Day 4

**Guiding questions:**

**Today’s topic will be race and gun reform. In yesterday’s discussion, James referenced how gun reforms actually are racist and endanger minorities, making reference to Maj Toure. I found two interviews and articles with him-he is the founder of the Black Guns Matter Movement.**[**http://www.barcroft.tv/black-guns-matter-maj-toure-america-second-amendment-rights**](http://www.barcroft.tv/black-guns-matter-maj-toure-america-second-amendment-rights?fbclid=IwAR2BqJgwmq3n2UeRYJPkzEBAOfbJOa3pc2I7_t5gWkgdlfMan7uC1CIHHsU)[**https://www.foxnews.com/media/black-guns-matter-maj-toure-gun-free-zones-do-not-work**](https://www.foxnews.com/media/black-guns-matter-maj-toure-gun-free-zones-do-not-work?fbclid=IwAR1tisBKpcvl7sNuk63CWiZmvwm407CxPRrI1ThbH8G6_lCGHWKL8b3i-rU) **Gun reform has a history in this country of being used against minorities. I am providing two articles with a reference to this history. How could any reforms handle that?**[**https://mises.org/wire/racist-history-gun-control-1**](https://mises.org/wire/racist-history-gun-control-1?fbclid=IwAR0LpAc9HWie5IAWojPAzi9DQFNxg3-xsRYcKL5yQkPtlbS9aF2-H2bKuos)[**https://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/features/2017/10/gun-control-racist-present-171006135904199.html**](https://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/features/2017/10/gun-control-racist-present-171006135904199.html?fbclid=IwAR0RILdq5m6O2UWBH6j3aETqC6zAq0cQr78Hf2i8-cyH8gYSEuspWzm0gQo) **On the other hand, others have argued that the refusal to pass new gun control laws is actually a way for white individuals to retain power. Do you feel any opposition to gun reform is about this? An article pertaining to this is provided below:**[**https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2019/aug/08/racism-gun-control-dying-of-whiteness**](https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.theguardian.com%2Fus-news%2F2019%2Faug%2F08%2Fracism-gun-control-dying-of-whiteness%3Ffbclid%3DIwAR2Z8HMtNbokt3PaSHYGYxLfXuCjNGBjzP0zMch6uY1GmiNfCbsw_1LBOH0&h=AT2nk3_ZS96WIS4yaKBRqtdHGqAegzsQ9Ratf5fjFMjNwD7z9dzQHmfIjh-9zzNvg6P8fw3GRbPCcVe2NEDAvdBygR2fAceRiYFpBYeTQhxAS68pTg18shYtKDlQluhPpOp9_aGA) **Feel free to address any of these questions or any other questions related to race and gun policy.**

Yvonne

I watched the clip and don't agree. As someone who has visited Compton and lived in LA during the height of the Bloods vs. Crips battles, I don't believe arming everyone in Compton would effect positive change. it certainly would not improve police brutality. Once there is a gun in play/visible, I'd say African Americans put themselves at even greater risk.

Val

According to a Wall Street Journal survey 89 % of Americans favor Universal background checks, 76% support red flags laws in every state and 62% are in favor of a semi automatic assault weapons ban. I think the only people promoting more guns is the NRA and gun manufacturers.

Yvonne

...and those under the NRA’s spell.

Yvonne

A document obtained by the Tampa Bay Times and sent by House Republicans provides a framework for how to respond to anticipated questions like, “Why won’t you pass legislation to close the ‘gun show loophole’ in federal law?” and “Why shouldn’t we ban high-capacity magazines?" The answers are boilerplate Republican arguments against tougher gun restrictions. But it also included this question: “Do you believe white nationalism is driving more mass shootings recently?” The suggested response is to steer the conversation away from white nationalism to an argument that implies both sides are to blame." “White nationalism and racism are pure evil and cannot be tolerated in any form," the document said. “We also can’t excuse violence from the left such as the El Paso shooter, the recent Colorado shooters, the Congressional baseball shooter, Congresswoman Giffords’ shooter and Antifa."

**[Memo reveals a House Republican strategy on shootings: downplay white nationalism, blame left](https://www.tampabay.com/florida-politics/buzz/2019/08/16/memo-reveals-a-house-republican-strategy-on-shootings-downplay-white-nationalism-blame-left/?fbclid=IwAR0poCyO8-jj5M8WIfdH-IQEQWURF3KLjgi-YFxvsBlvlFd-gtLly3hT2VM" \t "_blank)**

[The GOP memo falsely pinned the El Paso massacre and other notable mass shootings on the left.](https://www.tampabay.com/florida-politics/buzz/2019/08/16/memo-reveals-a-house-republican-strategy-on-shootings-downplay-white-nationalism-blame-left/?fbclid=IwAR0poCyO8-jj5M8WIfdH-IQEQWURF3KLjgi-YFxvsBlvlFd-gtLly3hT2VM" \t "_blank)

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