

Pre-listening

1. Describe the four photos, and point out what guns and gun ownership mean for the people in these pictures.

Vocabulary:

- Sitting duck: s.o. or s.th. that has no protection and is therefore an easy target

Picture 1



| Photo: Robert Nickelsberg, Getty Images

Picture 2



| Photo: Jeremy Hogan/SOPA Images/LightRocket, Getty Images

2. Read these statistics of Uvalde, Texas, and compare them to the rest of the USA. In what way is Uvalde different from average America?

Source

US Census Bureau. QuickFacts: Uvalde city, Texas; United States.

<www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/uvaldecitytexas,US/PST045221> accessed Sept. 28, 2022.

| | Uvalde | US |
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| Population | | |
| Population Estimates, July 1, 2021, (V2021) | 15,312 | 331,893,745 |
| Age and Sex | | |
| Persons under 5 years, percent | 6.8% | 5.7% |
| Persons under 18 years, percent | 28.1% | 22.2% |
| Persons 65 years and over, percent | 15.3% | 16.8% |
| Female persons, percent | 52.2% | 50.5% |
| Race and Hispanic Origin | | |
| White alone, percent | 87.6% | 75.8% |
| Black or African American alone, percent ¹ | 0.9% | 13.6% |
| American Indian and Alaska Native alone, percent ¹ | 0.7% | 1.3% |
| Asian alone, percent ¹ | 1.2% | 6.1% |
| Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone, percent ¹ | 0.2% | 0.3% |
| Two or More Races, percent | 4.5% | 2.9% |
| Hispanic or Latino, percent ² | 81.8% | 18.9% |
| White alone, not Hispanic or Latino, percent | 14.9% | 59.3% |
| Housing (2016–2020) | | |
| Owner-occupied housing unit rate | 65.4% | 64.4% |
| Median value of owner-occupied housing units | \$94,200 | \$229,800 |
| Median selected monthly owner costs with a mortgage | \$1,231 | \$1,621 |
| Median selected monthly owner costs without a mortgage | \$363 | \$509 |
| Median gross rent | \$781 | \$1,096 |
| Families & Living Arrangements (2016–2020) | | |
| Households | 5,217 | 122,354,219 |
| Persons per household | 3.00 | 2.60 |
| Living in same house 1 year ago, percent of persons age 1 year+ | 85.5% | 86.2% |
| Language other than English spoken at home, percent of persons age 5 years+ | 56.8% | 21.5% |
| Computer and Internet Use (2016–2020) | | |
| Households with a computer, percent | 78.3% | 91.9% |
| Households with a broadband Internet subscription, percent | 72.4% | 85.2% |
| Education (2016–2020) | | |
| High school graduate or higher, percent of persons age 25 years+ | 72.8% | 88.5% |
| Bachelor's degree or higher, percent of persons age 25 years+ | 17.2% | 32.9% |

5. How did the publishers get hold of the video footage?

6. How does the *KVUE-TV* speaker justify the publication of the video footage?

- The public has a right to know.
- It will make politicians think again.
- It will help to track down the criminal.

7. How does the editor-in-chief of the *Austin American-Statesman* justify the publication of the video footage?

- The police officers acted too slowly.
- The people in charge cannot be trusted.
- There are too many rumors going around.

8. What was changed about the video footage before publication?

9. What would the video footage need according to the host, Scott Simon?

10. Why was there an officer on the phone?

11. Why was there an officer cleaning his hands?

12. How did some parents react on Facebook to the publication of the video footage?
Give two reactions.

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13. What did the news outlets do before the publication of the footage?

- They did not inform anybody about it.
- They consulted with their legal advisors.
- They discussed it with the victims' families.
- They informed the authorities briefly before it.