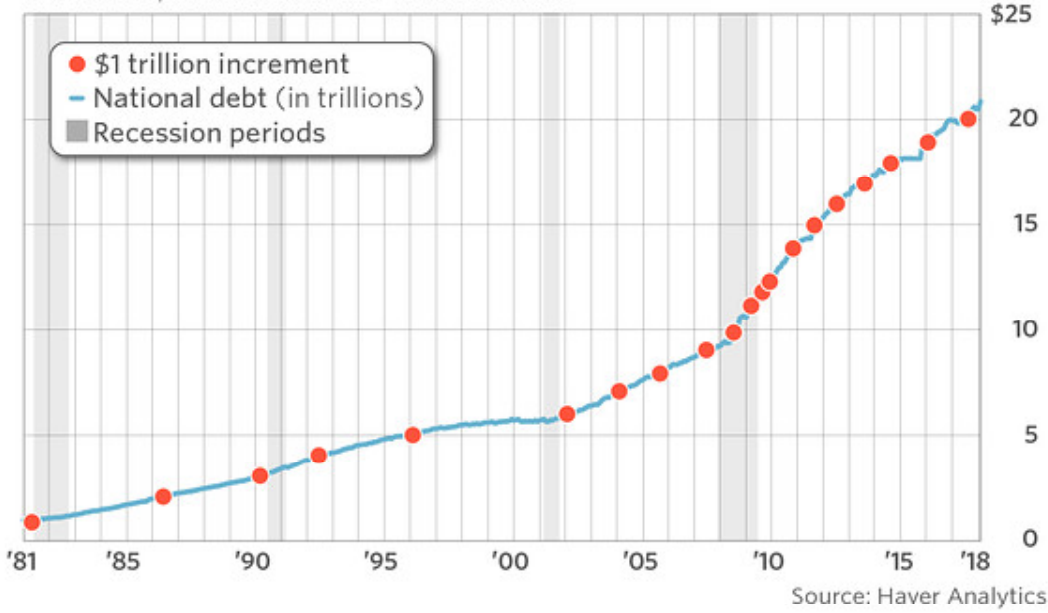


How the national debt has grown

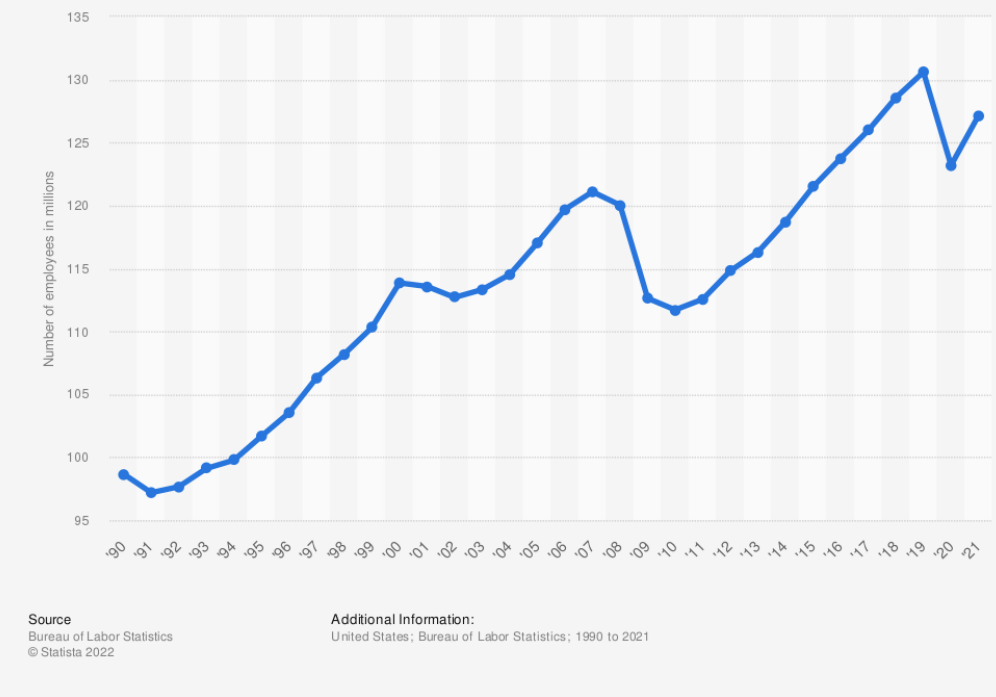
The latest \$1 trillion increase took 6 months



Number of Pages of Regulations Added to the Federal Register Each Year, 1936-2011

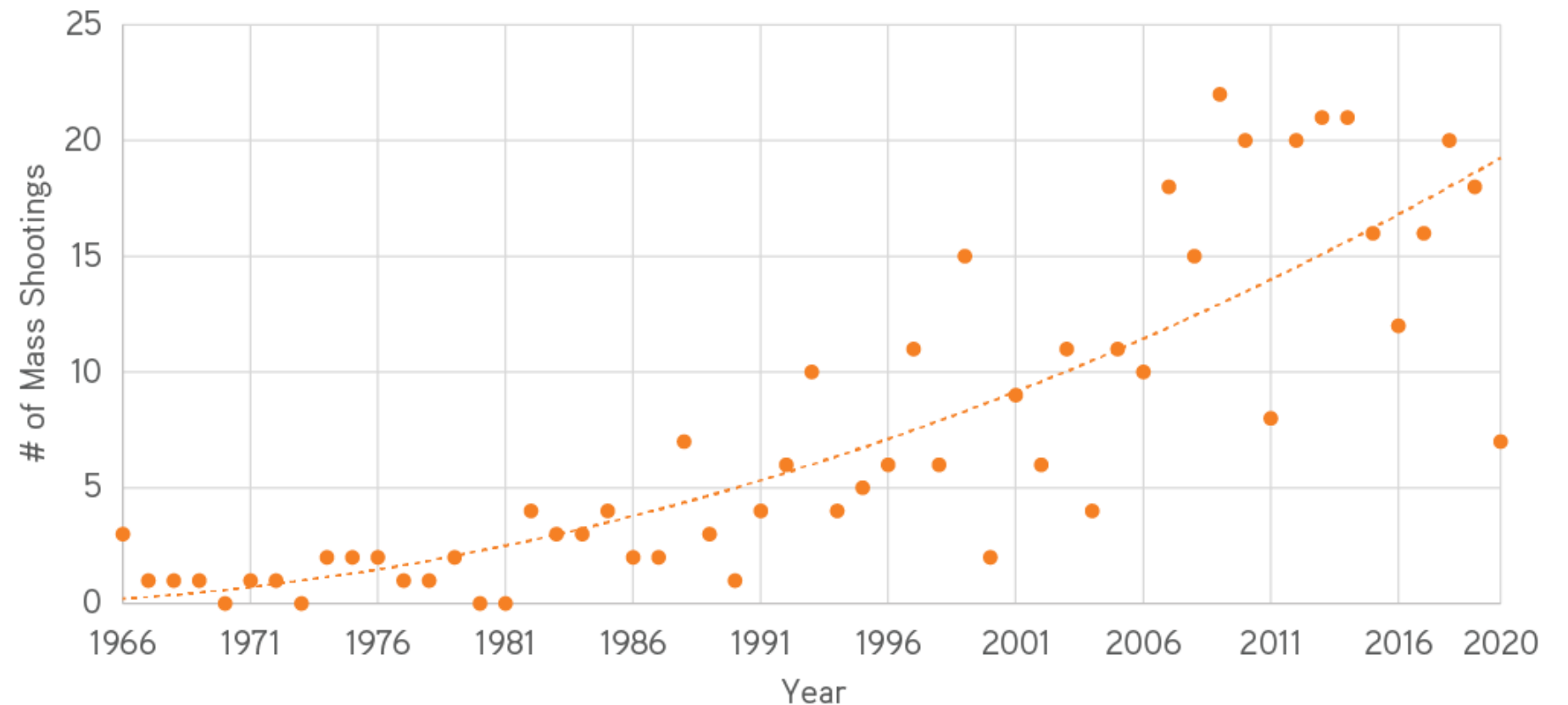
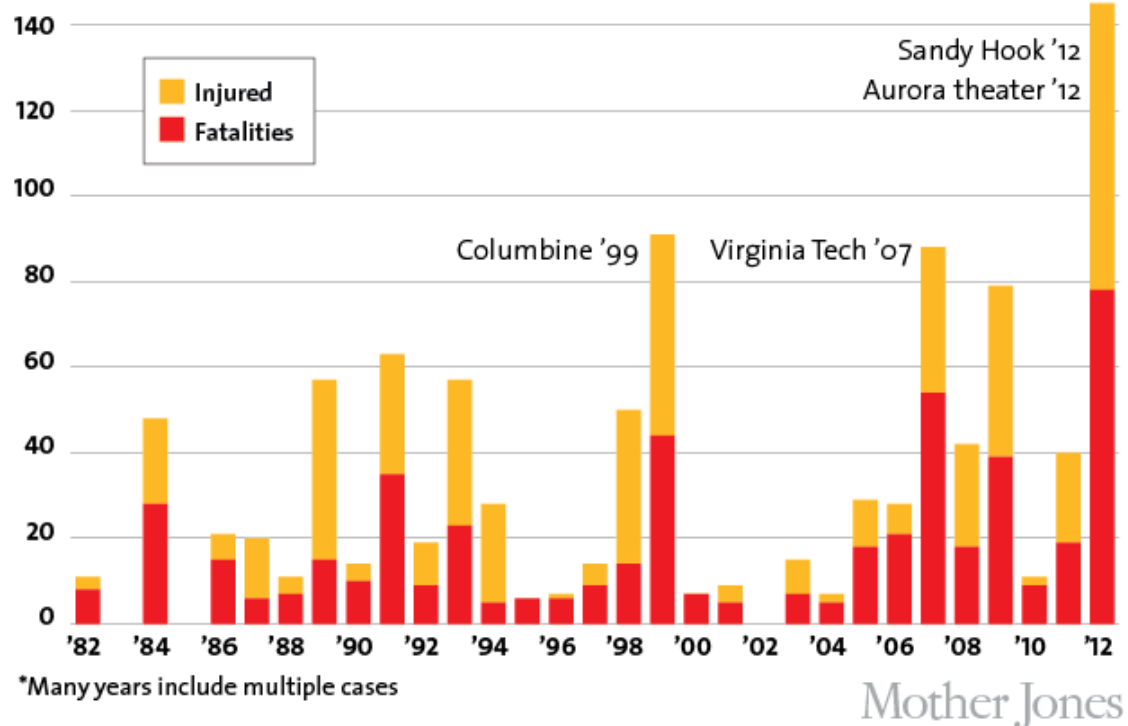


Number of full-time employees in the United States from 1990 to 2021 (in millions)



Conjecture: As central governments get more powerful and authoritarian, mass shootings increase.

Annual mass shooting casualties*



Mechanism: Centralized winner-take-all democracy causes extreme polarization & tribal hate.