

Vegas Massacre Exposes Underbelly of Soft Targets



Firing from 32 stories up at a crowd a block away, a lone gunman killed at least 58 people and injured hundreds more, in a devastating attack that has law enforcement rethinking how to keep Americans safe.

The 64-year-old retiree opened fire on a Las Vegas country music festival, from a hotel room window across the street from the open-air venue. Authorities have uncovered neither motive, nor any link to a domestic or international terrorist group, despite a claim of responsibility by the so-called Islamic State. [Read More](#)

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Renewed calls for more stringent gun control legislation echoed throughout Washington on Monday, following Sunday night's mass shooting in Las Vegas. John Raines, head of political risk at IHS Markit, noted that the one area where gun control advocates may push hard on Congress to enact legislation is on banning 'kits' that can turn semi-automatic rifles into nearly fully automatic weapons.

Expert Commentary

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"Here's the problem. Every other incident we've had before this there's been a manifesto left online. I haven't seen or heard about any of his social media dealings. From an intelligence stand point, he was below everyone's radar."

The Cipher Brief's Wilson Dizard spoke in-depth with Giacalone on the Las Vegas

shooting and the ongoing investigation. [Listen to the full interview here](#) - or [get it on iTunes](#).

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