

## **Trends in Crime and Incarceration**

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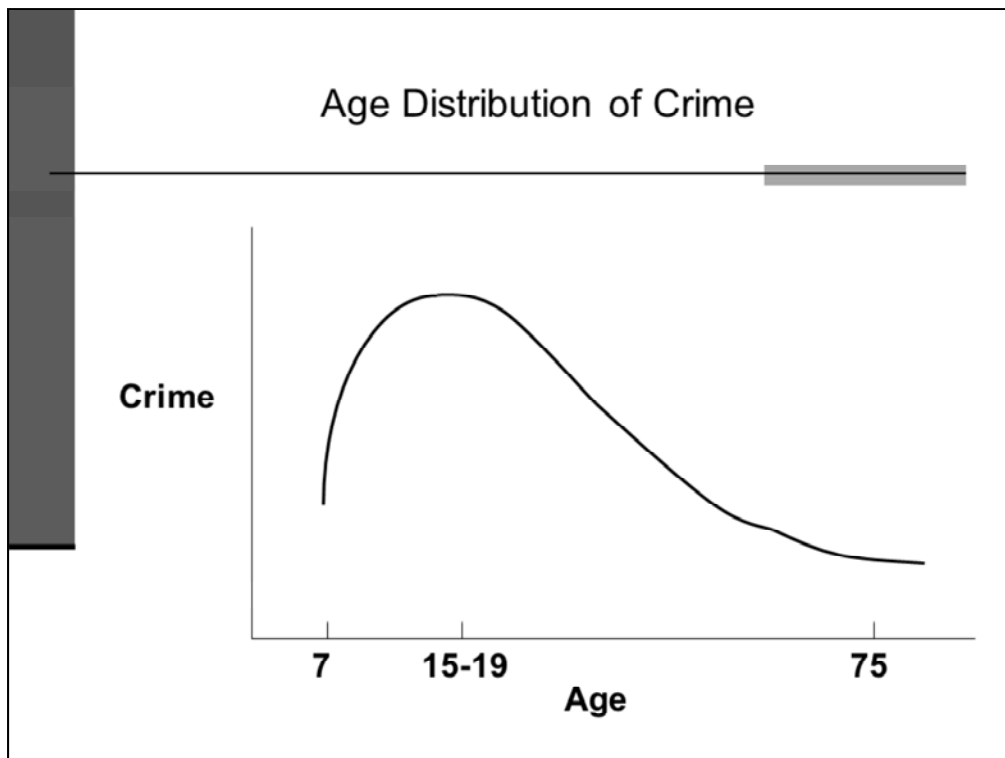
- I. Trends in Crime Rates**
  - A. Decline in Crime
  - B. Explanations of the Decline
  - C. Crime and Immigration
- II. Trends in Incarceration Rates**
- III. Trends in Guns: Ownership and Public Attitudes**

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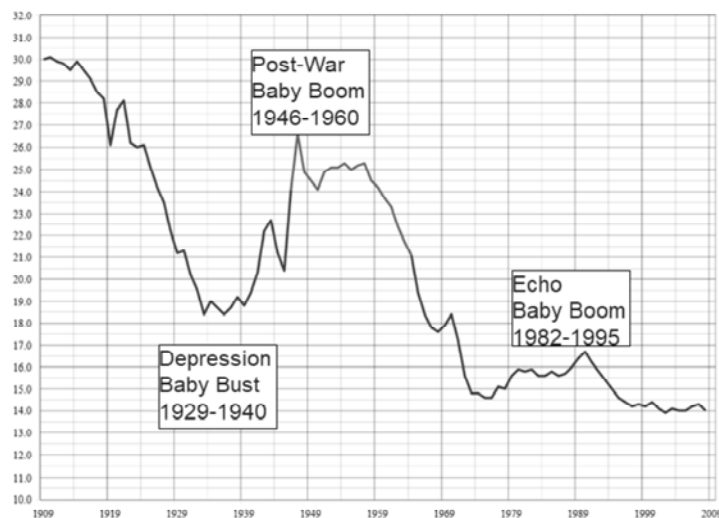
## Learning Objectives

1. Understand the age distribution of crime and the decline in crime rates.
2. Understand factors that may have affected the crime decline.
3. Understand crime by race and immigration status
4. Understand trends in incarceration, particularly by race and drug offenses.
5. Understand trends in possession of guns.
6. Understand public opinion about gun control..

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### U.S. Birth Rates per 1,000 Population 1909-2009



### UCR Violent Crime Rate in U.S. 1960-2014



### Property and Violent Crime Trends in the U.S. (UCR)



## Victimization Trends in the U.S. (NCVS)

**FIGURE 1**  
Violent and property victimization, 1993–2013



Note: See appendix table 1 for estimates and standard errors.

\*See *Criminal Victimization, 2007* (NCJ 224390, BJS web, December 2008) for information on changes in the 2006 NCVS.

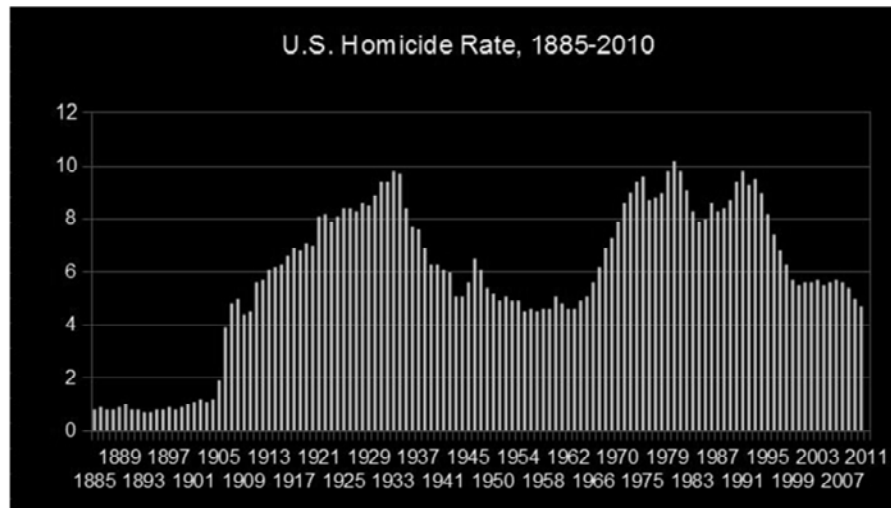
Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, National Crime Victimization Survey, 1993–2013.

## Decline in U.S. Crime from 1996-2014

- Age distribution: fewer 15-25 year-olds
- Economic growth (1990s)
  - Joblessness declined
  - Wages increased
- Crack markets declined
- Roe v. Wade (1973) legalizing abortion
  - Fewer crime prone born after 1974
  - Meaning fewer 20-25 year olds after 1994
- Increases in police and incarceration (deterrence)



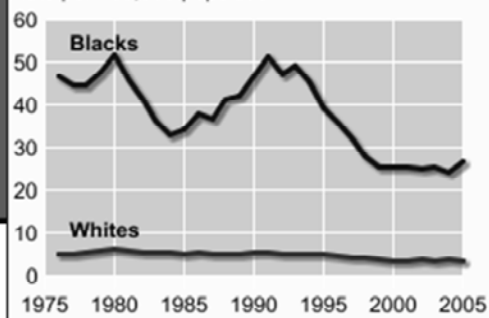
## Long-Term U.S. Homicide Rates 1885-2010



## Black-White Differences in Homicide Offending and Victimization

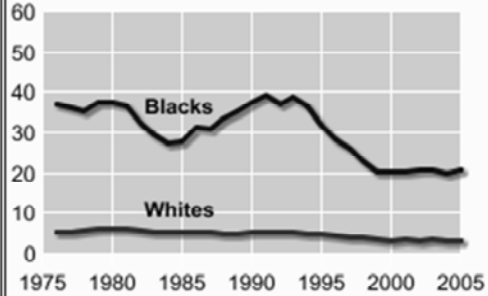
**Homicide offending by race, 1976-2005**

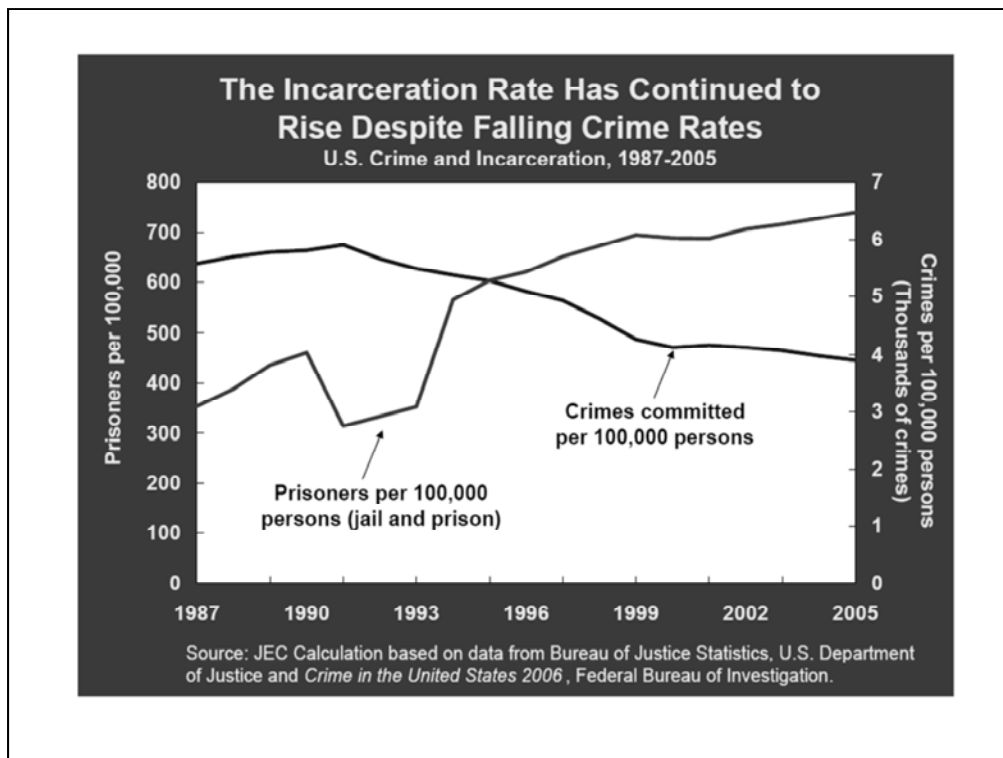
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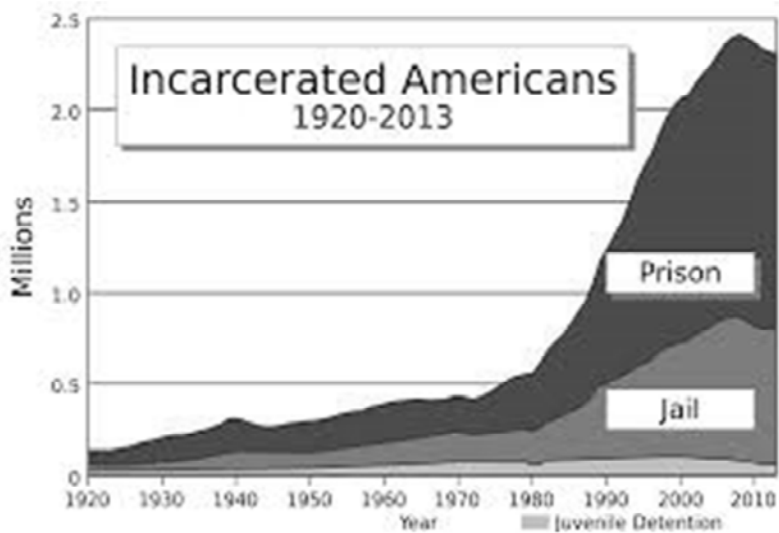
**Homicide victimization by race, 1976-2005**

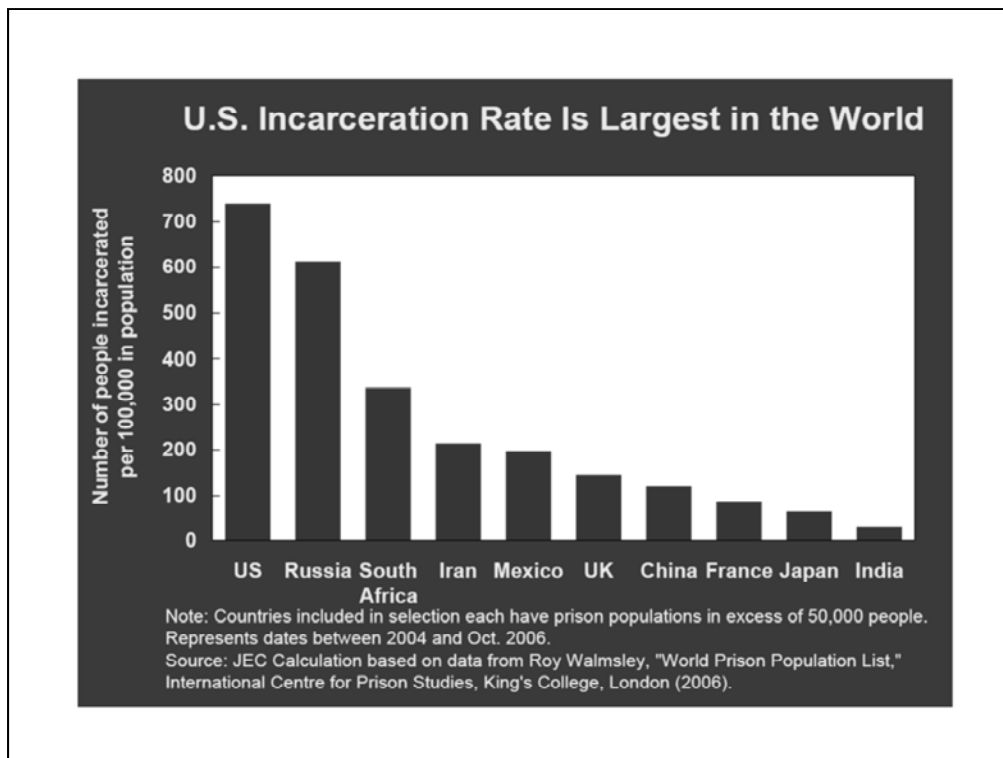
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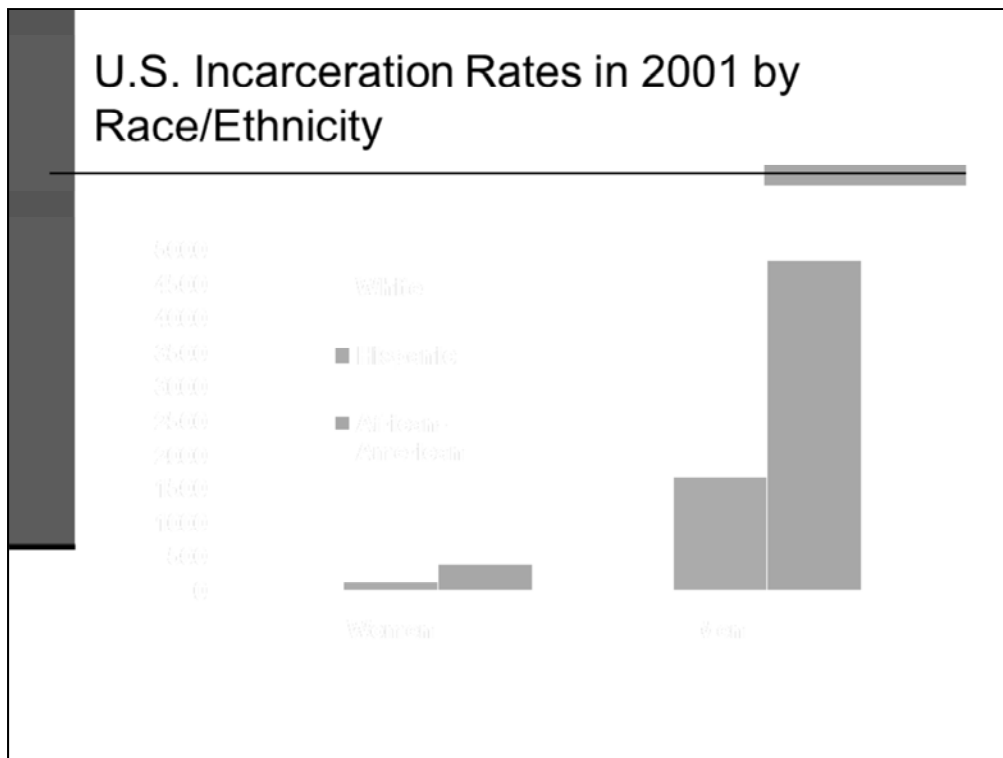




## U.S. Incarceration Rates over Time

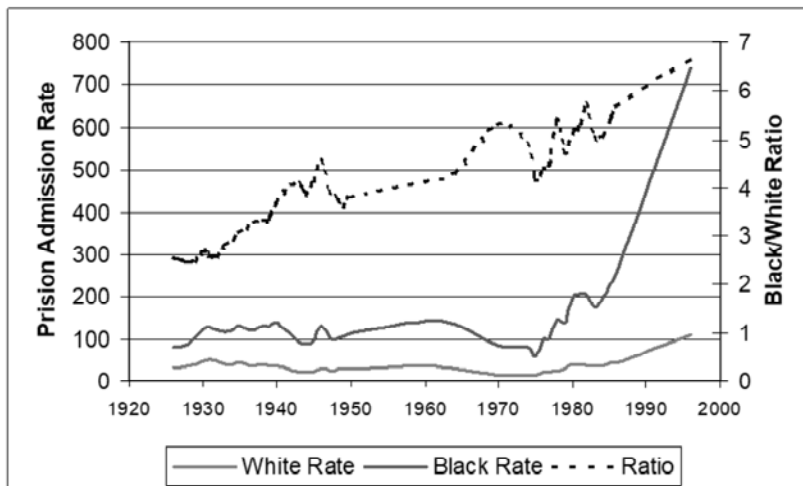




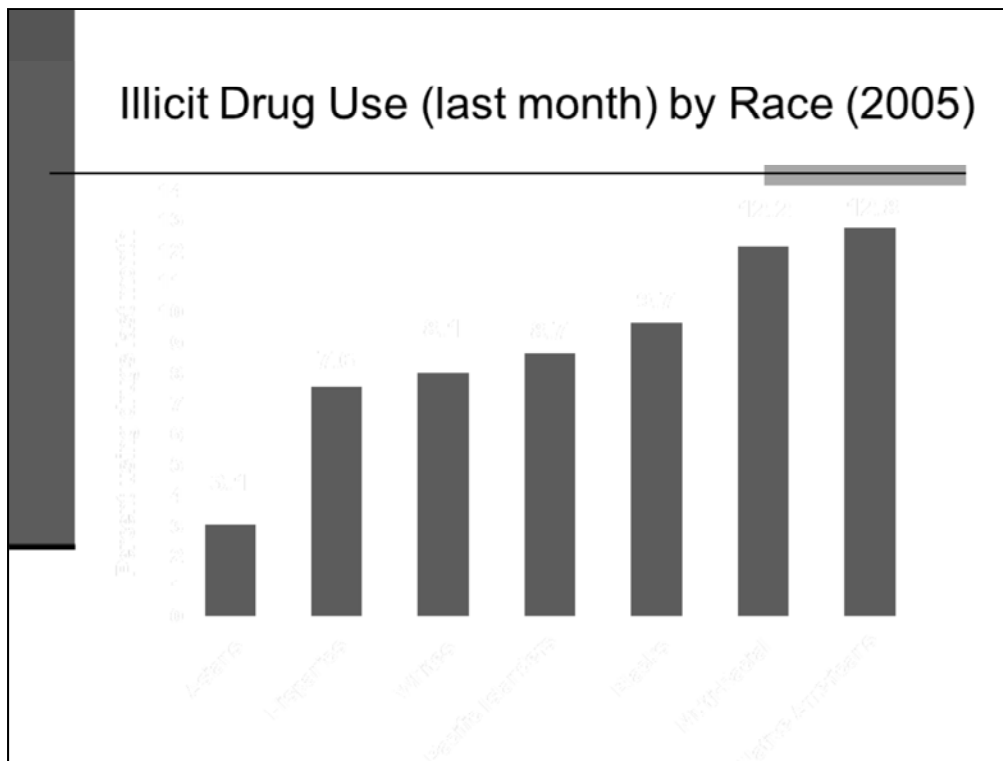


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## U.S. Incarceration Trends by Race



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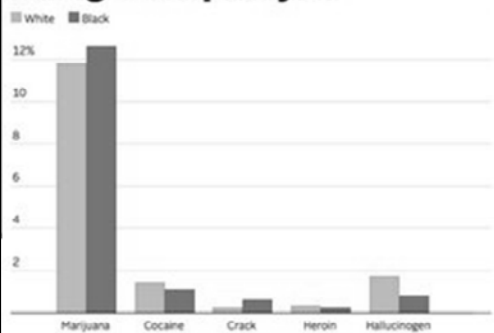


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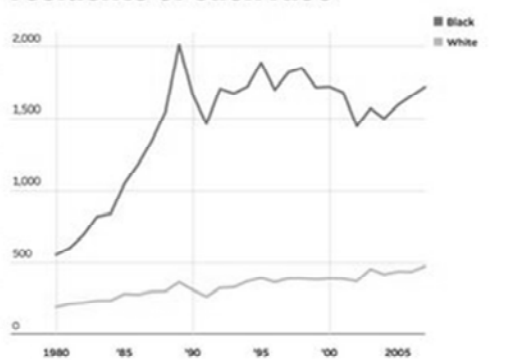
## Racial Disparities in Drug Arrests

**Percent of population who used a drug in the past year**



Source: SAMHSA, 2011 data

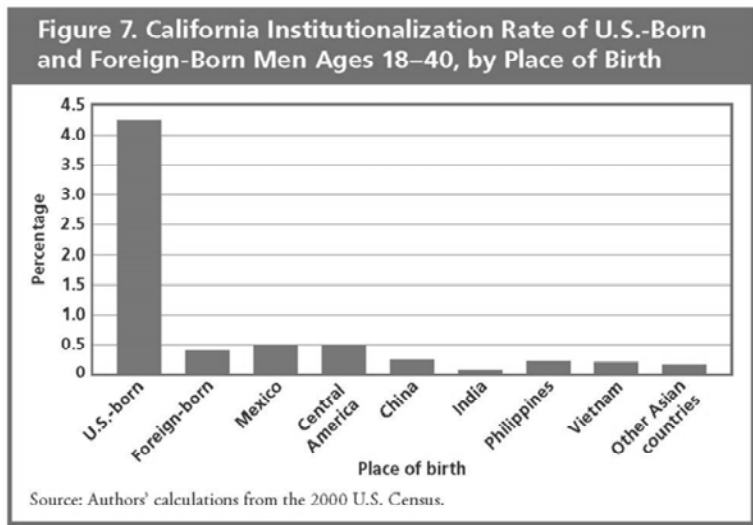
**US drug arrest rates, per 100,000 residents of each race**



Source: Human Rights Watch, 2009 analysis of government data

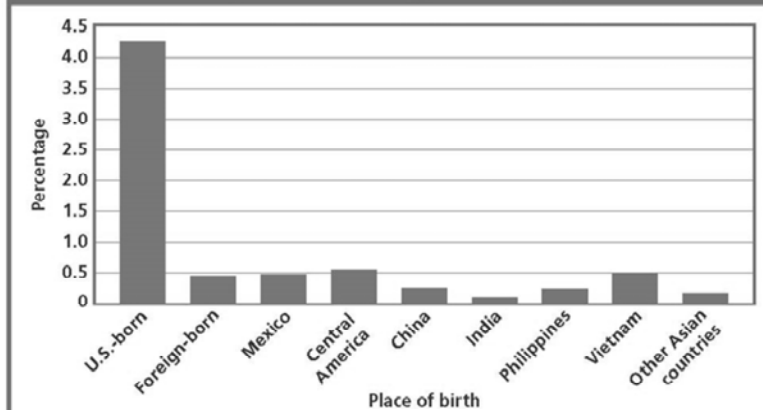


## California Institutionalization Rates US-Born vs. Foreign-Born



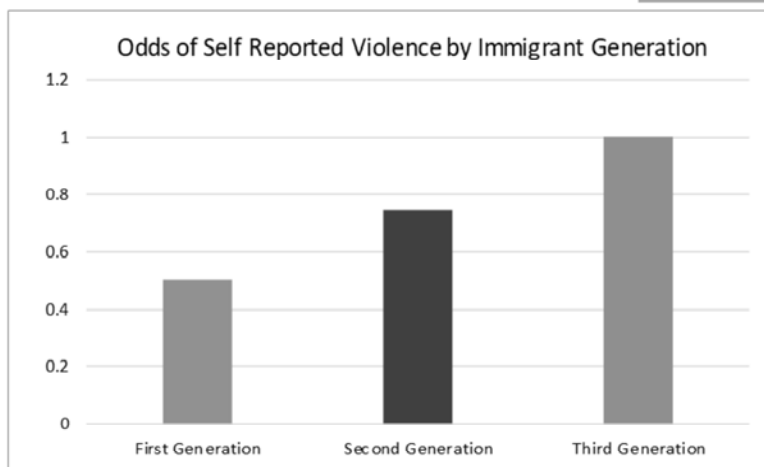
## California Institutionalization Rates US-Born vs. Non-Citizen Foreign-Born

Figure 8. California Institutionalization Rate of U.S.-Born and Noncitizen Foreign-Born Men Ages 18–40, by Place of Birth



Source: Authors' calculations from the 2000 U.S. Census.

## Self-Reported Violence by Immigrant Generation in Chicago



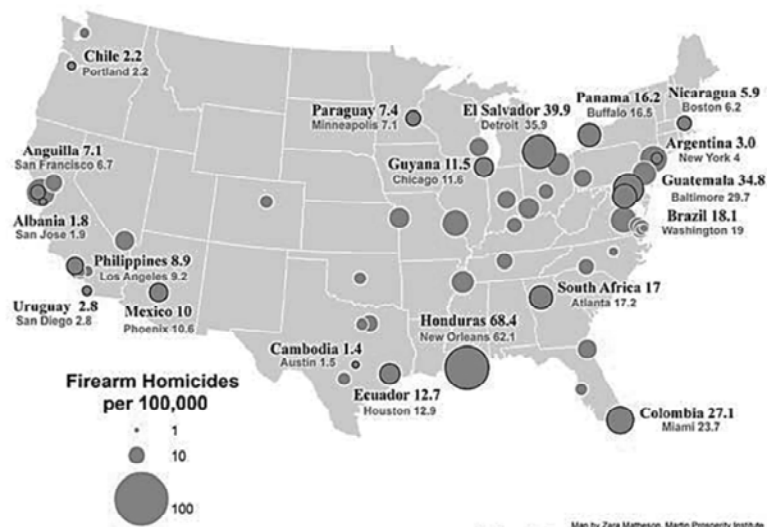
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## Second Amendment (Bill of Rights, 1791)

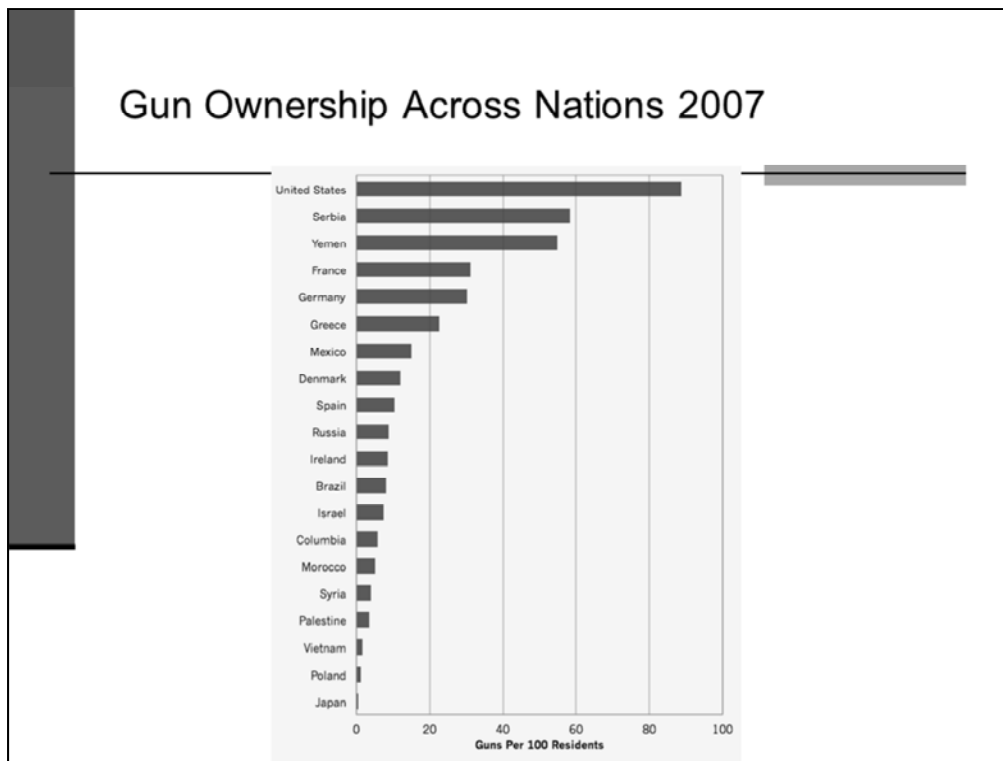
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**A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the People to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed**

## Gun Homicides for U.S. Cities Compared to Nations with Highest Homicide Rates



Map by Zaria Matheson, Martin Prosperity Institute  
Data Source: <http://www.oecd.org/ineq/previews/mexicohomicides2011a1.htm>  
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/news/datablog/2012/jul/22/gun-homicides-ownership-world-4st>

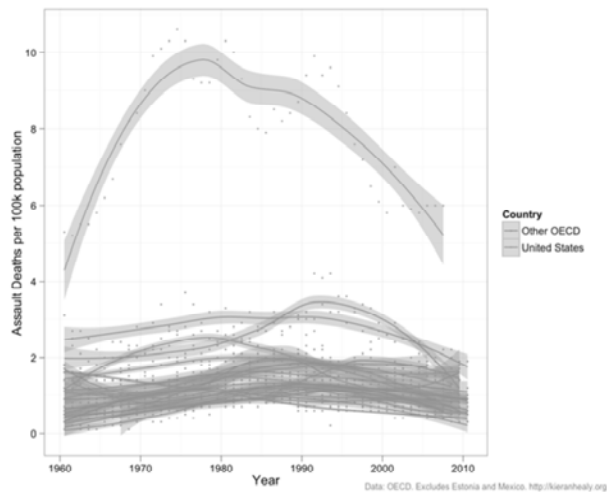


## U.S. Homicides by Weapon 1976-2004

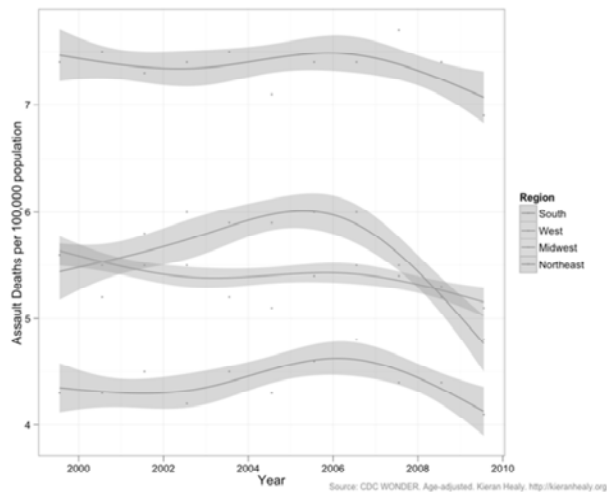




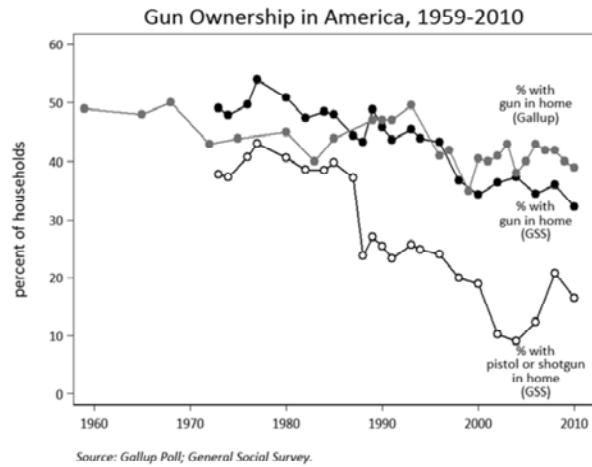
## Deaths by Assault in the U.S. and other OECD Countries



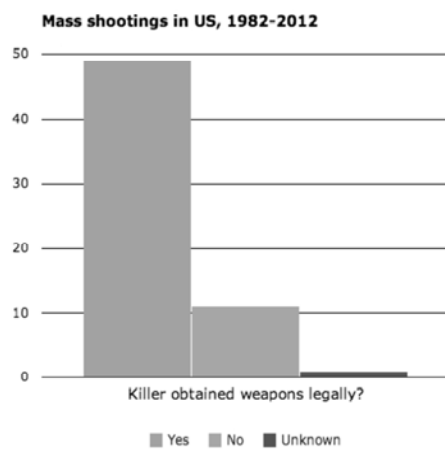
## Assault Deaths by Region of the U.S.



## Gun Ownership in the U.S. 1959-2010



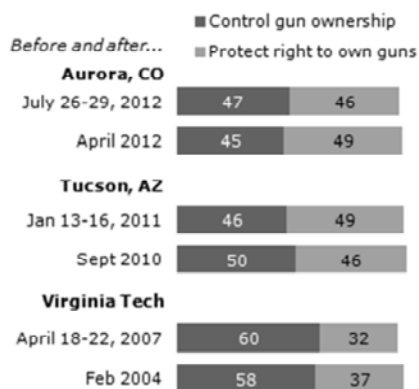
## Illegal Weapons Use in Mass Shootings



## Pew Poll: Attitudes Toward Gun Control Before and After Mass Shootings

### Shootings Don't Shift Views on Gun Control

What do you think is more important?



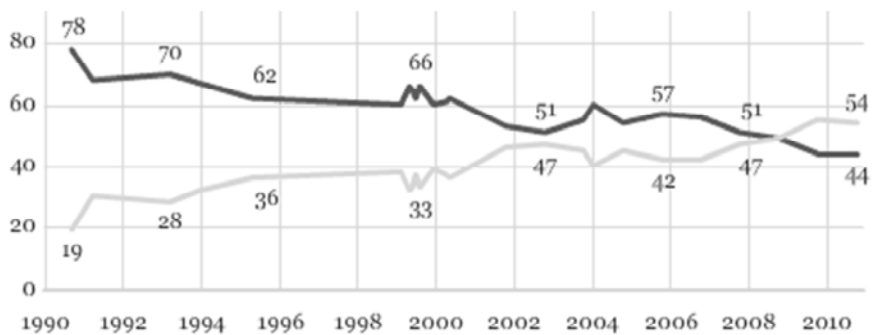
PEW RESEARCH CENTER July 26-29, 2012.

## Gallup Poll: Gun Control

### Gun Laws

In general, do you feel that the laws covering the sale of firearms should be made more strict, less strict, or kept as they are now?

■ % More strict    ■ % Less strict/Kept as now



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## CNN Poll: Public Support for Specific Gun Control Policies

