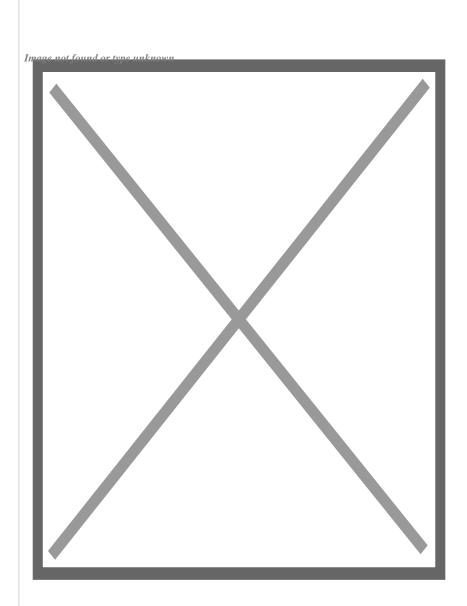
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Haley is a staunch opponent of gun control who won an "A+" rating from the National Rifle Association's Political Victory Fund in 2014. The following year, a white supremacist gunman armed with a semiautomatic handgun massacred nine African American worshipers at the historic Emanuel AME Church in Charleston.

In the wake of the shooting, Haley called for the Confederate battle flag to be removed from the state Capitol grounds — but only after enormous public pressure, including the arrest of activist Bree Newsome, who scaled a 30-foot flagpole to tear down the flag in an act of nonviolent civil disobedience on the Capitol grounds. She was arrested, and the flag was put back up on that day.

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