

Hello Members of the Gun Violence Task Force-

Over the past month there has been a lot of discussion about controlling guns and banning more of everything. I am neither a gun owner nor particularly like guns but I do not see how bans will work. Bans of all sorts have not worked in the past on really anything even when implemented at the federal level. My thoughts are that certain individuals should be prevented from obtaining guns and if necessary some people should be forced into hospitals for help. Those who use guns in any way for purposes other than self defense, target shooting, and hunting should also be prosecuted every single time. There is no excuse to hurt anyone with a gun if it is not for some sort of defense.

My last point to make is that even though I do not like guns, as a woman, I very much understand why some people may feel the need to carry a gun. Police are rarely there when a crime is committed and it usually falls to the victim to protect herself/himself. If I ever felt the need to carry a gun I would always rather have more bullets than fewer. I am sure the criminal will not carry fewer of anything because it is the law and additionally who can determine what sort of attack anyone will face or how many bullets may need to be fired for any situation.

Thank you.

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