

There is no evidence that stricter gun control affects gun violence. Additional legislation only serves to limit our second amendment rights and affects the present gun owners. In fact, states such as Texas with less stringent gun laws, have less violent incidences with guns. Criminals and potential criminals will obtain guns illegally no matter what the laws say. The issue of mental health services needs to be addressed in the state. It seems that we do not have alternatives for mentally ill people that could be a threat to society. I realize that we can go back to the practices of the 50's but there must be a process, a safety net for families that have young adult children and teenagers with mental health issues. Finally, I do feel that an armed guard in every public school is a good idea. It is a deterrent for someone who wishes to harm children. Many high schools have guards already.

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