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JJ: [00:08](#) Hey everybody. This is the legal disclaimer where I tell you that the views, thoughts, and opinion shared on this podcast belong solely to JJ, the person talking alone to you right now, and not necessarily Brady or Brady's affiliates. Please note that this podcast contains discussions of violence that some people may find disturbing. It's okay. I find them very disturbing too.

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JJ: [00:48](#) Welcome back to the weekly wrap up. I'm sorry to say that we have a lot of ground to cover today. We're talking about mass shootings, yet again, surprise, how guns even in the most trained hands ,can sometimes go horribly wrong. Laws in Pittsburgh that were struck down, bizarre news from the NRA coming out in court, and calling out awesome Team Enough member Arielle Geismar for her great work.

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JJ: [01:15](#) Sadly, this week was one marked yet again by more mass shootings. An attack in Greenville. Texas resulted in two dead and 14 injured. Around midnight on Saturday a man with a handgun open fire on a party at a nearby Texas A&M University celebrated homecoming weekend. If that wasn't horrific enough, less than 24 hours later, during a vigil for one of the victims, another unknown assailant opened fire on the crowd. Thankfully in that case, no one was hurt. And on the West Coast, in Long Beach, California, three people were killed and 12 injured after a shooting during a Halloween party. Now, according to the Gun Violence Archive, there've been 350 mass shootings in 2019 alone. This is 350 too many, with lasting impacts beyond loss of life and physical injury. Let's get this straight. Mass shootings cannot be discussed without acknowledging the repercussions that they have on the mental health of survivors, their families and friends, their communities, and the psyche of the country as a whole.

JJ: [02:22](#) In fact, up to 95% of people exposed to mass shootings experienced symptoms of PTSD in the early days after the incident, and most of those individuals feel the psychological effects of the trauma for months or years to come. But gun violence isn't defined by mass shootings. In Dallas, Texas, an off duty police officer shot who he believed was an intruder in his home Saturday evening. It turns out though, that it was his own adult son. The Dallas officer, who has not been publicly identified, accidentally shot his son in the arm, according to

local news outlets. What we here find most disconcerting about the story, is that if this happens to an officer trained in firearm usage and situational assessment, how are we even discussing arming teachers as a solution to school shootings? Moving on in awful. Gun control laws were passed in the city of Pittsburgh after a mass shooting in October, 2018 at the city's Tree of Life synagogue, and terribly disappointing news.

JJ: [03:23](#) Though those laws have now been deemed quote, void and unenforceable, quote, by an Allegheny County judge. As Pennsylvania state law does not allow municipalities to create their own regulations on guns. The decision reverses the legislation signed in April, 2019 by Pittsburgh mayor Bill Peduto that prohibited the use of assault style weapons within the city and created a pathway for courts to temporarily remove guns from people who were considered to be posing a danger to themselves or others. A spokesman from the mayor said, quote, we will continue to fight for the right to take common sense steps to prevent future gun violence. Our citizens have a constitutional right to life and that outweighs a gun manufacturer's rights to profit. Then, there came bad news for the NRA. Newly uncovered court filing show that the NRA executives themselves thought that NRA TV was blatantly racist, yet they continue to let it air.

JJ: [04:18](#) The timing is convenient. It's been unearthed that the NRA opposed its own racist content only now that it's in court against its longtime PR firm, Ackerman McQueen. This proves we have long known that the NRA will do whatever it needs to protect its own interests, which is to sell more guns no matter what the cost. But okay, enough bad news. It's Friday. Let's end with some joy. So first off, what up Teen Vogue! Arielle Geismar was recently listed on the "21 Under 21" list for her work on gun violence prevention. Arielle currently serves as a national organizer of Team Enough. Team Enough is Brady's youth led initiative that educates and mobilizes young people in the fight to end gun violence. This year, Arielle worked with state lawmakers and governor Andrew Cuomo to pass an extreme risk protection order, an ERPO, preventing individuals that a court deems a risk to themselves or others from purchasing or possessing guns.

JJ: [05:16](#) Currently she's working on suicide and firearms. When I asked her about her time at Team Enough and on the honor from Teen Vogue, Arielle said, quote, "working with team enough is one of the most powerful things I've done. I'm thankful to Teen Vogue for highlighting our work." And I got to say Arielle is pretty awesome. If you're interested in joining Team Enough to work

with great people like Arielle or in supporting them, you can email them directly at [infoa@teamenough.org](mailto:infoa@teamenough.org) or visit their website, which is linked in the description of this episode. Now, on a final note. Last week, I begged you all to like and subscribe to the podcast, and to tell your friends to do the same. And I've got to say that you all came through for me in droves, which was super amazing and totally made me cry in the bathroom for a good reason for once, which is great, but today I'm begging you to come through again.

JJ: [06:07](#) But this time the benefit goes right to you and to America. See, voting is super important. Elections on November 5th in Virginia have the opportunity to create a gun violence majority in the state, which would finally mean action on legislation that will save lives. And as Andy Parker said in his podcast with us, quote, if you can't change their minds, you change their seats. And I think that's exactly what's going to happen. And I think that the eyes of the country and the world are going to be on Virginia, because it's going to happen here first and then it's going to happen nationally. So if you're in Virginia, go vote. I cannot thank Andy enough for that important message and reminder. And I'm going to say it one more time for listeners of this podcast, please make your voices heard. Let the people in charge know that you are tired of gun violence and are ready to see it come to an end.

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JJ: [07:06](#) Thanks for listening. As always, Brady's lifesaving work in Congress, the courts and communities across the country is made possible, thanks to you. For more information on Brady or how to get involved in the fight against gun violence, please like and subscribe to the podcast. New full length episodes. Drop every Monday weekly wrap-ups like this one drop on Fridays and minisodes come generally on Wednesdays, but whenever we can fit them in, you can also get in touch with us at [bradyunited.org](http://bradyunited.org) or on social at [@Bradybuzz](https://twitter.com/Bradybuzz). Remember, be brave and take action, not sides.

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