

President Obama to outline Gun control plans.

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“The Vice President and a number of members of my Cabinet went through a very thorough process over the last month, meeting a lot of stakeholders in this including the NRA, listened to proposals from all quarters, and they've presented me now with a list of sensible, common-sense steps that can be taken to make sure that the kinds of violence we saw at Newtown doesn't happen again.

I'm going to be meeting with the Vice President today. I expect to have a fuller presentation later in the week to give people some specifics about what I think we need to do.

My starting point is not to worry about the politics; my starting point is to focus on what makes sense, what works; what should we be doing to make sure that our children are safe and that we're reducing the incidents of gun violence. And I think we can do that in a sensible way that comports the Second Amendment.

And then members of Congress I think are going to have a debate and examine their own conscience-- because if, in fact-- and I believe this is true-- everybody across party lines was as deeply moved and saddened as I was by what happened in Newtown, then we're going to have to vote based on what we think is best. We're going to have to come up with answers that set politics aside. And that's what I expect Congress to do.”

The White House, 14th January 2013

Answer these questions:

- 1) Look at the date. Can you identify the context in which this speech was delivered?
- 2) “listened to proposals from all quarters, and they've presented me now with a list of sensible, common-sense steps that can be taken”. In this passage, what does President Obama refer to? What is the goal of these “proposals” and the “list of sensible, common-sense steps”?
- 3) -The answer is not in the text- Can you name the two political parties of the United States? Which one is Barack Obama's party?
- 4) According to Barack Obama, are politics important in this context? Why?
- 5) Does he plan to abolish the Second Amendment?
- 6) Look at the last paragraph. What is the strategy Barack Obama uses to convince his political opponents?
- 7) Remember the problematic of this sequence (to what extent does the gun issue divide the USA?) and think about it in relation to this speech? What can you say?