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## Bowling for Columbine

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The documentary also highlights the production of \_\_\_\_\_ of mass destruction that are used in wars and conflicts around the world. Moore suggests that this, too, may be linked to the Colorado school shooting. Many possible reasons for gun \_\_\_\_\_ are mentioned in the film: hate towards African Americans, the history of the United States, the media and even goth rock music, represented by Marilyn Manson.

Moore takes a look at the situation in Canada, where gun \_\_\_\_\_ is at a level similar to that of the United States. While Canadians watch the same violent films and teenagers play brutal video games, they are much less afraid of \_\_\_\_\_ than in the US. A main difference is the \_\_\_\_\_ system, in which many poor Canadians get money from the state and do not live in poverty - in contrast to their neighbours in the south.

A dominant section in the film portrays the role of the National Rifle Association, which, \_\_\_\_\_ in 1871, has always \_\_\_\_\_ the Second Amendment of the Constitution, which gives Americans the right to \_\_\_\_\_ arms. President of the NRA, Charlton Heston, provoked \_\_\_\_\_ as he showed up in Littleton Colorado, only days after the shooting, confronted by a wave of protesters, mostly relatives of the shot victims.

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