

THE FIREARMS SAFETY ACT OF 2013

THE PREMISE, THE PROMISE, AND THE PROBLEM

An examination of deaths by shooting, assaults with firearms, and robberies with firearms in Baltimore City before and after the Maryland General Assembly and former Governor Martin O'Malley enacted one of the most stringent gun control acts in the United States.

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HOW DANGEROUS IS BALTIMORE?

- ⦿ Baltimore is the 23rd Most Dangerous City in the World.¹
- ⦿ The ranking was calculated using the average number of homicides per 100,000 residents.²
- ⦿ Drive One Hour North of this Conference and you would be safer in:³
- ⦿ San Salvador, El Salvador
- ⦿ San Pedro Sula, Honduras
- ⦿ Guatemala City, Guatemala
- ⦿ Durban, South Africa
- ⦿ San Juan, Puerto Rico

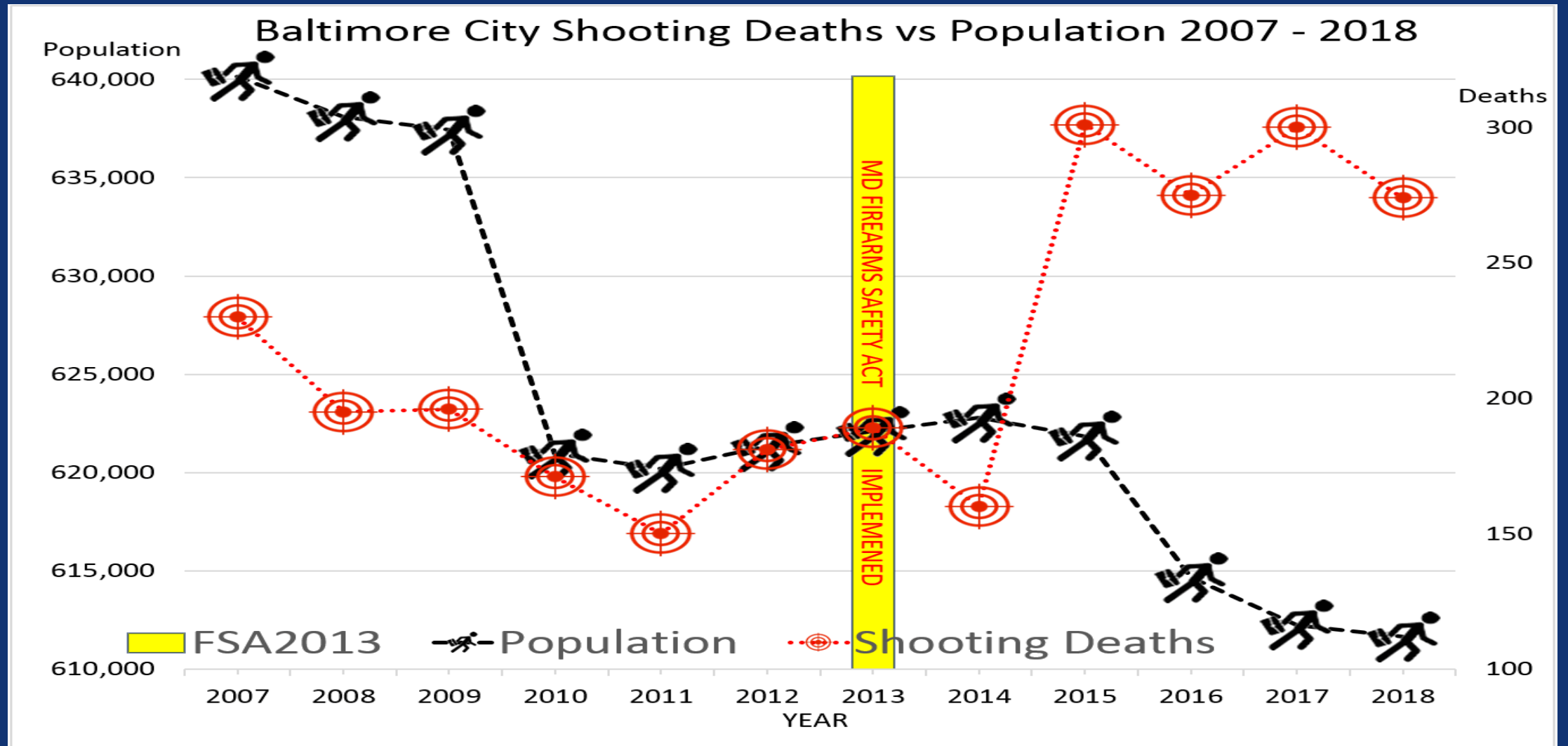


THE “SOLUTION” IMPLEMENTED

- ⦿ Limiting the authorization for a person to wear, carry, or transport a handgun.
- ⦿ Require a License to Purchase, Rent, or Transfer a Handgun.
- ⦿ To Obtain the License one must:
 - ⦿ Fire a single round of ammunition from a handgun (the so called “one shot” requirement)
- ⦿ Ban the sale of Magazines which hold more than 10 bullets.
- ⦿ Designating specified firearms as assault weapons.
- ⦿ Prohibiting, with very few exceptions, a person from transporting an assault weapon into and within the State.
- ⦿ Ban the sale of 45 “Assault Weapons” to law abiding citizens.

HOW DID THIS WORK OUT FOR MARYLAND?

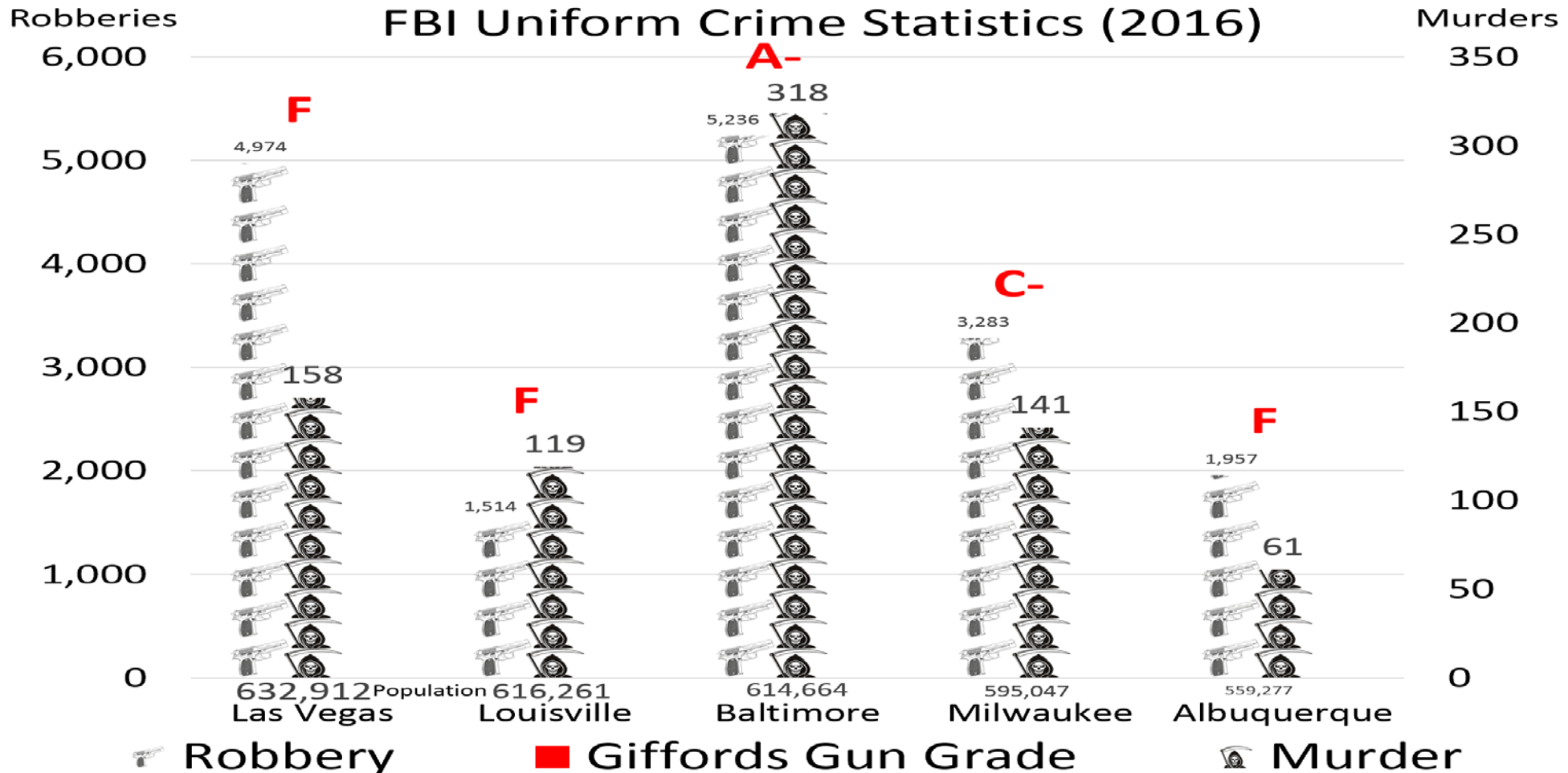
DEATHS BY SHOOTING BALTIMORE



BALTIMORE CRIME VERSUS ITS PEERS (OR “SISTER CITIES”) IN TERMS OF WEALTH, POPULATION, AND PROXIMITY.

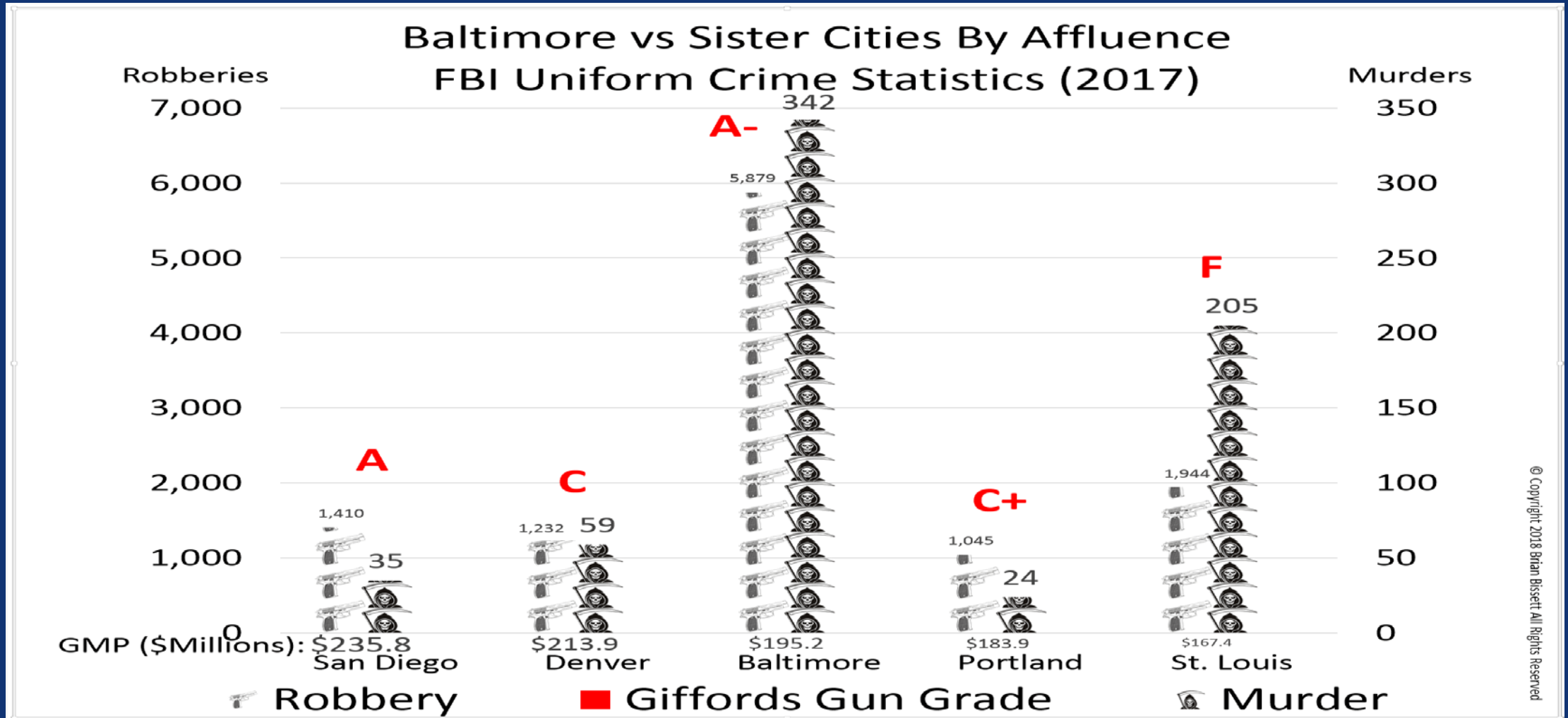
MURDER AND ROBBERY BY FIREARMS IN CITIES OF LIKE POPULATION

Baltimore vs Sister Cities By Population
FBI Uniform Crime Statistics (2016)

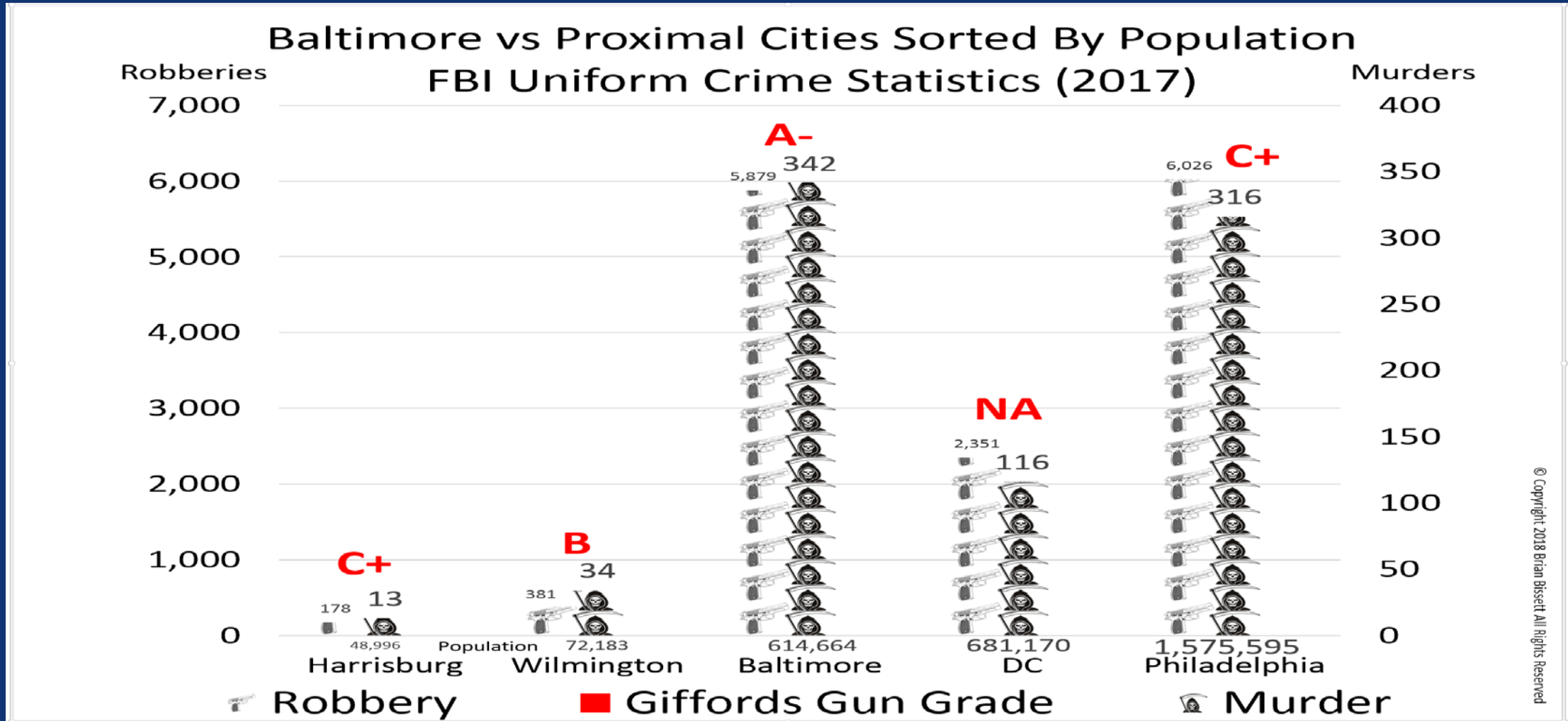


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MURDER AND ROBBERY BY FIREARMS IN CITIES OF SIMILAR AFFLUENCE

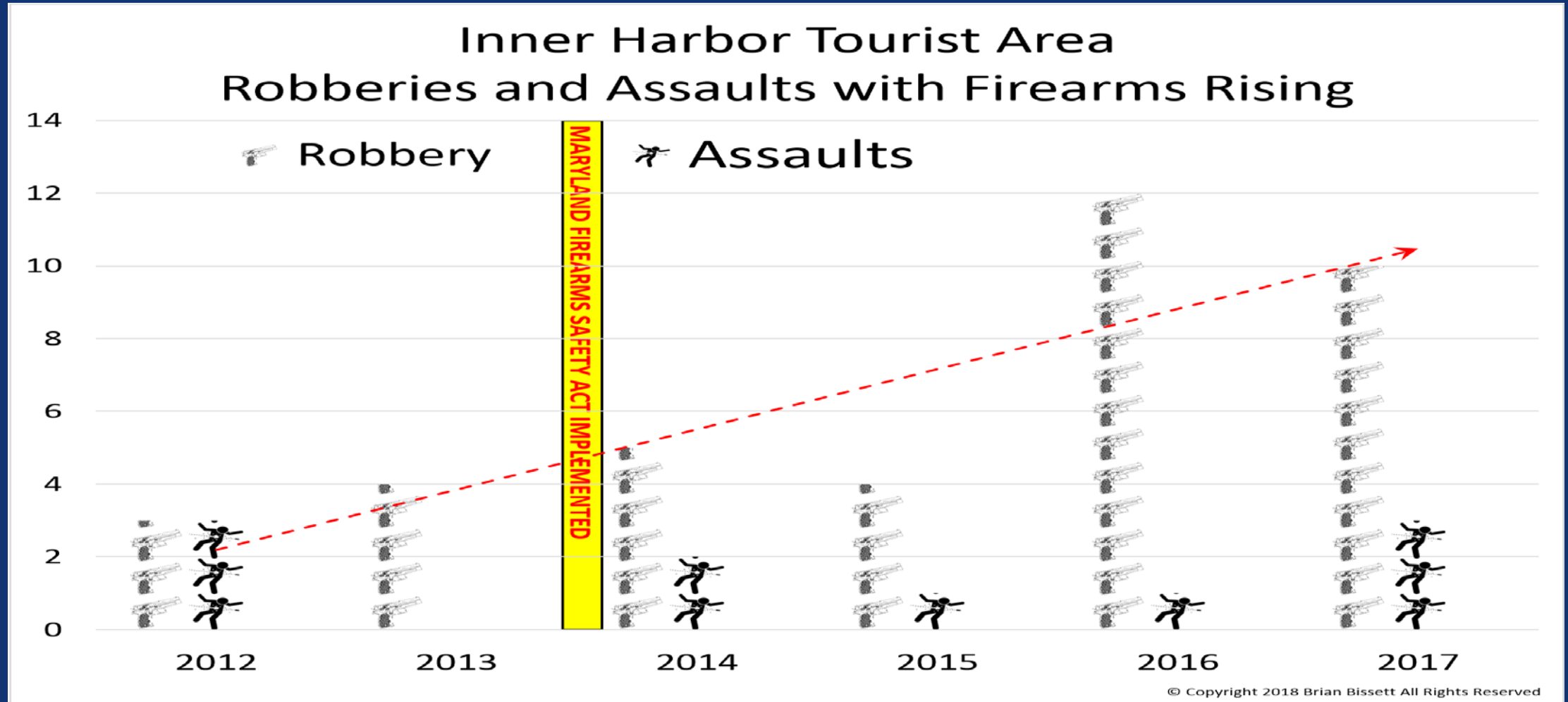


MURDER AND ROBBERY BY FIREARMS IN PROXIMAL CITIES

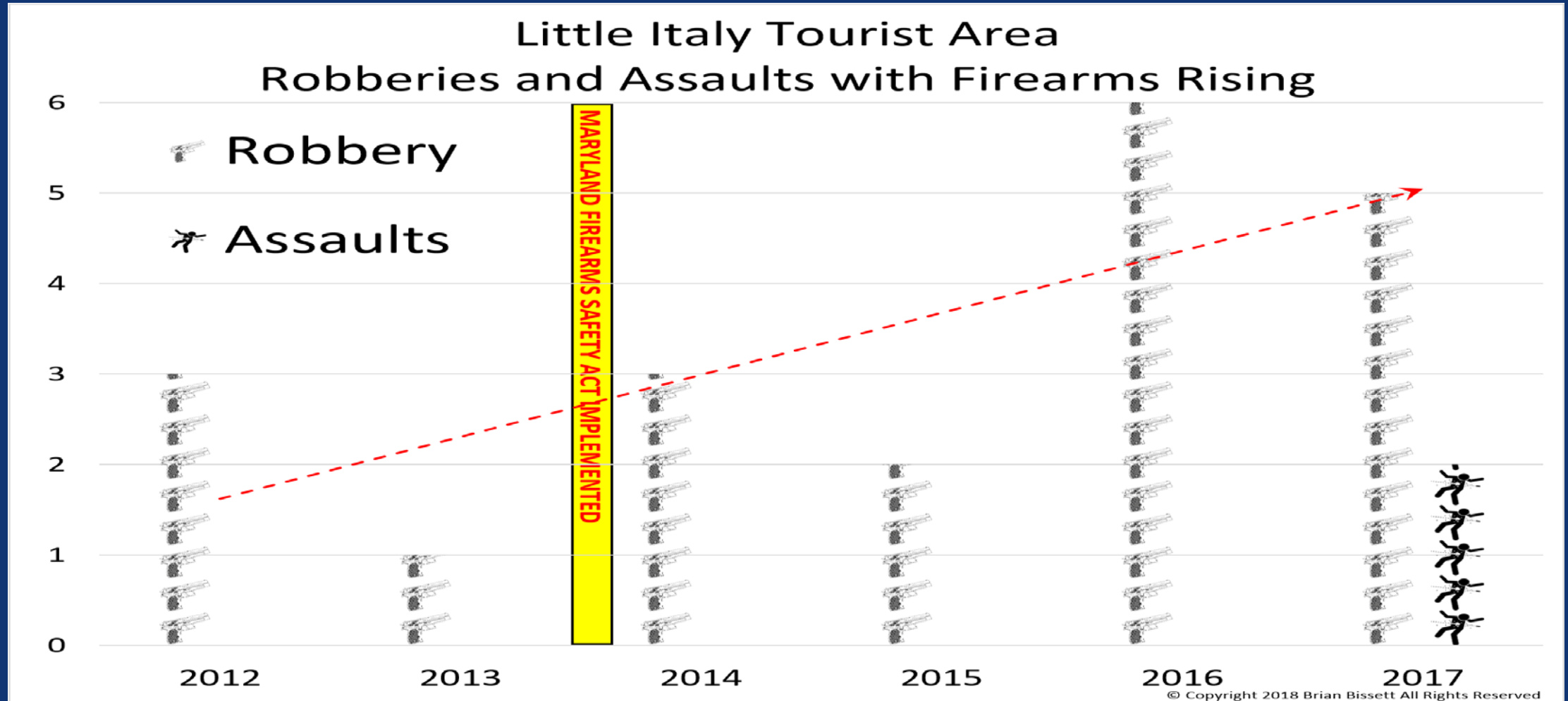


BALTIMORE'S TOURIST AREAS

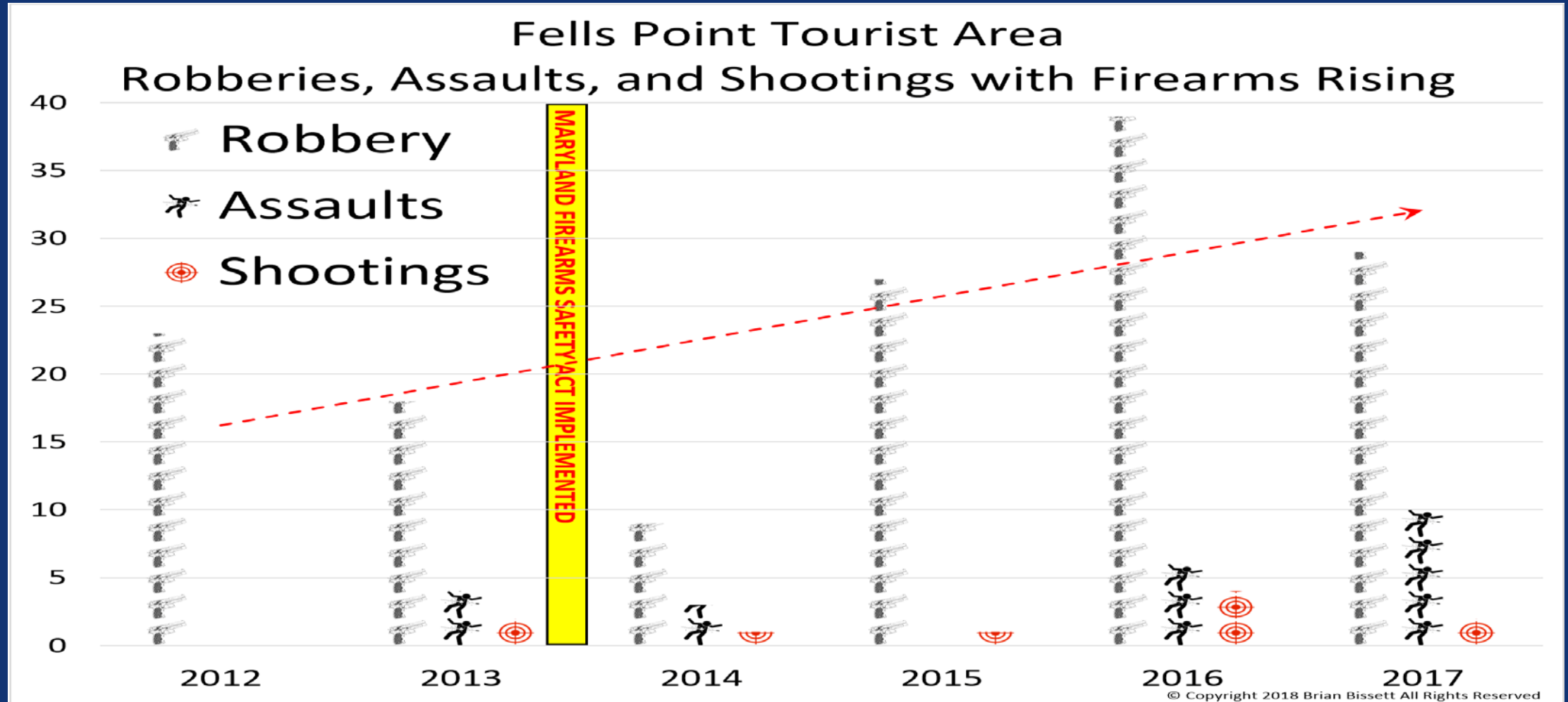
FIREARMS CRIME INNER HARBOR GOT WORSE



FIREARMS CRIME IN LITTLE ITALY GOT WORSE



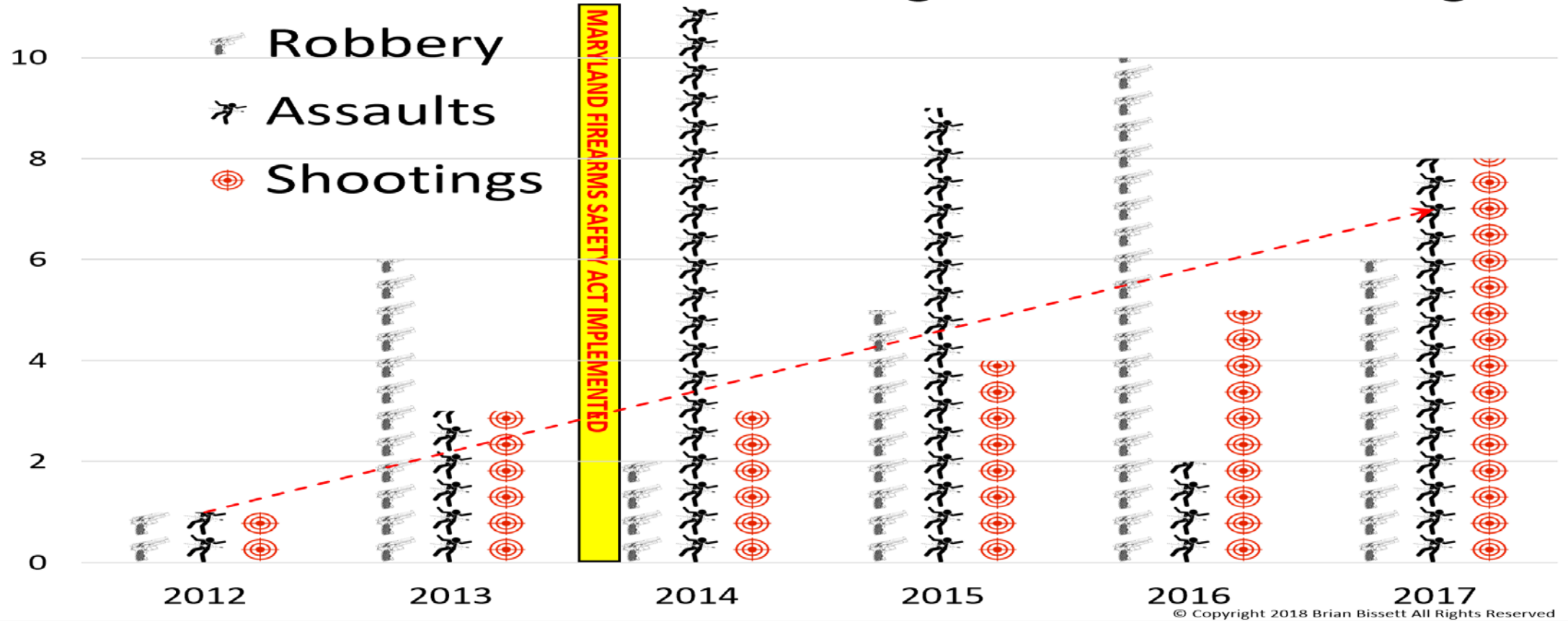
FIREARMS CRIME IN FELLS POINT GOT WORSE



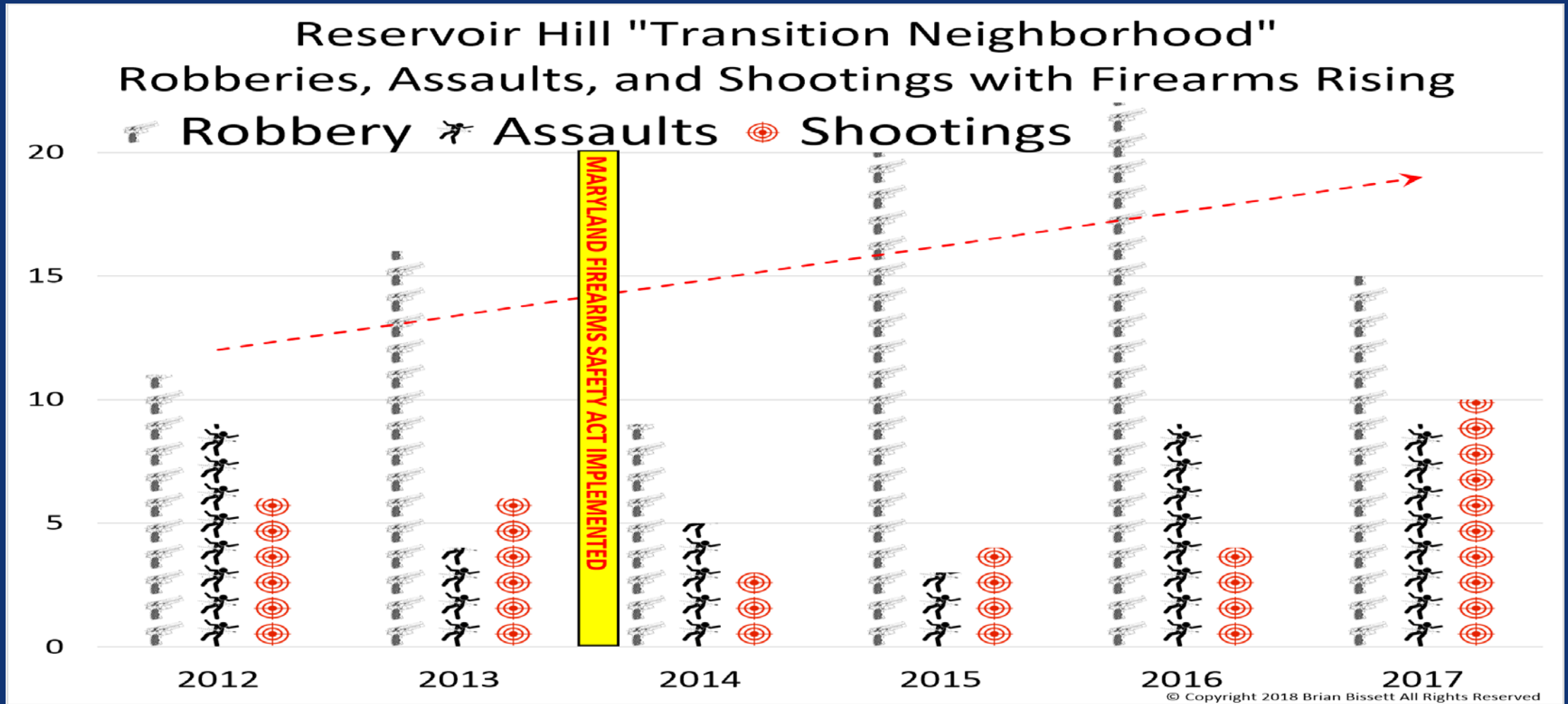
BALTIMORE'S “TRANSITION NEIGHBORHOODS”

BRIDGEVIEW - GREENLAWN GOT WORSE

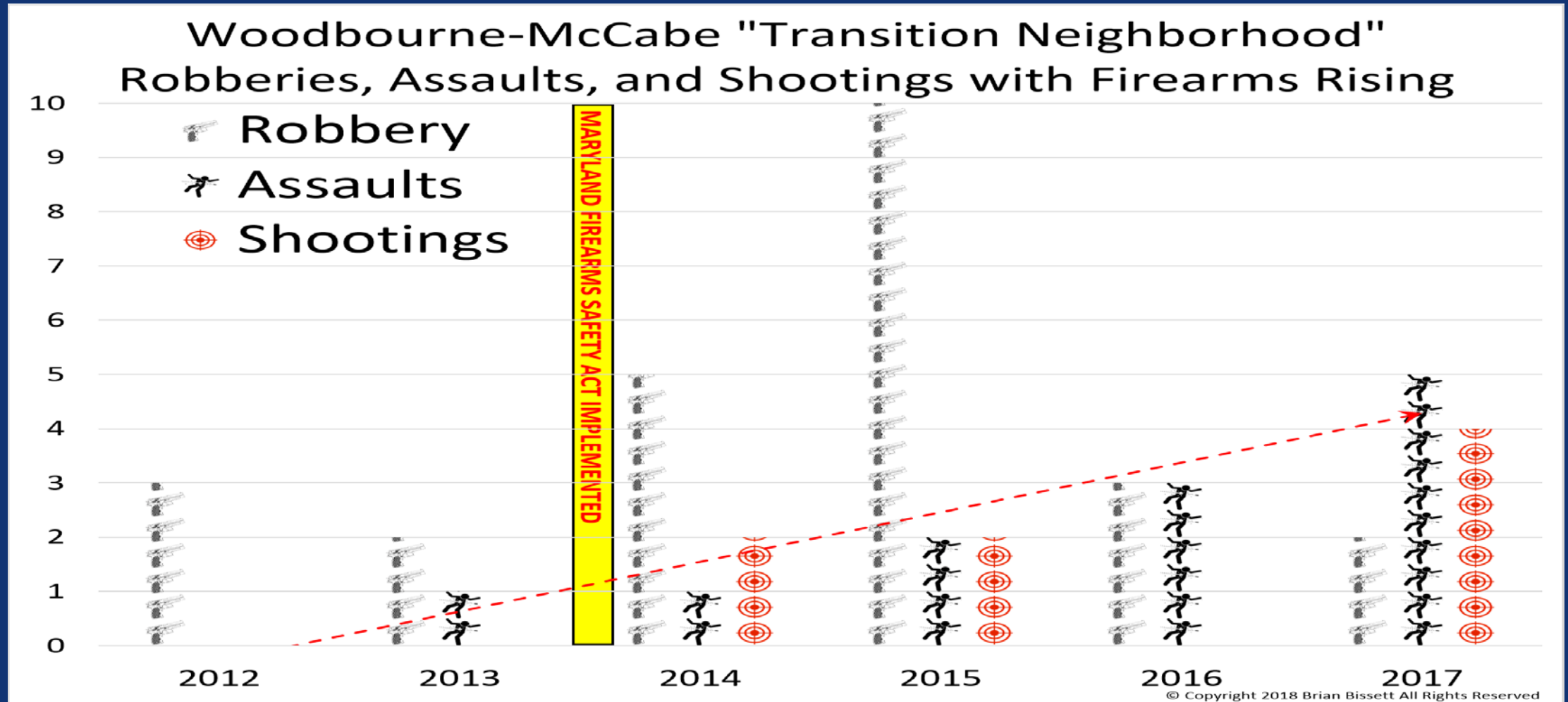
Bridgeview-Greenlawn "Transition Neighborhood"
Robberies, Assaults, and Shootings with Firearms Rising



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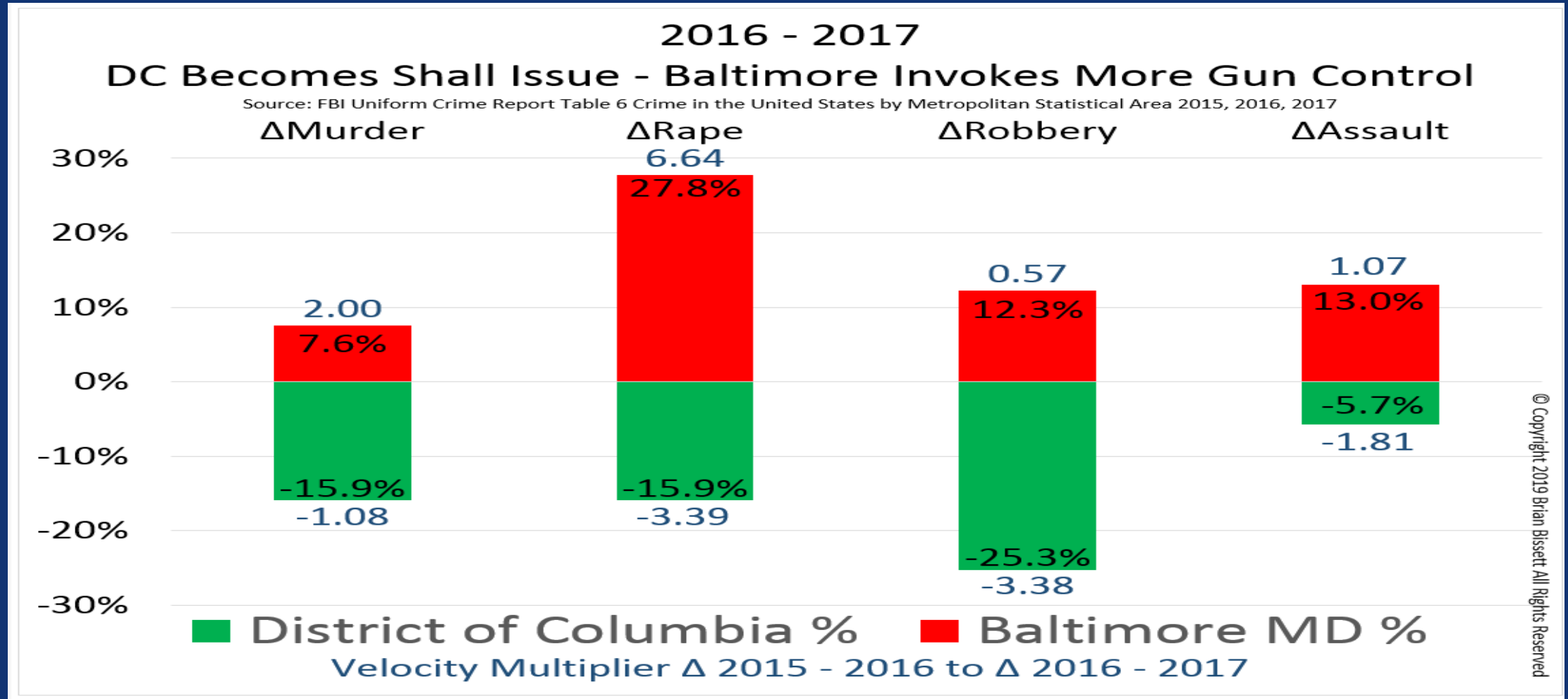


WOODBOURNE-MCCABE GOT WORSE



WHAT HAPPENED WHEN WASHINGTON DC BECAME SHALL ISSUE MAY 27, 2016

VIOLENT CRIME DROPPED IN ALL CATEGORIES FOR WASH DC



INDISPUTABLE FACTS

- ⦿ Maryland's Firearms Safety Act of 2013 was an abysmal failure at reducing firearms related crimes of all types in Baltimore City.
- ⦿ After the passage of Maryland's Firearms Safety Act of 2013, deaths by shooting in Baltimore City have Doubled and have not fallen since, and flight from Baltimore City to the suburbs resumed.
- ⦿ The "Transition Neighborhoods" are touted as improving by Baltimore City because of their increasing home prices, but home prices are increasing almost everywhere in the nation. In reality, the "Transition Neighborhoods" *are Transitioning from Bad to Worse in terms of robberies, assaults, and shootings with firearms.*
- ⦿ Someone is assaulted, robbed, or shot with a firearm in Baltimore's "Tourist" Areas weekly. Businesses are leaving areas like the Inner Harbor due to increasing crime.

CAUSAL FACTORS

Gun Control is Marketed on the Fact that:

- ⊙ It is impossible to shoot someone to death without a firearm.

But it is also equally true that:

- ⊙ It is nearly impossible to defend yourself against someone with a firearm without having a firearm.
- ⊙ It is nearly impossible to defend yourself against someone much larger and stronger than you if you are elderly, disabled, or female without a firearm.

GUN CONTROL IS POSITIVELY CORRELATED TO CRIME WITH FIREARMS

- ⊙ Gun Control is the CAUSE of increased Crime with Firearms in Baltimore City because this Positive Correlation satisfies the Bradford Hill Criteria for Causality.
- ⊙ Criteria 1: **Strength** of Association: Deaths by shootings in Baltimore doubled after the passage of the Firearms Safety Act.
- ⊙ Criteria 2: **Consistency**: the repetitive observation of a causal relationship in different circumstances strengthens the causal inference. As shown in the charts, Cities and States with High Gifford's Grades have greater numbers of assaults, robberies, and murders with Firearms.
- ⊙ Criteria 3: **Specificity**: Death by shooting is specific to Firearms.

BRADFORD HILL CRITERIA FOR CAUSALITY IS SATISFIED

- ⊙ Criteria 4: **Temporality**: the potential causal factor precedes the outcome it is assumed to affect, and the outcome does not either occur before the causal factor or after too great of a latency period.
- ⊙ Criteria 5: A **Gradient** Exists: The more Gun Control Maryland and Baltimore City enact, the more crime with firearms has risen.
- ⊙ Criteria 6: **Plausibility**: It is plausible that limiting the ability of law abiding citizens to readily and expediently acquire firearms for self defense will make them more attractive targets for criminals.
- ⊙ Criteria 7: **Coherence**: The causal conclusion does not fundamentally contradict present literature, i.e. Lott, Kopel, Halbrook, Kleck, et al.

BRADFORD HILL CRITERIA FOR CAUSALITY IS SATISFIED

- © Criteria 8: **Experiment**: Data should support the claim that A causes B. If air pollution causes lung cancer and cardiovascular disease, then a city that passes a law to decrease air pollution should eventually observe fewer cases of lung cancer and cardiovascular disease. We do not see a reduction in firearms related crimes for the overwhelming majority of cities that pass strong gun control laws.
- © Criteria 9: **Similar Behavior in Analogous Circumstances**: Cities with high crime rates that enact strong gun control laws only see crime rise *at rates higher* than their counterparts who do not. Examples: Chicago, Newark, Camden, Oakland, Stockton, Milwaukee, Washington DC, etc.

BUT “CORRELATION DOES NOT PROVE CAUSATION.”

 BUT IT DOES, MORE OFTEN THAN IT DOESN'T.

- ⊙ Correlation does prove Causation when:
 - ⊙ The Bradford Hill Criteria are Satisfied.
 - ⊙ There are no Confounders.
 - ⊙ A Causal Factor clearly links the two Items.

EXAMPLES: WHEN CORRELATION DOES/DOES NOT PROVE CAUSATION

- ⊙ Does moving to Florida cause Alzheimer's disease? No.
 - ⊙ Confounding Factor. Old people move to Florida for retirement. Age causes it.
- ⊙ Does carrying a Lighter cause Lung Cancer? No.
 - ⊙ No Causal Factor or mechanism of action linking them.
- ⊙ Does Smoking Cause Lung Cancer? Yes
 - ⊙ Causal Factor (Introduction of Poison) + Mechanism of Action: Putting particulate matter in lungs causes inflammation, inflammation causes DNA damage, and cancer by definition are cells with faulty DNA.
- ⊙ Does Gun Control Cause Increased Crime? Yes
 - ⊙ Causal Link: Guns are necessary for Self Protection
 - ⊙ Mechanism of Action: No Fear of Being Shot to Death by Your Intended Victim.
 - ⊙ Reduction of Access to Firearms by Criminals is Impossible in a Free Society.

CONCLUSIONS

- ② It can be said with certainty that shortly after Maryland passed one of the strongest Gun Control laws in the Country, annual deaths by shooting in Baltimore City doubled.
- ② It can be said with certainty that none of the extremely stringent Gun Control laws implemented in Maryland lowered crime in Baltimore City. (Because Crime has not gone down in Baltimore City.)
- ② It can be said with certainty, if we believe in Bradford Hill Causality Criteria, that Gun Control Laws which impede a citizens right to acquire firearms in “common use” (go beyond instant NICS retail sale background checks) cause an escalation in crime for the localities that implement them.

DISPELLING SOME COMMON MYTHS

“THIS TYPE OF MASS VIOLENCE DOES NOT HAPPEN IN OTHER ADVANCED COUNTRIES” - BARACK OBAMA JUNE 18, 2015⁴. - NOT TRUE!⁵

SOURCE: FRONTIERS OF FREEDOM, JUNE 28, 2016, [HTTPS://WWW.FF.ORG/IS-BARACK-OBAMA-CORRECT-THAT-MASS-KILLINGS-DONT-HAPPEN-IN-OTHER-COUNTRIES](https://www.ff.org/is-barack-obama-correct-that-mass-killings-dont-happen-in-other-countries)

Rank	Name	Location	Year	Deaths
1	Garissa University College Attack	Garissa, Kenya	2015	148
2	Peshawar School Massacre	Peshawar, Pakistan	2014	149
3	November 2015 Paris Attacks	Paris, France	2015	130
4	2011 Norway Attacks	Oslo, Norway	2011	77
5	Westgate Shopping Mall Attack	Nairobi, Kenya	2013	67
6	2017 Las Vegas Shooting	Las Vegas, Nevada, USA	2017	58
7	South Korea Shooting of 1982	Uiryeong County, South Korea	1982	56
8	New Zealand Mosque Shootings	Christchurch, New Zealand	2019	51
9	2016 Orlando Nightclub Shooting	Orlando, Florida, USA	2016	49
10	Sousse Beach Mass Shooting	Sousse, Tunisia	2015	38

MORE "MASS SHOOTINGS" THAN DAYS IN 2019? IS THIS TRUE? NO

⊙ CBS NEWS, USATODAY, HUFFINGTON POST, FOX, MSN, NEWSWEEK

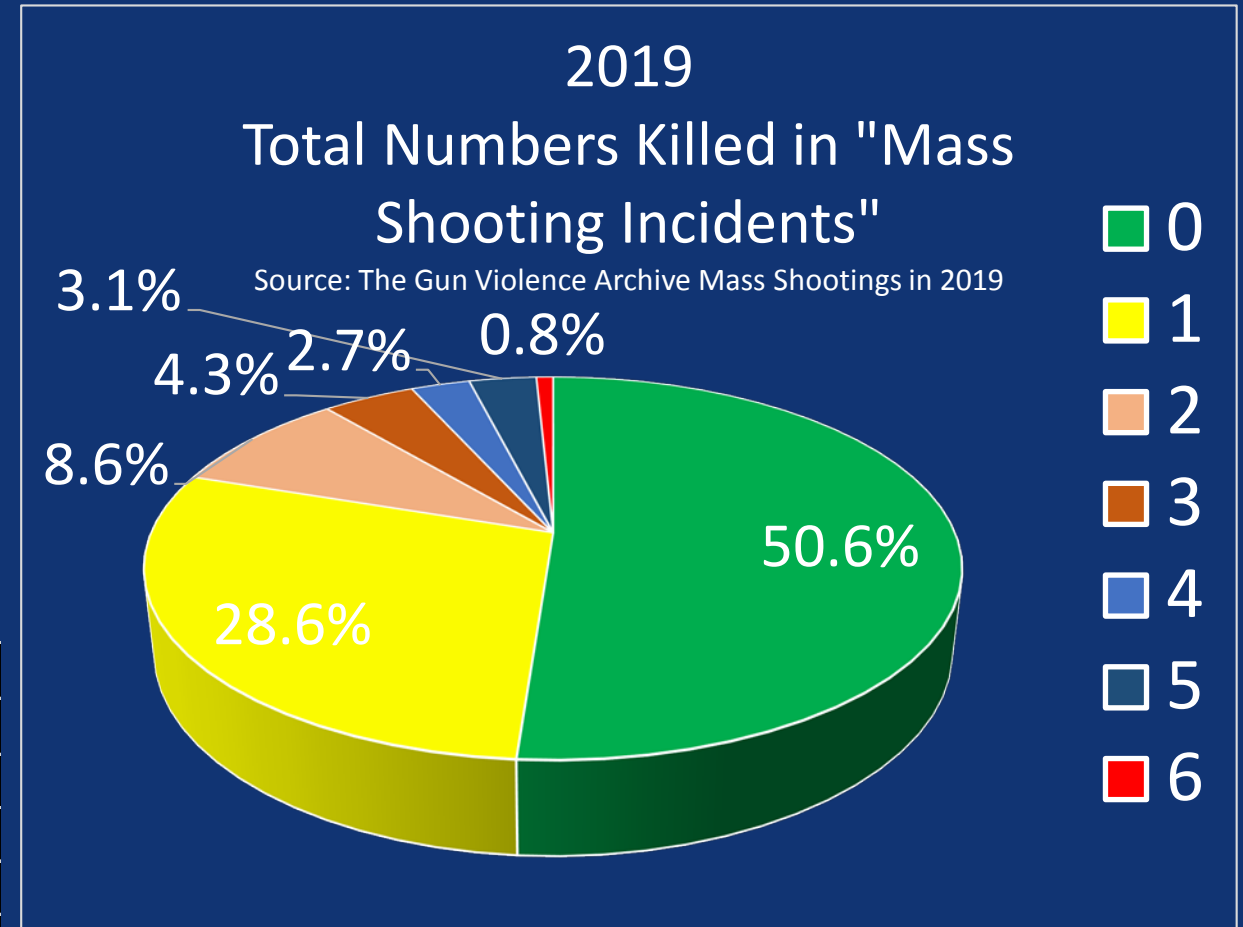
⊙ Definition Used: 4 or more people killed or injured.

⊙ News by Definition is Anomalies

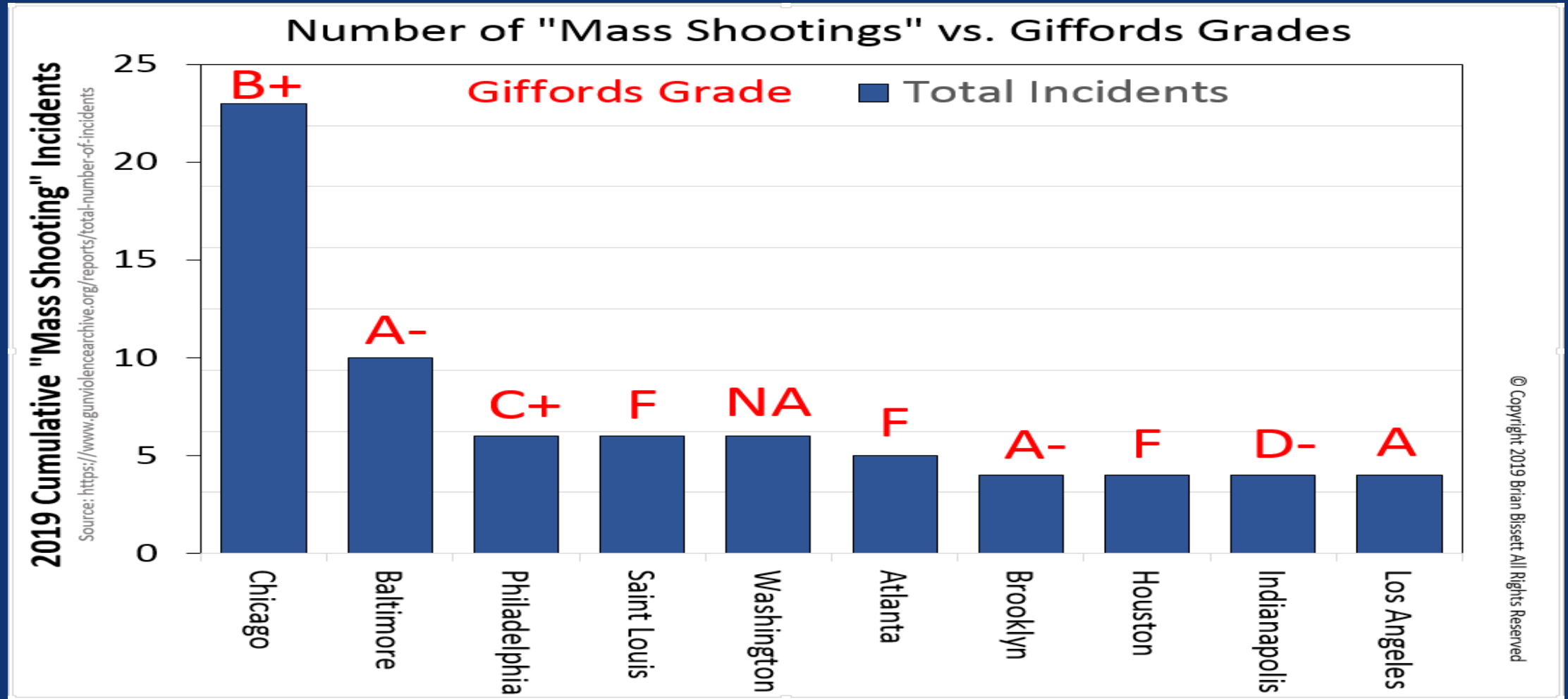
Parameter	# Killed	# Injured	Total Shot
Mean	1.07	4.18	5.25
Median	0.00	4.00	4.00
StDevP	2.04	2.61	3.66

Significant Thresholds		
# Killed	# Injured	Total Shot
7	12	16

2019 Mass Shootings By a Reasonable Measure				
State	City	# Killed	# Injured	Total Shot
Texas	El Paso	21	25	46
Virginia	Virginia Beach	13	5	18
Ohio	Dayton	10	26	36
California	Gilroy	4	13	17



MOST OF THE 255 "MASS SHOOTINGS" OCCURRED IN CITIES WITH HIGH GIFFORDS GRADES⁶



THE FALLACY OF MAGAZINE LIMITS

- ⊙ One of the Columbine shooters used a rifle with only 10-round magazines (He brought 13 of them).
- ⊙ Virginia Tech shooter brought 17 magazines for his handguns and most were limited to 10 rounds.
- ⊙ The Newtown shooter brought three guns to the school.
- ⊙ Women and the elderly who seek to protect themselves against home invaders (who nearly always work in pairs and groups) almost never carry extra magazines or guns. Who is this affecting? How many additional rapes/assaults?
- ⊙ *“In general, we found, really, very, very little evidence, almost none, that gun violence was becoming any less lethal or any less injurious during [the course of the Assault Weapon and Large Capacity Magazine (LCM) ban]. So on balance, we concluded that the ban had not had a discernible impact on gun crime during the years it was in effect.”⁷ - US Department of Justice*

WHAT'S NEXT?

ARE HANDGUN PERMITS IN MD DISCRIMINATORY?

- ⦿ We have requested under Maryland's Public Information Act (PIA) the following information about every Handgun Permit Application since the program's inception. Date, Race, County, Zip Code, Birth Year, and Disposition.
- ⦿ This information will enable us to determine if White people in Howard County are more likely to get a permit than a Hispanic in Prince George's County or an African American in Baltimore City.
- ⦿ The Maryland State Police have tied a financial requirement to Handgun Permits "*3 months of recent bank statements documenting ATM or teller deposits or withdrawals for business revenue or expenses.*" [word for word on the application.]
- ⦿ We believe this has disproportionately affected Black, Hispanic, and economically challenged applicants, resulting in denial of their applications.

MARYLAND STATE POLICE PIA REQUEST

- ⦿ Our Public Information Act Request was initially denied by the Maryland State Police.
- ⦿ After failing to cite a legitimate reason for non disclosure required under law, the Maryland State Police have since agreed to provide the information for a modest fee of \$319,575.99
- ⦿ Attorney General Brian Frosh has remained silent on the matter despite his assurance to voters that all legitimate PIA requests should be produced in the “cheapest, most efficient way possible.”
- ⦿ Governor Hogan has also remained silent on the issue.
- ⦿ The matter is under mediation with Maryland PIA Ombudsman who has requested the mediation remain “confidential” for PUBLIC data.

PARTING THOUGHTS

“COMMON SENSE” DICTATES THE NEED FOR MORE GUN CONTROL.

- ⊙ “For those who believe, no proof is necessary. For those who don't believe, no proof is possible.” - Stuart Chase
- ⊙ “Common sense is the collection of prejudices acquired by age eighteen.” - Albert Einstein
- ⊙ “It is common sense to take a method and try it. If it fails, admit it frankly and try another.” - Franklin D. Roosevelt
- ⊙ “People from Brooklyn grow up with a certain common sense. If it doesn't ring true, it's not true.” - Judy Sheindlin
- ⊙ This battle for 'common-sense' gun control laws pits emotion and passion against logic and reason. All too often in such a contest, logic loses. - Larry Elder
- ⊙ “Common sense is what tells us the earth is flat.” - Stuart Chase

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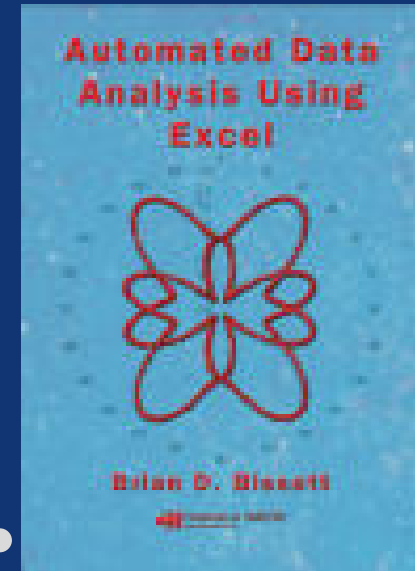
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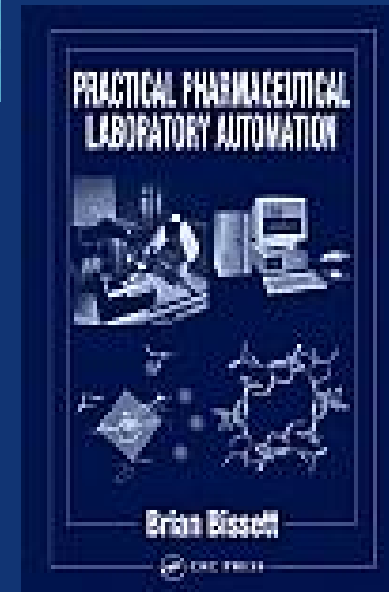


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