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## U.S. House passes gun-safety legislation in victory for Biden

WASHINGTON, June 24 (Reuters) - The U.S. House of Representatives on Friday passed significant gun-safety legislation for the first time in three decades, sending it to President Joe Biden, who is expected to sign it into law.

The House voted 234-193 for the bill, the day after a Supreme Court ruling broadly expanded gun rights. No Democrats were opposed, while 14 Republicans backed the measure. It was supported by major law enforcement groups and its passage was a rare defeat for U.S. gun manufacturers and the National Rifle Association.

House action followed a late Thursday Senate vote of 65-33 to pass the bill, with 15 Republicans, including Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell in favor.

Gun control has long been a divisive issue in the United States with multiple attempts to place new controls on gun sales failing time after time until Friday.

Passage of what some Democrats characterized as a modest, first-step bill followed mass murders last month at a supermarket in Buffalo, New York and an elementary school in Uvalde, Texas.

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“The legislation...includes several strong steps to save lives, not only from horrific mass shootings but also from the daily massacre of gun crime, suicide and tragic accidents,” House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said during debate.

Noting that guns have become the leading “killer of children in America,” Pelosi said Congress must now go further and legislate more changes to gun-sale background checks and restrictions on “high-capacity armament.”

The bill does take some steps on background checks by allowing access, for the first time, to information on significant crimes committed by juveniles. It also cracks down on gun sales to purchasers convicted of domestic violence. And it provides new federal funding to states that administer “red flag” laws intended to remove guns from people deemed dangerous to themselves and others.

The Brady gun control group described the “Bipartisan Safer Communities Act” as “the strongest gun violence prevention law in the last 30 years,” and cited the “100 people killed with guns each day” in America. Many of those deaths are the result of suicide.

“Today they (Democrats) are coming after law-abiding American citizens’ Second Amend-



ment liberties,” said Representative Jim Jordan, the senior Republican on the House Judiciary Committee. He was referring to the constitutional right to “keep and bear arms” that conservatives argue should be broadly protected.

### DEEP DIVIDE

On Thursday, the Supreme Court, with its 6-3 conservative majority, struck down New York state’s limits on carrying concealed handguns outside the home. The court found that the law, enacted in 1913, was unconstitutional. [read more](#)

That ruling and the gun-safety legislation passed on Friday illustrate a deep divide over firearms in the United States, weeks after the Uvalde and Buffalo shootings that killed more than 30 people, including 19 young children at an elementary school. [read more](#)

The National Rifle Association, the nation’s most powerful gun lobby, declared the court ruling “a monumental win” for American gun owners.

On Friday it attacked the bill passed by Congress, calling it a “senseless” gun control measure that “will only infringe on the rights of the law-abiding.”

U.S. Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) leads the U.S. House of Representatives in passing the “Bipartisan Safer Communities Act” gun safety legislation in the House Chamber on Capitol Hill in Washington, June 24, 2022. REUTERS/Jim Bourg

The legislation passed by Congress is seen as modest in scope for a country with the highest gun ownership per capita in the world and the highest number of mass shootings annually among wealthy nations.

In 2020, the rate of gun deaths in the United States surged 35% to the highest point since 1994, with especially deadly levels for young Black men, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said in a report published May 10.



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# WEA LEE'S GLOBAL NOTES

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## America's Economy Is Still Strong



Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell believes that the American economy is still very strong. He testified in the U.S. Senate and said that he still believes that the U.S. economy is still very strong, even though we have the highest inflation rate in many years and gasoline prices have gone over \$5.00 per gallon.

Powell pointed out that, "Since February, we

have understood the hardship that high inflation is causing. We are strongly committed to bringing inflation back down and we are moving expeditiously to do so." He also added, "The U.S. economy for now is strong. Spending is strong and consumers are in good shape. Businesses are in good shape. Monetary policy is famously a blunt tool and there's a risk that a weaker outcome is certainly possible. But

this is not our intent."

At the same time, Powell said that the U. S. economy itself has not been fit for a long time. He said we need to build more enterprises and "Made in the USA" companies to increase employment at home.

We are so happy that Chairman Powell conveyed this thinking

to help regain confidence in the US economy. To be honest, we are a country with very rich resources. Especially in the last five years, we became an energy exporter nation to overseas countries, completely reversing our dependence on imported energy.

The pandemic has brought enough

suffering to the world. It is expected that with food and energy shortages this summer, the war in Ukraine as well as our unstable relationship with China, all of these challenges, if not solved, will continue to be the most important reasons why the world will still continue to be in chaos. All of us are wishing these problems will go away soon.



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## Editor's Choice



Anti-abortion demonstrators celebrate outside the United States Supreme Court in Washington, June 24, 2022. REUTERS/Evelyn Hockstein



Abortion rights demonstrator reacts outside the United States Supreme Court in Washington, June 24, 2022. REUTERS/Evelyn Hockstein



Workers in protective suits stand on a truck as the city prepares to end the lockdown placed to curb the coronavirus outbreak in Shanghai, China. REUTERS/Aly Song



Anti-abortion demonstrators celebrate outside the United States Supreme Court in Washington, June 24, 2022. REUTERS/Evelyn Hockstein



Anti-abortion demonstrators celebrate outside the United States Supreme Court in Washington, June 24, 2022. REUTERS/Evelyn Hockstein



Abortion rights supporters demonstrate outside the United States Supreme Court in Washington, June 24, 2022. REUTERS/Mary F. Calvert



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**“Make Art, Not War!”**

**Artists Around The World Leave Their Mark In Support Of Ukraine**

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Street artist Denys Antukov and his assistant Hanna work on a mural inspired by the Russian Warship, Go E... Yourself! postage stamp in the Khortytskyi district of Zaporizhzhia, southeastern Ukraine. (Photo/Albert Koshelev | Future Publishing | Getty Images)

**Key Point**  
Since Russia invaded Ukraine on Feb. 24, artists around the world have created poignant murals to support Ukraine. We share here how artists have depicted the war across the globe.



A person walks next to a mural of Russian President Vladimir Putin, which has been vandalised with red spray paint and the word “War” written instead of the original text reading: “Brother”, following Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, in Belgrade, Serbia, April 29, 2022. Marko Djurica | Reuters



Fresco murals by French street artists Kedu Abstract and Jeff Aerosol are displayed on the wall of a Parisian building on March 14, 2022 in Paris, France. Chesnot | Getty Images



A fresco mural by French street artist Julien Malland

aka Seth Globepainter is displayed on the wall of a Parisian building on March 14, 2022 in Paris, France. Chesnot | Getty Images



French street artist and painter Christian Guemy (R) known as C215 poses in front of his fresco depicting a Ukrainian young girl with a quote attributed to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky: “I really don’t want my photos in your offices, because I am neither a god nor an icon, but rather a servant of the Nation.” Joel Sager | AFP | Getty Images



A man takes a picture of a fresco murals displayed on “The walls of peace” on March 28, 2022 in Paris, France. Chesnot | Getty Images



Rome, the new mural by the artist Maupal against the invasion of Ukraine by Russia depicting two Matryoshkas. Francesco Fotia Universal Images Group | Getty Images



Anti-Ukraine war mural by Italian street artist known by the name of ‘Laika’ depicting a hug between two women, one dressed in the Russian, the other in the Ukrainian national colors, respectively, above the word MIR (Peace) In the Ostiense district on March 09, 2022 in Rome, Italy. Andrea Ronchini | Nurphoto | Getty Images



Peace: The new mural by street artist Laika dedicated to the crisis between Russia and Ukraine. Marilla Sicilia | Mondadori Portfolio | Getty Images



Murals of two young Ukrainian victims portrayed on the wall. On the left, Vitaliy Skakun Volodymyrovych (1996-2022) who is seen as a hero by the Ukrainian army for his heroic action during the explosion of a bridge to stop the Russian army, on the right, 10-year-old Ukrainian Polina, murdered by Russian soldiers when she and her family tried to flee Kyiv by car. Ana Fernandez | Sopa Images | Getty Images



A woman walks pass the mural “No to war” by muralist Maximiliano Bagnasco in Buenos Aires on March 5, 2022. Juan Mabromata | AFP | Getty Images



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Yellow heart pierced by bullets on a blue background with inscription in Ukrainian and Polish - “Ukraine is fighting” - is seen in Gdansk, Poland on 6 March 2022 The mural was created to support Ukrainian people during the Russian war against Ukraine. Michal Fludra | Nurphoto | Getty Images



Kyiv, a mural against Putin in the city center, the inscription reads: Ukraine 5: Putin 0. Nicola Marfisi | Universal Images Group | Getty Images



the war’ poster in central Kyiv on May 19, 2022 in Kyiv, Ukraine. Christopher Furlong | Getty Images



Ukrainian soldiers take pictures of a mural titled ‘Saint Javelin’ dedicated to the British portable surface-to-air missile has been unveiled on the side of a Kyiv apartment block on May 25, 2022 in Kyiv, Ukraine. The artwork by illustrator and artist Chris Shaw is in reference to the Javelin missile donated to Ukrainian troops to battle against the Russian invasion. Christopher Furlong | Getty Images



People take pictures of a sculpture depicting the President of Russia Vladimir Putin called “Shoot yourself” in the centre of Kyiv. Sergei Chuzavkov | Lightrocket | Getty Images



A cyclist passes by a part of the Berlin Wall decorated

ated with a graffiti of a Ukrainian flag colored Peace symbol, expressing solidarity with Ukraine at Potsdamer Platz on May 4, 2022 in Berlin, Germany. Omer Messinger | Getty Images



VILNIUS, LITHUANIA - APRIL 26: Street art paintings which supports Ukraine on April 26, 2022 in Vilnius, Lithuania. Russia invaded neighbouring Ukraine on February 24, 2022, and has been met with worldwide condemnation in the form of rallies, protests and peace marches taking place in cities across the globe. Paulius Peleckis | Getty Images



People pass a mural of President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyy, by the artist Aches, in central Dublin. Picture date: Monday April 4, 2022. Niall Carson | Pa Images | Getty Images



New street art which has appeared in Leith, Edinburgh, in response to Russia’s invasion of Ukraine. The mural features a Nightingale, the official national bird of Ukraine, against the country’s flag. Picture date: Tuesday April 5, 2022. Jane Barlow | Pa Images | Getty Images

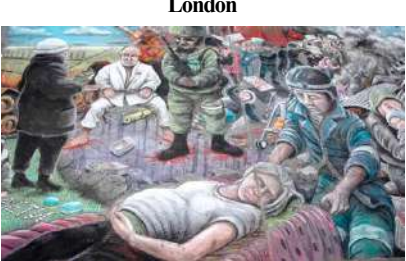


Artwork of Ukrainian president Volodymyr Zelenskyy being portrayed as Superman is seen on a

wall of a shop, on May 15, 2022 in Bristol, England. Matt Cardy | Getty Images



A resident looks at new street art mural has appeared in Cardiff depicting Ukraine’s capital Kyiv under siege on March 01, 2022 in Cardiff, Wales. Huw Fairclough | Getty Images



Stop the War and the pro Russian ‘Z’ with a cross through it, solidarity with Ukraine graffiti in Shoreditch, London. Matthew Chattle | Future Publishing | Getty Images



A mural depicting Ukrainian president Volodymyr Zelenskyy and ‘Glory to Ukraine’ slogan written in Polish is seen in Krakow, Poland on 22 March, 2022. Beata Zawrzel | Nurphoto | Getty Images



An artist showing a protest symbol power sign by a street mural created by a group of Artists from Maasai Mbili depicting Kibera’s love for Ukraine amidst the war. Donwilson Odhiambo | Sopa Images | Getty Images



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