Private gun ownership in America has surged in the past several years, even as authorities have intensified enforcement against illegal firearms—cracking down on “ghost” guns, tightening oversight of licensed dealers, and seizing more weapons from the streets. Meanwhile, violent crime, particularly homicide, saw a historic rise followed by a historic decline.

The Council on Criminal Justice’s Centering Justice project hosted a conversation with leading experts about how gun policies, enforcement strategies, and market dynamics are shaping gun violence trends today—and the implications for policy and strategy.

Panelists

- Natasha Bagdasarian, Chief Medical Executive, State of Michigan
- Alan Gottlieb, Chairman, Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms
- Daniel Webster, Bloomberg Professor, Johns Hopkins University
- Rob Wilcox, President and CEO, Fund for a Safer Future
- Khalil Cumberbatch, Director of Engagement and Partnerships, Council on Criminal Justice
- Marc Levin, Chief Policy Counsel, Council on Criminal Justice