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This 2-page report presented by Brigitte's Technology Consulting and Research Firm provides a direct response framework categorized by political party affiliations to provide transparency on how various citizens viewed gun control in relations to post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). The qualitative data were collected via social media in 2015 by this Firm. To stimulate a systematic view of the current 18 U.S.C. § 922(d) and "Red Flag" Congressional legislations, amendments, and proposals, this Firm proposes that the current Administration embraces the framework to establish a Federal mandated descriptive survey method to gain insight from legal citizens in the United States, similar to the concept of the U.S. Census, to publish every 4 years. Conducting such a census would be outside the scope of this Firm, but this Firm is open to engaging in the innovations. This Firm also proposes that the National Rifle Association (NRA) considers the framework to devise a voluntary descriptive survey method to survey legal citizens in the United States on how gun sport (e.g., 3-gun, hunting, big game) may alleviate stressors associated with various forms of mental illnesses and publish a special report annually. Research, such as those conducted by Pew Research Center considers the [approximate] number of guns per capita/registered and the National Conference of State Legislatures lists the state/federal laws for the acquisition of firearms using the descriptive term "mentally illness" in a general capacity; however, such research fails to embody the personal experiences and observations of legal citizens regarding the characteristics/behaviors of the mentally ill who are in possession of a firearm; the findings can serve as a means to establish descriptive preventative measures. If consideration is given to this proposal, entities should also consider the HIPAA laws.





Inquiry: Take into consideration veterans who are returning from war and are experiencing a post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD): Should these individuals be mandated to turn in their personal guns until these individuals seek medical attention? Explain. Other demographics inquiries included: race, age, state, and number of guns in household.

Republican/Conservative	Democrat
<p>Absolutely not. Diagnosis of PTSD can be subjective, so to punish anyone with it despite the slim chance of a shooting infringes on the constitution.</p> <p>Respondent: Texas, Caucasian, 55, owns 0 guns</p>	<p>The question implies that veterans, who happen to experience PTSD, also personally own guns. To answer this question adequately, the respondent must know whether the group being researched own guns. To what extent? What is their impact on gun violence and suicide by gun in the country? Are they most apparent threat in the nation, state, or city? What is more, we must consider that facts that the veteran is also an American citizen. It is questionable that this particularly small group of people be placed under scrutiny when there is a larger American population consisting of citizens with guns, who experience PTSD and other forms of mental disorder. Therefore, the answer to the research question is: NO.</p> <p>Respondent: Illinois, African American, 46, owns 0 guns</p>
<p>No. This mandate would be unprecedented and nearly impossible to administer-and would be an affront to the nation's best citizens. Almost everyone mobilized to go overseas experiences traumatic stress, so that number is in the 1-2 million now. This proposal looks like a reaction to sensational press reports.</p> <p align="center"></p> <p>Respondent: Arizona, Caucasian male, 56, owns 2 guns</p>	<p>I feel all veterans returning from war should be medically examined to make sure they are not experiencing signs of PTSD or any other condition regarding mental health. It is unknown of how those experiences have affected the veterans so it would be understandable to take the extra precaution.</p> <p>Respondent: Georgia, African American female, 25, 2 guns in household, but owns 0 guns</p>
<p>We have to have a balance between individual rights and the best for society. I would have them turn their guns over to a trusted family member, not the government. Medical attention should be the first priority for these folks.</p> <p>Respondent: Texas, African American, 47, owns 3 guns</p>	<div data-bbox="824 1570 1412 1858" data-label="Image"> </div>
<p>While I am never in favor of private citizens giving up their fire arms, I think in the above case where a vet (or anyone) is suffering from a debilitating mental illness, I believe a proper procedure for ALL returning vets would be to undergo psychiatric evaluation and most importantly treatment on their return from war and upon successful completion, they can carry their personal guns. In a perfect case scenario, the Vet Admin should have ongoing follow up mental health care for its vets, but this is not a perfect world. However, when a vet is experiencing PSTD, he should not be armed only because public safety and safety of the vet's family should be top priority.</p> <p>Respondent: California, African American, 55, owns 0 guns</p>	



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<p>No. Assuming every Veteran returning from Combat is suffering from PTSD and dangerous is Profiling in the highest form. Such a Blanket Determination opens the door for an outside entity to implement processes that could influence Government benefits that a Veteran may be entitled to receive.</p> <p>Our Country promotes a set of Rights. The Right to Bear Arms is one of them. PTSD is not just specific to Veterans. Anyone who has witnessed or suffered a Traumatic Event can develop PTSD. A Veteran with PTSD/other psychological maladies and medical co-morbidities including the residual effects of TBI, and the effects of medications would need to have a medical determination that would recommend restriction of weapon availability. Same would hold to a Civilian or Law Enforcement personnel.</p> <p>Respondent: Texas, Caucasian female, 59, owns 4 guns</p>	<p>How about all people on anti-depressants and anti-anxiety medications, should not they be disarmed as well? What about convicted felons; should not they not be allowed to have weapons? Oh wait, it is illegal for felons to own a firearm. How do you suppose they get them? Do you think if they knew they were breaking the law, they would not have them?</p>  <p>Respondent: North Carolina, Biracial, 69, owns 0 guns</p>
<p>NO.</p> <p>Respondent: Demographics not specified</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>Respondent: Illinois, 51, owns 1 gun</p>
<p>Yes. I feel all veterans with PTSD should be required to turn in their weapons until approved to receive them back after multiple psych exams from the government and from a third party unbiased medical doctor.</p> <p>The reason I recommend this is because everyone I know with PTSD is a little unbalanced emotionally and often displays concerning behavior.</p> <p>Also, by taking such a precaution, possible issues can be limits of veterans with PTSD having a 'flash back' of a previous experience, which may trigger an emotion and as a gun owner, he or she may be more likely to go off the chain vs someone who does not have PTSD and is a gun owner.</p> <p>Respondent: Demographics not specified</p> <p>To require such an action would require bigger government. Look at our immigration problem. More border patrol agents need to be on the ground. More equipment is needed to have surveillance performed. All in all, the fight is on, but the cost is great.</p> <p>It is the same thing when "policing" such a task. The need for administrative support would be tremendous. The individuals would need to be documented and watched. This is the equivalent to having a parole officer assigned to someone that got out of jail (not the soldiers, but the process).</p> <p>In a perfect world, we want this, but the right resources need to be granted for something like this to be successful. Based on how our government works, I do not see how the success will be possible.</p> <p>Respondent: New York, African American, 42, owns 0 guns</p>	 <p><i>Image: From "The Assault Rifles of the Near Future," 2013. Permission to use granted from The 21st Century Asian Arms (21AAR).</i></p>



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