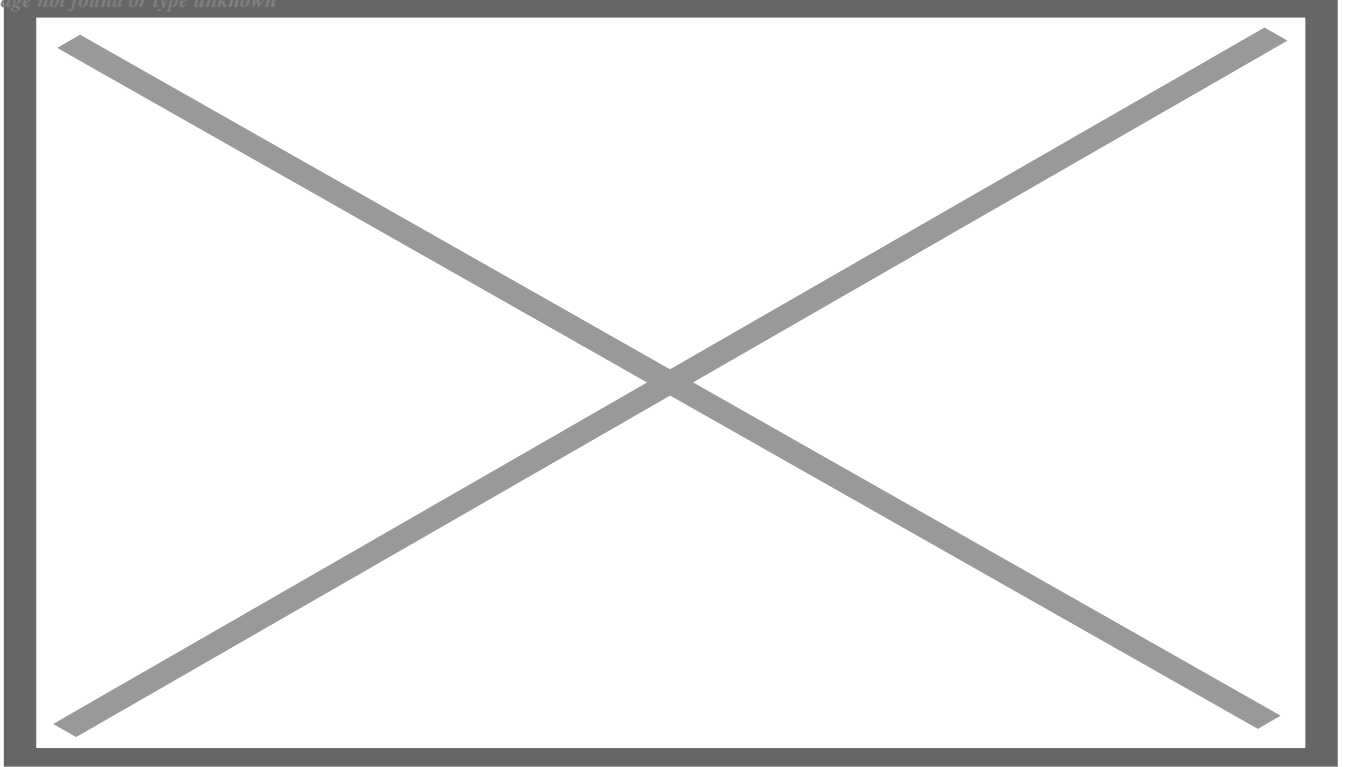


# Armed Paradise

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The rhetoric of U.S. President Donald Trump, who tries to convince the rest of the world that this is a wonderful, great country, almost a paradise, clashes with the stubborn reality of an entrenched gun violence among society.

Two recent incidents have demonstrated the risks that citizens face in the most unexpected places. One of these occurred at a party in someone's home in Catawba County, North Carolina.

Without the motives still being known, in the midst of the revelry a shooting broke out that left a preliminary balance of one dead and a dozen wounded, one of them at risk of losing his life and the others with serious injuries.

The other event took place in Boulder, Colorado, when an individual threw Molotov cocktails at a group of people demonstrating in favor of the release of the Israelis held in Gaza, which is the pretext of the Zionist regime of Tel Aviv to perpetrate genocide against the Palestinian people.

Attacking unarmed civilians anywhere in the world where this occurs is always a reprehensible act.

These two events confirm the thesis that in the United States violence has become normalized and that most of the victims are usually defenseless people, whose right to life and physical integrity is brutally denied.

To give you an idea, the non-governmental organization Armed Violence Archive reported that only in the first eleven months of 2024, about 500 mass shootings occurred in the capitalist paradise, that is, about 1.5 every day.

As a consequence, 15,717 people died, a figure that easily exceeds the number of casualties in a low-intensity armed conflict, such as those that occurred in Central America in the second half of the last century.

A fact that lies at the root of this tragedy is the enormous amount of firearms in the hands of the population, which according to various sources total 390 million, including pistols, rifles and high caliber guns.

These data correspond to those that are registered, but it is impossible to calculate how many move through the black market.

In addition, there are 25 states where the requirement to have a license to carry such a device has been eliminated, which increases the risk of receiving a bullet in the most unsuspected place, such as churches or schools.

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