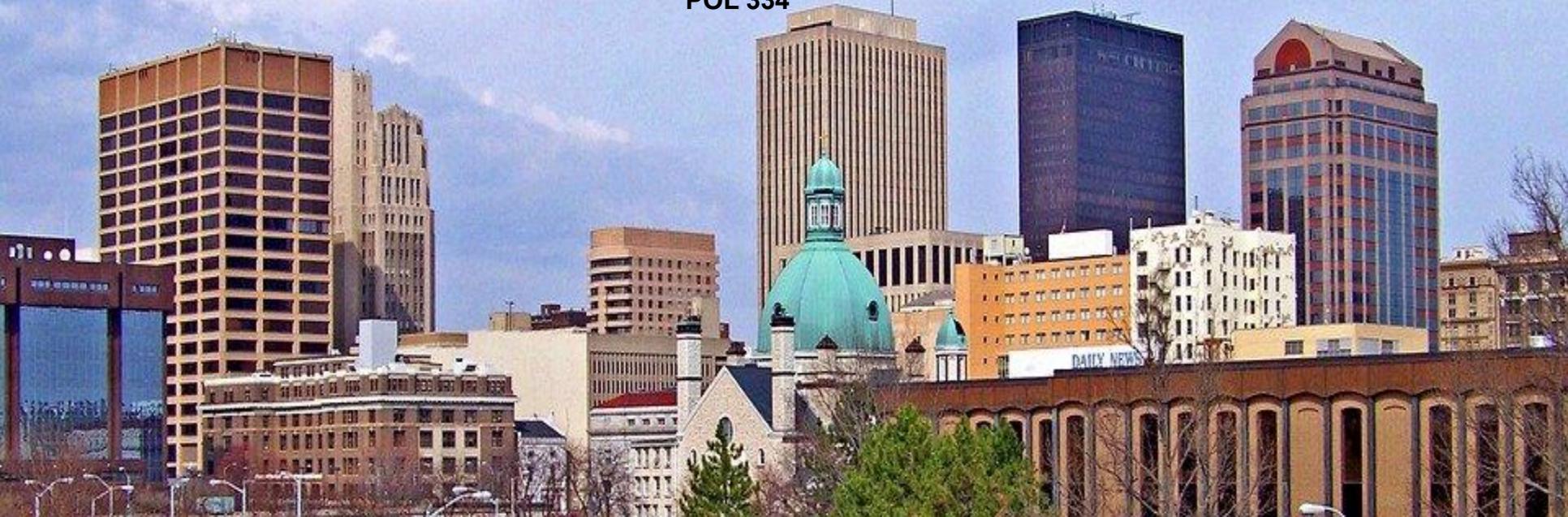


Bringing International Human Rights and Sustainable Development Goals to Dayton

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What is a Human Rights City?

“... a municipality that refers explicitly to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international human rights standards and/or law in their policies, statements, and programs.”



***Human Rights cities** create an infrastructure for the universal realization of human rights at the local level and provide an inclusive civic engagement with city management.

***Human Rights cities** help foster participative democracy with solidarity and social justice. The goal is to improve the quality of life for all residents.

16 PEACE, JUSTICE
AND STRONG
INSTITUTIONS



Sustainable Development Goal 16

Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels

16.1

Significantly reduce all forms of violence and related deaths everywhere.

16.3

Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable, and inclusive institutions at all levels.

16.2

End abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence against and torture of children.

16.7

Ensure responsive, inclusive, participatory and representative decision making at all levels.

Now, let's look at SDG 16.1



SDG Target 16.1

Reduce ALL forms of violence.
In this case specifically, **GUN VIOLENCE.**



How is this related to Dayton?

Mass Shooting: On August 4, 2019 nine people were killed and 27 were injured by a gunman in the Oregon District of Dayton, Ohio. This shooting shattered a typical summer weekend's night in the Dayton area.

"There isn't a community in America that hasn't been affected by gun violence."

One Challenge: Congress continues to fail to pass any meaningful gun restrictions.

One Solution:

- Call on local governments to become more effective and accountable to our citizens. This requires us to tackle corruption and increase the public's access to information.
- VOTE! Make gun violence a voting issue.

Why Gun Violence is a Human Rights Crisis

The United States Accounts for:

- 80% of all firearm deaths
- 86% of women killed by firearms
- 87% of all children up to the age of 14 who are killed by firearms

“30,000 women, men, and children are killed in America every year by guns.”



*The United States has a patchwork of inconsistent and inadequate federal and state gun control laws and has failed to take all measures necessary to prevent gun violence.

DEMAND ACTION



Advocacy Response

Community Initiative to Reduce Gun Violence

CIRGV Pros:

The Community Initiative to Reduce Gun Violence (CIRGV) seeks to:

- Reduce group-related gun violence and homicides in Dayton, Trotwood, and Montgomery County.
 - Provide life changing supportive services to individuals that desire positive transformation in their life.
 - Engage the moral voice of the community to promote a neighborhood standard that openly values life and safety while denouncing gun violence.
- Informs the public and those involved in high risk lifestyles of the consequences of gun violence.
 - Empowers the community to be a moral voice that conveys messages speaking out against gun violence.
 - Engages gun violence survivors and their families in educating the public on the impact of gun violence.

Personal Reflection



THE GLOBAL GOALS For Sustainable Development

Over the course of the semester, students in POL 334 have had the great opportunity of learning and engaging in material about sustainable development goals and human rights cities. Specifically, we have been researching and gathering data to increase the chances of Dayton becoming a Human Rights City. After researching each SDG, it was clear that each one is intertwined. The access to justice is uneven and unfair. In order to make progress and develop a civil society, community members must advocate for Dayton to become a Human Rights City. These efforts are essential to moving forward and achieving the sustainable development goals. It is important for each member of society to have the opportunity to live a high quality life with inclusion and equality. Overall, this semester has taught me about local human rights issues and challenges in the Dayton area, as well as, how to apply various tools and techniques for an effective community.

THANK YOU

