform? What can be done, in your opinion? What legislation is possible, if any, given the current environment? Or will change only come at the next election? Even those who don’t want change can discuss the political realities*

Phil

Find the connecting points to the statistics of carnage and apply pressure.

The only solution is politics

Val

Great.

Phil

Get everyone registered and get your butts out to vote.

In every state. Fight voter suppression and tell those under 30 that this is your country too.VOTE

I enjoy the exchange of ideas but the REPUBLICANT PARTY is not listening, they need to be removed from the legislative process

Democrats are listening and in terms of gun regulation, they have attempted to begin the process of rationalization

Terry

Not sure if they aren't listening, think it's more like they don't really care, they have no real interest because of the NRA and. OTHER money sources like the gun companies

Phil

If Sandy Hook and Las Vegas only saw a regulatory amendment to restrict bump stocks the present REPUBLICAN party controlling the Presidency and the Senate couldn't come up with some more obvious legislative solutions...go figure

Terry

They could have if they wanted to is my opinion

Phil

The problem is political

Terry

And financial

Val

The NRA donated 30 million dollars to the Trump campaign. I think that bought some influence don’t you?

We have had gun reform rallies in every state. The American people are literally screaming for gun reform and it falls on deaf ears.

Yvonne

That money has been linked to Russia. Let that sink in. Talk about finding a nation's Achilles heel and crippling us.

Val

Yes. That is a huge concern for all of us. Its more than politics at this point.

It's about protecting our democracy.

Yvonne

Every senator, etc. who accepted NRA money can therefore be linked to Russia. Is it any wonder they are in lockstep on this issue?

Val

Not really…

Phil

Sow division, seems like the strategy. Find the cracks and pound in the nonsensical and division is the result. We need to step back and set out a reasonable set of participants and stakeholders ,confer and confer again...and do it again. The solutions are straightforward and non draconian.We have to sell the American People on the wisdom of change and the positive future

Phil

We all have if we see that future together. Diverse and respectful of all our individual differences and rights

We can fight about it but that battle of differences will be driven by compromise and the promise of a better tomorrow.

Political change is the only way

Val

I just watched a news cast on MSNBC where Trump just stated almost word for word the NRA talking points. Its a mental health issue, it's a slippery slope if you change these laws all gun rights will be in jeopardy,. etc. [ paraphrasing of course] He has sold his soul to the NRA. Americans want this legislation to pass by a significant margin. Universal Background checks , red flag laws and a ban on.semi automatic weapons. As long as our representatives are more beholding to the NRA and gun manufacturers than they are to the American people these laws will not pass.

Val

We have to vote them out of office.

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Phil

Yes ,we do!!!!

Terry

To do that. We have to make sure that voter turnout is high, and that people don't vote for third party candidates. Best would be if we could win Senate and presidency