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JJ: [00:44](#) Welcome to this week. Super quick wrap up of what went down in the world of gun violence prevention. As always, this is JJ and is the norm for these little moments. On Friday, I am alone. I am alone. It's just me and I guess you hopefully this week we're talking about the loss of a giant and the gun violence prevention movement, the latest democratic debate that continuing cartage in Chicago, the dangers of road rage, gun violence prevention, art in Rockefeller center, teachers learning how to triage gunshot wounds. A strange violent video played at a Trump fundraiser and a glimmer of hope in the passage of the prevent family fire act. Today's episode. As such, we'll run a few minutes longer than our usual 10 minutes, but please stick with me because there is a lot to cover. First, we take a moment to mourn the Passat presentative Elijah Cummings. Today it was formally announced that representative Elijah Cummings, longtime representative of Maryland seventh district passed away following complications concerning longstanding health challenges.

JJ: [01:49](#) We here at Brady, remember representative Cummings as a tireless gun safety champion who battled for equality and justice from his start in the Maryland house of delegates to becoming chairman of the house oversight and reform committee. Our president Chris Brown, who you've heard from before, said from his earliest days in Congress, Americans could count on representative Cummings as a sower champion for gun safety time and again, our nation witnessed representative Cummings put party politics aside and make protecting our communities and future generations a priority. He took action, not sides, and reached across the aisle to combat gun trafficking and to address gun violence impacting his Baltimore constituents. His voice of moral clarity and reason eUnited our nation behind a common force and brought us closer to ending the epidemic of gun violence. The loss of representative Cummings has broken the heart of the gun violence prevention community, but we will always remember his legacy as a fighter

for justice equality and for his vision of an America free of gun violence is shared by many and will under.

JJ: [03:06](#) So thank you Mr. Cummings. On Tuesday night, the forth democratic presidential debate was held and in between talks of health care and tax plans, candidates voiced an urgency to tackle the issue of gun violence in America. The conversation itself kicked off by asking candidates to respond to form a representative beta O'Rourke statement about a mandatory gun buy back for assault weapons. I'm sure you all remember that one. Well, the nuances of the candidates proposals differed almost all had an opportunity to voice their desire to ban assault weapons. In particular, Senator Elizabeth Warren underscored that gun violence is not just mass shootings and called for a larger focus on domestic violence and suicide as critical to ending the epidemic of gun violence. This is fitting since October is domestic violence awareness month. Julianne Castro then had a noteworthy moment when he called out the recent murder of a Tatyana Jefferson who was shot and killed by a white police officer while in her Fort Worth home.

JJ: [04:10](#) Then on Wednesday, congressional representatives, uncle and J lapel introduced the safe gun storage act, which is legislation to help establish safety standards for firearm safes and locks. Recent surveys show that 54% of gun owners do not store their firearms safely and 34% of those homes have children in them under the age of 18 on safely stored firearms and incidents of family fire. Furthermore, make up 18% of all gun injuries in the nation. That's 18% of injuries that can easily be eliminated. Representative J-PAL said, quote, it is our moral imperative to do all that we can to prevent the all too frequent occurrence of gun violence and quote. And that's true. You do have the power to end family fire. You can follow the family fire motto, ask, act, talk and learn a T. L you can find out more about that by going to the Brady united.org/podcast page and checking out all the links we have to end family fire.

JJ: [05:13](#) Now, this past weekend saw lives senselessly lost and so many wounded and shootings across the U S including in Baltimore, Brooklyn, Philadelphia, D C and Fort worth to name literally, but a few. We are focusing on only a handful today due to time, but know that we think about the victims and survivors of gun violence every day, including those who never make headlines. Chicago continued to suffer from gun violence over the weekend. Eight people were killed and at least 20 others were wounded in shootings across the city, including five people killed by a neighbor and had done in condo on the Northwest side. Chicago does have tough gun laws, but to quote mere

LifeFlight quote, if you can drive across Indiana and buy military grade firearms and bring them back to Chicago without anyone knowing, without any background checks, that's a problem. And the only way to solve that problem is for Congress to step up and do its job and quote.

JJ: [06:19](#) To learn more about this issue specifically why weak gun laws in States hurt everybody, not just members of that state itself. Please visit [Brady united.org/podcast](http://Brady.united.org/podcast) continuing this horrible news. A two year old boy was shot in the stomach in an apparent act of road rage in Baltimore. The young boy thankfully is in stable condition in the hospital and is expected to survive, but road rage, altercations involving guns have increased dramatically in the United States. More than doubling from the 241 recorded in 2014 to 623 in 2016 these numbers have only continued to rise in the year since then. Meanwhile, as we begin to move into the holiday season, most Americans know the iconic image of the skating rink and giant Christmas train. Moving in to New York city's Rockefeller center this year, they've got some gun violence company on the walls. Above the rank will be the art of Jenny Holser, which includes a series of firsthand accounts and reflections upon the increasing omnipresent phenomenon of gun violence in the United States.

JJ: [07:27](#) The images of texts that were projected contain a mix of victim impact statements and facts as well as the names and ages of the victims of gun violence. We have a link to these images and the descriptor of the podcast and on our social at Brady buzz and I really recommend that you check them out in particular. This one really got me quote, I was so outraged. How do you buy a gun at 11 o'clock in the morning and shoot your wife in the afternoon and quote? It's a very sobering thought in this domestic violence awareness month, emphasizing how normalized gun violence has become in America. A bill passed in Texas that now requires all teachers to undergo training and how to stop the bleeding from gunshot wounds. The training takes place in a classroom mass shooting simulation, which includes the sounds of screams and gunshots.

JJ: [08:19](#) This is not okay. Let's invest in preventing gun violence so we can stop focusing on preparing for it. This is not what teachers are for. Finally, in the world of thirdly, inappropriate media, a video was played during the three day conference held by American priority, which included the logo for Trump's 22 reelection bid. So the video which which means a pretty bloody scene from the movie Kingsman, the secret service shows a fake Trump's head edited onto the body of a man opening fire and what is called the church are fake news on group whose faces

were edited to appear as a group of Trump critics and news organizations. The video eventually ends with Trump driving a stake into the head of a person who has the CNN logo for a face before standing and smiling as he looks around. Not only was this video violent and against everything our country stands for, Trump's had was edited onto the body of Colin Firth.

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And let me tell you, we do not treat mr Darcy in this manner. For more information on this or any of these stories. Check us out at Brady united.org/podcast on social at Brady buzz and remember, keep in the know by subscribing to this podcast, new full length episodes drop every Monday and this week we have some really great ones. This Monday we're talking to these super cool Greg Jackson, a survivor and community organizer who may or may not have Obama's phone number on Wednesday we have a, a heartbreaking episode with Kate Ranta, uh, a phenomenal author, activist and survivor who we'll be talking about domestic violence and her book killing Kate. And then on Friday, woo. I, I can't tell you even what Friday's weekly gun violence prevention news wrap up will bring. I didn't think I'd be talking about Colin Firth and yet here we are for this week. So whatever it is, he won't be alone. I'll be here too.

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