Discussion Question: Why don't poor people (who greatly outnumber rich people) vote for a president who will tax the rich and give money to the poor?

class warfare & "punishing success" 阶级战争 "job creators" (rich people who employ lots of people) liberal democracy (republics with reserved minority rights to protect against "the tyranny of the majority"多数暴政) **VS.** majoritarian 多数主义democracy (sometimes also elite VS. populist)

moral hazard道德风险(由于投保人可能不可靠所冒的风险)

single-issue voter

"voting one's pocketbook" 凭"腰包"投票

wedge issues制造分裂的问题

Movie/Book: What's the Matter with Kansas? 堪萨斯怎么了?

Book: "From Voting to Violence" (New democracies are often majoritarian, and nationalist demagogues煽动者; 蛊惑民心的政客 attract voters by being more and more extreme. This makes them more likely to be violent and warlike.)

Conservatives in the USA (often in a coalition as The Republican Party): Neo-cons (Foreign policy hawks/neoconservatives); "Theo-cons" (Socially conservative Christians, especially Evangelicals); Fiscal conservatives ("Tea Party" low-tax, small government, individual liberty activists)

"Social issues" tend to be easier to understand than economic or security issues because they effect everyone on a personal level, and almost all the facts are contested or ambiguous模棱两可的. They also use morality to paint one side of a "wedge issue" as good and the other side as evil. This moral clarity明晰的道德定义 allows some "single-issue voters" to base their vote on a candidate's position on just one issue they care about deeply. Single-issue voters tend to be less educated and focused on things like gun rights, abortion, LGBTQ issues, welfare policy, being "soft or tough" on crime, etc.

Discussion Question: Why does the USA have so much gun violence? (Note that other countries like Canada can also own guns legally.)

The 2nd Amendment: HYPERLINK "http://dict.cn/The second amendment says%3A "A well regulated Militia%2C being necessary to the security of a free State%2C the right of the people to keep and bear Arms%2C shall not be infringed_2E"."A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.美国第二修正令规定: "管理良好的民兵是一个自由州的安全保障,人民

持有或携带武器的权利,不得侵犯。"

assault rifle突击步枪 background checks背景核对concealed carry laws"秘密携带枪支"法令 handgun手枪 hunting狩猎 mass shootings大体积爆破 musket 滑膛枪 National Rifle Association (NRA) 美国国家来福枪协会

NRA slogans标语 & "talking points"谈点原则: "Guns don't kill people; people kill
people." "People die of all the time. Why don't you ban?" "Gun laws don't
work. Did the 'War on Drugs' end our drug problem?" "If you criminalize gun
ownership, only criminals will own guns." "The real problems are not enough gun
training and mental health treatment for crazy people." "Concealed-carry laws would
have prevented" "Only a good guy with a gun stops a bad guy with a gun." More
guns will solve the problem, etc. Texas, with its liberal gun laws, is a good example of a
social experiment for these arguments.

Movies: Bowling for Columbine

How bad is gun violence in the USA?

HYPERLINK "http://www.nytimes.com/2016/06/14/upshot/compare-these-gun-death-rates-the-us-is-in-a-different-world.html?_r=0"http://www.nytimes.com/2016/06/14/upshot/compare-these-gun-death-rates-the-us-is-in-a-different-world.html? r=0

Being killed with a gun here:

Is about as likely as		Dootha mar mil
dying of in the l	J .S.	Deaths per mil.
El Salvado	Heart attack	446.3
Mexico	Pancreatic cancer	121.7
United States	Car accident*	31.2
Chile	Motorcycle accident	14.3
Israe	Building fire	7.5
Canada	Alcohol poisoning	5.6
Ireland	Drowning in a lake, river	4.8
	or ocean	4.8
Netherlands	Accidental gas poisoning	2.3
Germany	Contact with a thrown or	2.1
	falling object	2.1
France	Hypothermia	2.0
Austria	Drowning in a swimming	1.9
	pool	1./
Australia	Falling from a building or	1.7
	structure	1.7
China	Plane crash	1.6
Spain	Exposure to excessive	1.6
	natural heat	1.0

New Zealand	Falling from a ladder	1.5
Poland	Bicycle-car crash	1.1
England	Contact with agricultural machinery	0.9
Norway	Accidental hanging or strangulation	0.9
Iceland	Electrocution	0.6
Scotland	Cataclysmic storms	0.5
South Korea	Being crushed or pinched between objects	0.4
Japan	Lightning strike	0.1

Note: Rates are averages of data available from 2007 to 2012; car accidents includes car occupants only; not van, truck, motorcycle or bus accidents

Source: HYPERLINK "http://wonder.cdc.gov/controller/datarequest/D76"Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, HYPERLINK "http://www.smallarmssurvey.org/tools/interactive-map-charts-on-armed-violence.html"Small Arms Survey

When does life begin?

Options: 1) conception 2) heartbeat or other prebirth stage 3) birth 4) up to 1 year-old as in some traditional cultures 5) adulthood (i.e. not until independent from parents)

adoption收养 conception受孕(sperm精子meets egg) fetus胎儿 (female) infanticide杀害女婴; 溺杀女婴; 杀女婴; miscarriage流产 partial-birth abortion部分分娩流产术 Planned Parenthood计划生育 "Pro-Choice" (favor rights to legal, safe abortion) VS. "Pro-Life" (anti-abortion) rape & incest强奸, 乱伦 Roe V. Wade (Supreme Court decision which legalized abortion nationally) 罗伊诉韦德案 trimester 妊娠前、中、后期中的一期 "the unborn"还没出生的

Movies: Lake of Fire, Juno, Freakonomics