

Social Justice Action

“Courage doesn’t always roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying, ‘I will try again tomorrow’”
– Mary Anne Radmacher

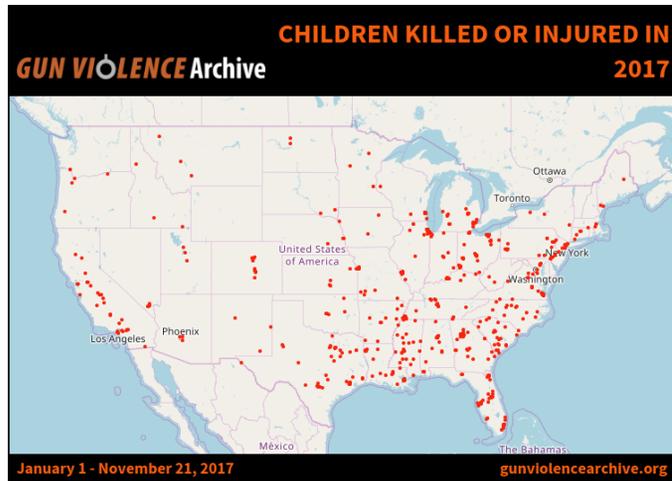
If you have something YOU are passionate about, please tell us so we can spread the word.

<http://www.gunviolencearchive.org/>

13,523 gun deaths as of last week. 13,833 gun deaths so far this year.

The gun numbers: just 3% of American adults own a collective 133m firearms

Facts show owning more than 40 guns is actually fairly common in the United States, and violence falls most heavily on the country’s poorest neighborhoods.



Transgender day of remembrance. See <https://tdor.info/>
24 transgendered individuals have been murdered in the US this year.

Governor Baker has stated that he supports the **Paris Agreement**, but his actions are to embrace Methane Gas companies and continue to support investing in new fossil fuel infrastructure. The Governor needs to do what’s best for the people of Massachusetts, not what’s best for gas companies.

Comprehensive Criminal Justice Reform Bill Passes the House 144-9!

The next step is for both bills to go to the Conference Committee where members will decide on a single bill. At this point, the sections of the bill that are in agreement remain the same. Only the sections where the outcome differed will be discussed in committee. (I just sent a “thank you” to my rep.)

THANKS FOR TAKING THE SOCIAL JUSTICE SURVEY
We got approximately 40 responses – a good percentage so we appreciate the feedback. We’re just starting our analysis, but more info will be coming soon.

On November 6, Elaine Duke, Acting U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security, **announced her decision to terminate the Temporary Protected Status (TPS) designation for Nicaragua**, effective January 5, 2019, and postponed a decision on TPS for Honduras, triggering an automatic six-month extension. If you want to take action on this issue, the Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Network (MIRA) has a helpful tool to [contact your Congressional Representatives](#) and Centro Presente is leading an effort for Massachusetts to pass a resolution to protect TPS holders. You can learn more by signing up for alerts via their [website](#).

You don't have to call during business hours. You can call anytime day or night and leave a message. If you don't have their phone numbers handy, look at <https://malegislature.gov/Search/FindMyLegislator>

Final numbers coming later this week, but UUs have now collected 1,000 signatures for EACH petition – **both Raise the Minimum Wage and Paid Family & Medical Leave!** Way to go!

Worcester Islamic Center

Help prepare welcome boxes for area refugees and others in need. December 9th at 9 AM. Stronger bodies needed after 11 AM for distribution to families. 248 East Mountain Street, Worcester, MA
Contact Linda Clark (who is the Social Justice Chair in Northborough) → LindaAndPete@comcast.net

**Jerry Breecher is the editor of this Social Justice Action sheet. I welcome any and all notices you would like to place here. Inherent in any such listing as this is a point of view – your point of view may differ from mine, but I would be truly delighted to express your social action agenda here.

