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Are gun manufacturers the only industry in America 'exempt from being sued'?

CLAIM

Biden claimed that "the only industry in America -- a billion-dollar industry -- that can't be sued -- has exempt from being sued -- are gun manufacturers."

This is false

EVIDENCE

Gun manufacturers are not entirely exempt from being sued, nor are they only industry with some liability protections.

Under the 2005 [Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act](#), gun manufacturers cannot be held liable for the use of their products in a crime. However, gun manufacturers can still be [held liable](#) for (and thus sued for) a range of things, including negligence, breach of contract regarding the purchase of a gun, or certain damages from defects in the design of a gun.

In 2019, the Supreme Court [allowed](#) a lawsuit against gun manufacturer Remington Arms Company to continue. The plaintiffs, a survivor and families of nine other victims of the Sandy Hook Elementary School mass shooting, are attempting to hold the company, which manufactured the semi-automatic rifle that was used in the killing, partly responsible by targeting the company's marketing practices, another area where gun manufacturers can be held liable.

Other industries also have some exemptions in liability. For example, vaccine

vaccines will have [immunity](#) from liability under the 2005 [Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act](#). Those who claim to have been harmed by vaccines may [receive](#) money from the government, not the pharmaceutical company, via the Vaccine Injury Compensation Program.

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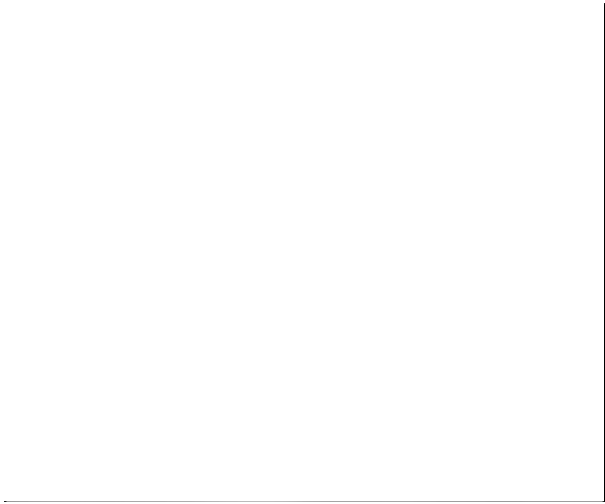


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