

# Time Line

On October 16, 1991 23 people were killed in a mass shooting in Killeen, Texas by George Hennard. This was the first mass shooting recorded in American history, some people said that he was insane and that is why he shot up a cafeteria. Neighbors complained about him for month saying he was loud, disturbing, and others say he wanted payback. Others say that he had a valid reason to shoot that place up because the people in there deserved it. They blame the economy because that year the economy was at a real low, over 850 thousand people lost their job and the gun laws were not that strict. Since the laws weren't strict George walked into the gun store and purchased 9mm pistol, then drove his truck into the side of Lucy's Cafeteria. His exact words were "All women of Killeen and Belton are vipers! This is what you've done to me and my family! This is what Bell County did to me... this is payback day!" Then he decided to shoot up the cafeteria with 140 people inside of it, that shooting could have been a lot worse. Luckily he only had enough bullets to kill 23 people and then sadly kill himself in the end. This was considered the worst mass shooting in America until 2007, but now it is considered the sixth deadliest mass shooting in America.

On April 16, 2007 at Virginia Tech 32 people were killed by Seung-Hui Cho, a 23 year old student who shot up the college and then committed suicide. At the time of this shooting the gun laws were not very strict any resident of Virginia could purchase a gun if they successfully passed the background check, Virginia also limited residents to purchase a gun every 30 days. At the time of the shooting Cho was only a senior in college so some would think that economy didn't matter to him, but he was looking into it because soon he would be going into the workforce. The economy at that time was decent, so I don't think that was a reason for him shooting. The police think the reason was because he had previously been diagnosed with a severe anxiety disorder and during most of his middle school and high school time, he received therapy and special education. But the board of directors at Virginia Tech did not know about this before accepting him into their program, so they sent him into regular classes and not into classes that would be better for his condition. At the beginning he was ok with the classes because they didn't push him that hard, but as time went by he began to crack little by little until senior year when he broke. At that time this was the deadliest shooting by one man in America, this shooting really sparked debates on gun violence and mental health issues.

On December 14, 2012 at Sandy Hook elementary in Connecticut Adam Lanza killed 26 people( 20 kids and 6 adults) and then committed suicide, when looking into Lanza police found his mother dead from a gunshot wound in the living room of their Newtown home. At this time the economy was at a high and they just created 2.17 million jobs, so about 180,000 jobs were created a month. But the gun laws were very strict, they prohibited anyone from carrying a loaded gun and they removed the loophole in the states ban of unsafe weapons. Lanza had asperger syndrome, schizophrenia , so most people think that he did this because he was an unstable man who for some reason was allowed to purchase a loaded gun even though this is what happened in the last mass shooting. There were totaled eight boys and twelve girls, all either six or seven years of age, and six teacher who were all women who were shot multiple times by Lanza's Glock 20SF. There is only a recorded total of 45 children and six teacher who survived the shooting the teachers were Kaitlin Roig, Yvonne Cech, Maryann Jacob, Maryrose Kristopik, Abbey Clements, and Laura Feinstein. They only released the names of the student who were shot, so the public never figured out all of the kids that survived.

On June 12, 2016 49 people were killed inside the nightclub Pulse by Omar Suddiqui Mateen. The economy was like 2015 but worse, the economy only expanded 1.9 percent for the whole year of 2016 and that is only 5,000. The gun laws were not very strict and there used to be a ban on assault weapons, but Congress allowed that ban to expire. Obama made a law that dealers selling guns at gun shows or online, they needed to have a licence for the weapon and they need to do a very thorough background check on the buyer. So you see it wasn't that hard and it was that easy either for him to purchase a gun, so he was able to purchase a pistol and a rifle. Omar had a unsuccessful career in law enforcement, he was a prison guard, a state trooper, and he was training in the police academy when this happened. Some witnesses said that he was gay and he was lashing out on the gay culture because in his country being gay is wrong, but others say that he was very against gays and his motivation came from seeing all of the gay couples in Florida. But Omar said that it was revenge on America for the airstrike killing ISIL militants, he said that he would stop shooting people when they stopped the bombing on his country.

On October 1 2017 58 were killed at Route 91 Harvest music festival by Stephen Paddock. He shot into a crowd of 22,000 people, he killed 58 people and injured almost 500 people and then he committed suicide making the total body count 59 dead. The economy at that time was at a real high, the stocks went up, and a lot of jobs were made for people. The

guns laws were getting better and there were more laws preventing shootings, but there were also loopholes like the government only had 72 hours to do a background check on someone or they could buy the gun with the check. The reports says Paddock had no mental health issues or have anything against the people or the performer, but his son was on the FBI's most wanted list for bank robbery between 1969 and 1977. So no really knows why he did this because he never told anyone, he didn't tell either of his wives, his long term girlfriend, or his son. Some think that he actually did have a mental issues and he just didn't tell anyone about it, but others think that he was just a american with too much power because today we give people in america a lot of power and let them run willy nilly.