**School Safety**

The school shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School has once again brought to the surface the issue of school safety.

1. What side of this debate do you agree with? Should there be more bans on guns or greater freedom for people to carry guns?

2. Do you think violent movies and video games are to blame for more real-life violence? Why or why not?

3. What other actions do you think we could take to reduce gun violence? If you were a legislator, what laws, policies/rules, practices, training, curriculum, etc. would you put in place to address the issue of gun violence and safety in schools:

1. at the National Level
2. at the State Level
3. at the District Level
4. at the school level
5. at the classroom level

**Resource List**

<http://learning.blogs.nytimes.com/2013/01/08/watershed-teaching-about-gun-control-after-newtown/>

<http://www.csmonitor.com/USA/Education/2013/0201/Atlanta-school-shooting-raises-doubts-about-metal-detectors>

<http://your4state.com/fulltext?nxd_id=294262>

<http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2012/12/18/after-newtown-can-we-make-our-schools-safe.html>

<http://www.schoolsecurity.org/trends/zero_tolerance.html>

<http://abcnews.go.com/US/story?id=96756&page=1>

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424127887324296604578179801831200978.html>

<http://www.nytimes.com/2012/12/17/nyregion/in-newtown-conn-a-stiff-resistance-to-gun-restrictions.html?_r=0>

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<http://www.nytimes.com/2012/08/08/us/politics/polls-find-opposition-to-stricter-gun-laws.html>