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- **The COVID Pandemic.** New COVID case numbers are declining in much of the U.S., though a new variant is now gaining ground in the U.S. as in the rest of the world. The number of cases is climbing in many parts of the world. The U.S. still has had more cases than any other country. Many places are lifting safety protocols, even as the pandemic continues. The weekly death toll from COVID is still 10 times higher than for other respiratory viruses. As people stop wearing masks, colds and other viruses are also spreading.
- **Japan** – a 7.4 magnitude earthquake hit the northern part of the country March 16th. Fukushima (where the nuclear disaster followed the deadly quake 11 years ago), & Miyagi were affected. There was some damage to the Fukushima nuclear site. Tokyo lost power. 4 deaths have been reported.
- **All those dealing with natural disasters.** Storms: Texas & Oklahoma had a tornado outbreak Monday (at least 20 tornados were reported) with damage; at least 1 death & 10 injuries. More tornados hit in the south on Tuesday including one in New Orleans. Record breaking flooding has hit Australia & elsewhere. The fires are also burning in a number of places – Florida, the American West, Texas, Argentina, & elsewhere.
- **Victims of Gun Violence** – there have been 109 mass shootings (up from 94 last week) in 2022 in which 113 people died & 440 were injured. The 2022 gun death total is now 9,482. 345 deaths & 815 of the injured are children (17 or younger). Many states, including Ohio, are weakening gun laws, despite the fact that the number of homicides & other gun crimes has increased where gun laws are weakened. Access to guns is often more dangerous to gun owners than to others since more than half of gun deaths (5,346 so far this year) are suicides.



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