Talking About Gun Violence: Changing the Conversation to Move Policy Forward

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POLL #1

How are you attending this Web Forum?

a. Individually
b. In a group of 2-5 people
c. In a group of 6-10 people
d. In a group of more than 10 people
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• *Third in a series - We previously discussed:*
  – Firearm injury as a public health problem
  – Epidemiology of firearm related injury
  – Emerging firearm safety technology
  – Legal aspects of firearms in the U.S.
  – Coalition building & advocacy
State of Gun Violence

• We know:
  – We live in an increasingly polarized society
  – We need to find common ground that
    • Protects the public’s health
    • Recognizes the rights of gun owners
    • Ensures our safety
Time to Burst the Bubble

Today we will:
Advance the discussion to improve the likelihood of new alliances, new conversations and new compromises to move us toward constructive action
POLL #2

How familiar are you with the ways in which dialogue and framing can influence policy?

a. Not at all familiar
b. A little bit familiar
c. Fairly familiar
d. Extremely familiar
Linda Degutis, DrPH, MSN is a consultant specializing in policy, advocacy, and injury and violence prevention. Previously, she served as Director of the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC) at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), where she led initiatives in preventing violence and injuries, addressing risk factors and developing closer links between research and practice. Prior to joining CDC, she was Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine and Public Health, and Associate Clinical Professor of Nursing at Yale University, and served as Research Director for Emergency Medicine. She was a 1996-97 Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Fellow, working in Senator Paul Wellstone's (D-MN) office.

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Since becoming dean, Gilliam has launched new campaigns to elevate the School of Public Affairs’ mission of public service, which comprises graduate programs in public policy, social welfare, and urban planning; an interdisciplinary undergraduate minor in public affairs (one of UCLA’s most popular); and active research centers, including the Lewis Center for Regional Policy Studies, the Institute for Transportation Studies, the Center for Policy Research on Aging, and the Luskin Center for Innovation. He is the author of Farther to Go: Readings and Cases in African-American Politics (Harcourt Brace) and his work has been published in many leading academic journals.

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POLL #3

Do you believe changing dialogue changes minds?

a. Nope. Framing isn’t the issue.
b. Meh. Maybe?
c. Yes! I am excited to learn more!
d. Yes! And I have a great idea (please submit in Q&A)
POLL #4

Which of the following activities are you likely to engage in, following your participation in this Web Forum?

a. Talk to a family member/colleague/peer about changing the gun violence dialogue
b. Talk to a legislator/legislative staff member
c. Get involved in gun violence prevention efforts in my community
d. Raise awareness of gun violence and effective prevention by sharing stories and data on social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.)
e. Other (please submit in Q&A)
POLL #5

What do you need to be a more effective communicator about gun violence prevention? (check all that apply)

a. More opportunities to have this kind of conversation
b. More background information about gun violence statistics and gun violence prevention
c. Better understanding of the opposition’s point of view
d. A media advocacy tool kit
e. Other (please submit in Q&A)
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