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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Outbreak of Weekend Gun Violence; 13 Mass Shootings Across America Since Friday]

GAYLE KING: But first, we're going to begin with news of more gun violence in this country hitting close to home for more and more Americans. Since Friday — listen to the numbers — there have been 13 — 13 — mass shootings in the U.S., including one in a busy part of Philadelphia and another outside a nightclub in Chattanooga where 14 people were shot there, two of them have died. In another sign that this is certainly on people's minds, players for both teams in the NBA, they wore orange shirts last night with the message “End Gun Violence.”

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MARINE LONG (sp?): I woke up I got to see what — what happened there.

JERICKA DUNCAN: Marie heard the gunshots from her apartment.

LONG: After Buffalo, Uvalde, you know, here, right here, we have to do something.

DUNCAN: It's a sentiment echoed by the city's district attorney, Larry Krasner.

PHILADELPHIA DA LARRY KRASNER (D): We have 120 guns for every 100 human beings. That's ridiculous. This is supposed to be a country of human beings, not a country of guns.

DUNCAN [TO KRASNER]: 211 homicides so far this year. 743 nonfatal shooting victims. What is the city to do?

KRASNER: The city has to change. I mean, that's the bottom line.

DUNCAN: The latest CDC data reveals a nearly 35 percent increase in firearm deaths nationwide from 2019 to 2020 with guns accounting for 79 percent of all homicides in the U.S. The country also recorded its most annual gun deaths ever — more than 45,000.

DANIEL WEBSTER: Now into 2022 ,we're seeing increases in many forms of violence, and of course we've seen some increases in mass shootings, as well.

DUNCAN: Daniel Webster leads the Center for Gun Violence Solutions at Johns Hopkins University. He says gun violence has continued to rise in the last two years and pointed to reforms with wide public support like tighter licensing laws and comprehensive background checks as evidence-based solutions.

WEBSTER: The problem is the disconnect between what the public say they want and support and what policymakers actually act upon.

DUNCAN: And experts say that they expect gun violence will tick up this summer which follows annual trends. Also, in speaking with District Attorney Krasner he said that only 28 percent of fatal shootings are solved, basically saying it's not a big enough deterrent when some of these criminals know that they're less likely, rather, to get caught after these killings. Gayle, Tony, Nate.

TONY DOKOUPIL: Alright, Jericka, thank you very much. The latest CBS News polling reveals that a clear majority of Americans favor a variety of gun restrictions, including universal background checks, a federal red flag law, and a ban on the AR-15-style semiautomatic rifle often used in mass shootings. For more on the poll results, let's bring in CBS News elections and surveys director Anthony Salvanto. Anthony, thank you for being here. I know, a lot of parents are talking to their kids about the mass shootings. Are the kids feeling something as a result?

ANTHONY SALVANTO: Yeah, they certainly are, Tony. Look at what parents report their kids are saying in response to this. Not just that they're feeling sad, but also words like scared, nervous about gun violence and let me show you something else that really underlines the impact of all of this. Parents say that their kids, when they go to school, are worried about things we've seen for years — bullying, social pressures, but gun violence is now expressed by a majority. That's kind of comparable to all these other worries. That's the impact.

DOKOUPIL: With all of these mass shootings, one after another, are American attitudes with regard to gun policy changing?

SALVANTO: Yeah. Let me show you this. First, people think — the majority — that the availability of guns is one reason. But one of many reasons that there is so much gun violence, and then to look at your question, the number who say that gun laws should be more strict has risen in recent weeks. After the Buffalo tragedy at 54 percent, then 60 percent now. So that's an increase. But Tony, let me show you a little about the politics of this because it's going to be so important going forward. There's a slide over here that I think underlines a really important point. When you look at policy measures, you look at things like background checks, red flag laws that you mentioned, you get bipartisan support for these things. When you look at measures that pertain more expressly to the weapons, the guns, Republicans fall off in their support. And that's where the parties diverge.

DOKOUPIL: So, there may be a difference in regulating of people buying the weapons as opposed to the existence of weapons themselves.

SALVANTO: Exactly.

DOKOUPIL: Anthony Salvano, thank you very much.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Gun Violence in America]

KING: Three people are dead in Philadelphia in one of more than a dozen mass shootings since Friday.