

What if the Sandy Hook shooter had lived? The focus would have been different. This gunman committed cruel, selfish and horrific crimes against innocents. He was too cowardly to face the consequences of his actions. All of the possible contributing factors, including weapons, mental health care, entertainment messages..... all of these pale in comparison to the blame to be placed directly on the killer himself. The sad event raised many issues and makes everyone want to do something about it, understandably. How can this emotion be constitutionally directed at the 80 million law abiding gun owners, now at risk of losing their rights? Legislators are focused on the wrong things. There are already many gun laws. Criminals ignore laws. It is against the law to murder. The only thing gun laws do is limit the citizen's ability, and God given right, to protect.

What if the gunman had lived? The focus would have been different. In Connecticut he would have been safely protected by the law. From a legal perspective, the attorneys and victims families would not have even had the option to consider prosecuting with the death penalty, not even to bargain for a guilty plea to spare all from a lengthy trial. Let's add another topic to the list of issues.