

A Rhetorical Analysis on Gun Violence

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“It’s not a gun control
problem; it’s a cultural
control problem”
-Bob Barr



This article about how the ludicrous gun laws should be changed is extremely effective rhetorically in the use of logos and pathos to show how severely there needs to be more gun control laws implemented in our Nation.

Logos

- Logos extremely effective
- “There were ‘61 active shooter incidents’ in 2021 that left 103 people dead and 140 wounded(excluding the shooters)”
(Arizona Mirror 2022)
- Statement provides reader with fact to prove point



Purpose and Audience

- Purpose to inform and educate
- Arizonians, Americans, AZ Mirror readers
- “More than 42,000 people a year - about 125 people a day- die from gunshots in the U.S.” (Garcia para. 8)



Pathos Messages

- Pathos effective extremely effective in article
- “Firearms are now the leading cause of death for children- and the slaughter in Uvalde has only added to that macabre statistic”(Garcia para.9).
- Rhetor against guns and wants complete stop



Bias & Effectiveness

- Complete stop on guns
- “And, yes, that means some people will lose the right to keep their guns, and others may have their guns taken away”(Arizona Mirror 2022)
- Takes away from effectiveness of article



Ethos, Rhetor, and context

- James E. Garcia as author, AZ mirror newspaper
- Context is mass shooting such as Uvalde
- Author is credible for numerous reasons
- Taught at ASU, is a journalist, and an editor
- Ethos is effective as well



Conclusion

- Gun violence has had negative effect on our nation
- Both victims and victim's friends and family are affected
- Need stronger regulations on gun laws for there to be change

Work Cited

Garcia, James. "Yes, We Should Control Who Gets to Own a Gun and How They Use It." *Arizona Mirror*, 26 May 2022, <https://www.azmirror.com/2022/05/26/yes-we-should-control-who-gets-to-own-a-gun-and-how-they-use-it/>.

Thank you!

Any questions?