



GUN VIOLENCE IS AN EVERYDAY STRESSOR IN THE BLACK COMMUNITY

**Black
men are**

13x

more likely
than non-
Hispanic
white men to
be killed with
a gun

**Black
Americans
make up**

14%

of the US
population,
but are
victims of
more than
half of all gun
homicides

**Black
women
are**

3x

more likely
than white
women to be
murdered by
a gun

Black children
experience gun-related
homicides about
10X MORE
than white children

7
children and teens are
killed with guns in the US
on an average day

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more?

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The paper is titled
"Causes,
Consequences, and
Critiques of Gun
Violence in
America: A call to
action to save black
women and girls"

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communities with the highest per capita rate of gun violence have a higher than average % of minority population

DC
51%
 Black
 35.4 deaths per 100,000

Louisiana
32%
 Black
 9.9 deaths per 100,000

Maryland
29%
 Black
 9.9 deaths per 100,000

United States
13%
 Black
 3.85 deaths per 100,000

96

On an average **day**, 96 Americans are killed with guns

50

In an average **month**, 50 women are shot to death by intimate partners in the US

12,000

On average, there are nearly 12,000 gun homicides a **year** in the US

CAUSES OF GUN VIOLENCE

Environmental Stressors

Socioeconomic and Structural Disadvantage

Exposure to Gun Violence

Misuse of Social Media

Decreased Sense of Self

Early Childhood Trauma

Lack of Social Connectedness

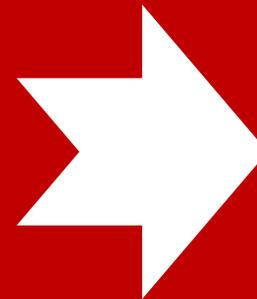
Hopelessness and fear of victimization

Desensitization of community violence

Fear and Distrust

Racial Discrimination

Intimate Partner Violence



CONSEQUENCES OF GUN VIOLENCE

Mental & Behavioral Effects

**Inhibited brain development *
 Anger * Withdrawal * Post traumatic stress * desensitization to violence * Anxiety * Depression *
 Difficulty concentrating *
 Decreased academic performance**

Economic Effects

**Reduced employment opportunities * \$18.2 billion in medical and work loss *
 higher rates of incarceration**

GUN VIOLENCE...

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...is a PUBLIC HEALTH issue

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...is an EVERYDAY STRESSOR

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**...is an EPIDEMIC in the black
community**

STRATEGIES TO SAVE BLACK WOMEN AND GIRLS FROM EVERYDAY GUN VIOLENCE **MUST INCLUDE**

PREVENTION * ADVOCACY * EDUCATION

