

Debbie Mucarsel-Powell's father was killed by a man with a gun. She led the fight for universal background checks for gun purchases, making it harder for criminals, domestic abusers and those with mental health issues to buy dangerous weapons. Even though 56 Floridians are killed by a gun each week, Carlos Giménez opposes requiring background checks on all gun sales to keep guns out of the hands of terrorists and domestic abusers. Giménez even opposes a ban on military-style assault weapons, like the ones used in the Parkland and Pulse shootings.

Mucarsel-Powell's Father Was Shot And Killed Outside His Home In Ecuador. “For Mucarsel-Powell, gun violence is a personal issue. More than two decades ago, her father, Guido, was shot and killed outside of his home in Ecuador, the country where she was born and grew up before immigrating to the United States as a teenager. Mucarsel-Powell was 24 years old when one of her sisters called to tell her what had happened.” [CNN.com, [2/4/19](#)]

Mucarsel-Powell's Father's Murder Was Unsolved. “A tragedy marked Debbie's life when she was 24 years old. Her father, the businessman from Rio de Janeiro, Guido Mucarsel Yunes, died after being shot several times outside her home in Urdesa Norte, Guayaquil, in October 1995. Local newspapers reported on this crime for several weeks. ‘My dad was killed and part of our frustration was that they could never stop those who shot him, we don't know what happened, we never had justice,’ says Debbie. ‘When you lose a loved one in such a violent way, you learn to live with it, but you never forget.’” [Vistazo translated by Google, [11/30/18](#)]

Mucarsel-Powell Co-Sponsored H.R. 8, The Bipartisan Background Checks Act, Which Expanded Background Checks To Private Firearm Transfers. Mucarsel-Powell co-sponsored H.R.8 the Bipartisan Background Checks Act, “This bill establishes new background check requirements for firearm transfers between private parties (i.e., unlicensed individuals). Specifically, it prohibits a firearm transfer between private parties unless a licensed gun dealer, manufacturer, or importer first takes possession of the firearm to conduct a background check. The prohibition does not apply to certain firearm transfers, such as a gift between spouses in good faith.” [Congressional Research Service, [2/27/19](#); H.R. 8, Co-Sponsored 1/9/19, Introduced [1/8/19](#)]

H.R. 8 Would Expand Background Checks To All Firearms Transfers, Eliminating A Loophole That Allowed Felons, Domestic Abusers, And People With Mental Illnesses Who Would Normally Be Prevented From Buying A Gun With A Background Check To Buy A Gun With No Check. “The 116th Congress’ top priority should be passing H.R. 8, bipartisan legislation to require background checks on all gun sales. Background checks are associated with reduced rates of firearm homicide, suicide and firearm trafficking, and they are the backbone of any comprehensive gun violence prevention policy. [...] A loophole in federal law enables people with felony convictions, domestic abusers, fugitives from justice, and people prohibited from possessing guns due to mental illness to buy guns with no background checks and no questions asked. Ø Under federal law, certain categories of people are not allowed to buy or possess firearms, including convicted felons, domestic abusers and people who have been involuntarily committed. Ø For 25 years, federal law has enforced this prohibition by requiring a background check before anyone buys a gun from a licensed dealer. Ø But the law does not cover sales by any non-dealers (‘unlicensed sellers’), enabling criminals and other prohibited people to buy guns from unlicensed sellers with no background checks and no questions asked—even from strangers they meet online. q H.R. 8 would block prohibited people from buying guns by requiring background checks for all gun sales. Ø No one should be able to avoid a background check simply by purchasing a gun from an unlicensed seller. Ø Under this bill, unlicensed sellers would meet their buyers at a licensed gun dealer, who would run a background check using the same process already used for sales from their own inventory. Exceptions apply for family, law enforcement, hunting and emergency self-defense.” [Everytown Research, [January 2019](#)]

2018: Florida Had 2,902 Firearm Deaths – 56 Deaths Per Week. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Florida had 2,902 firearm deaths in 2018 – 55.8 deaths per week. [Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, [2018](#); Google Calculator, accessed [10/6/20](#)]

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Nikolas Cruz Used An AR-15 In The Parkland Massacre. "A school shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School that left 17 people dead and another 14 wounded in Parkland, Florida on Wednesday has once again put military-style weapons back in the spotlight. Nikolas Cruz, the 19-year-old suspected shooter, used an AR-15 semi-automatic style weapon during the massacre, law enforcement officials told the Associated Press. The highly deadly military-inspired rifle has been the weapon used by several mass shooters. The AR-15 was most notably used during the 2012 shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn. that claimed 27 lives, including that of the shooter." [Time, [2/15/18](#)]

Omar Mateen Used An AR-15 In The Pulse Night Club Shooting. "Nearly three years after Omar Mateen's deadly rampage at Pulse, a gay nightclub in Orlando, Orange-Osceola State Attorney Aramis Ayala cleared all 13 police officers and sheriff's deputies who opened fire that night. [...] Mateen, 29, was armed with a .223-caliber AR-15-style rifle and 9mm semiautomatic pistol when he walked into Pulse on June 12, 2016. The rifle jammed during the assault, before Mateen took shelter in the restroom for three hours." [NBC News, [2/13/19](#)]