

The issue is not gun control—it is **crime** control. Disarming law-abiding citizens or reducing our ability to defend ourselves, our families and our property does nothing but encourage more crime because criminals are emboldened by weak and defenseless people. If any of the adults at Sandy Hook had been licensed for concealed carry and been armed, the massacre would not have occurred. If the Petit family had a gun in their home, the women would be alive today. More guns = less crime.

So enact legislation which provides harsh punishment for crimes involving a gun. If a gun-carrying criminal knows he'll be in prison for the rest of his life with no chance of parole, that will reduce gun violence markedly.

As for insane shooters such as Adam Lanza, no amount of laws will stop them. For that we need better mental health screening and treatment. We also need more armed citizens with the right to carry, especially in schools. Eliminate the gun-free zones; they merely encourage gun violence.

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