

## **Summary**

My research question seeks to examine how the gun control policies of Mexico, the United States, and Canada impact one another while these countries are fighting against the same war on the illegal arms trade. My study will use policy network analysis as a research design and means of interpretation of the data (which will be found in government publications and credible news reports). Policy network analysis focuses on the making and shaping of a policy, the policy's impacts, and how other legislators respond to it, which may lead to the creation of another policy. I expect to find that the USA's lax gun legislation will have continued to shape Mexico and Canada's struggles with arms traffickers, whether at the border or within their territories.