

Please don't dishonor the children and teachers murdered in Newtown by using their deaths as political leverage for political agendas.

Oppose knee jerk legislation and bad law that will injure and kill more CT and US citizens when enacted.

Most every statistic and most all data presented without bias shows that restricting guns and ammunition further, will kill more CT and US citizens.

As guns sales have increased DRAMATICALLY, violent crime and murder have fallen dramatically.

Violent Crime and murder rates have certainly not risen....though MILLIONS more guns are now in the hands of law abiding citizens over the Last 4 years.

The beautiful Petit family, two young girls and their parents in Cheshire, CT, who were raped, tied up and lit on fire while still alive, only a few short years ago, proving beyond a doubt that we should all have the ability to protect our children and spouses by reasonable means. When one or multiple intruders enter your premises, a 10 round clip is not enough to protect your family. What would you do if 2 or 3 criminals invaded your home with unknown intent or intent to harm, rape or kill your family? And the police were more than 5 minutes away... maybe 10, 20, or 30 minutes or longer from being able to respond? We all need the means to protect our families and ourselves.



[http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-504083\\_162-20017372-504083.html](http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-504083_162-20017372-504083.html)

Please see data below summarized from FactCheck.Org and the FBI:

# FIREARM FACTS

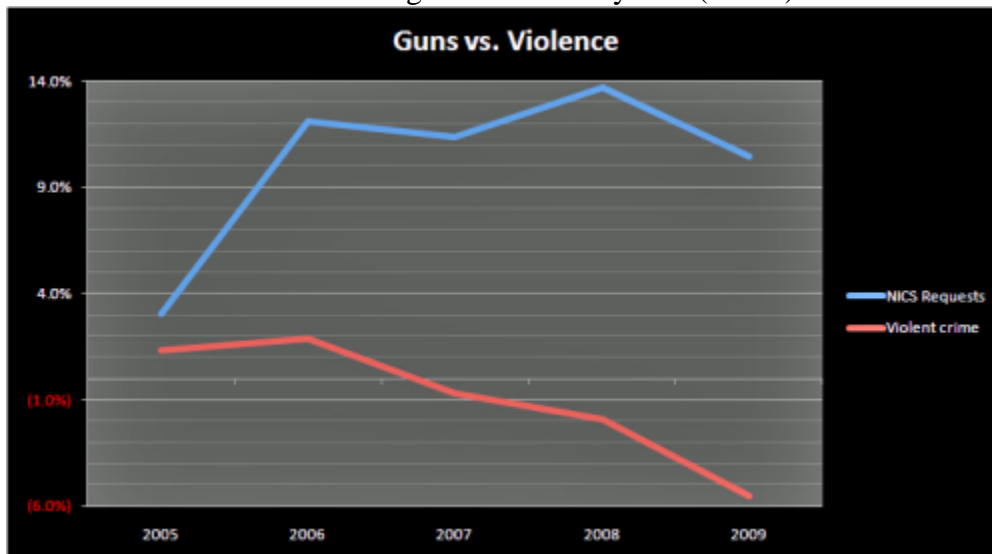
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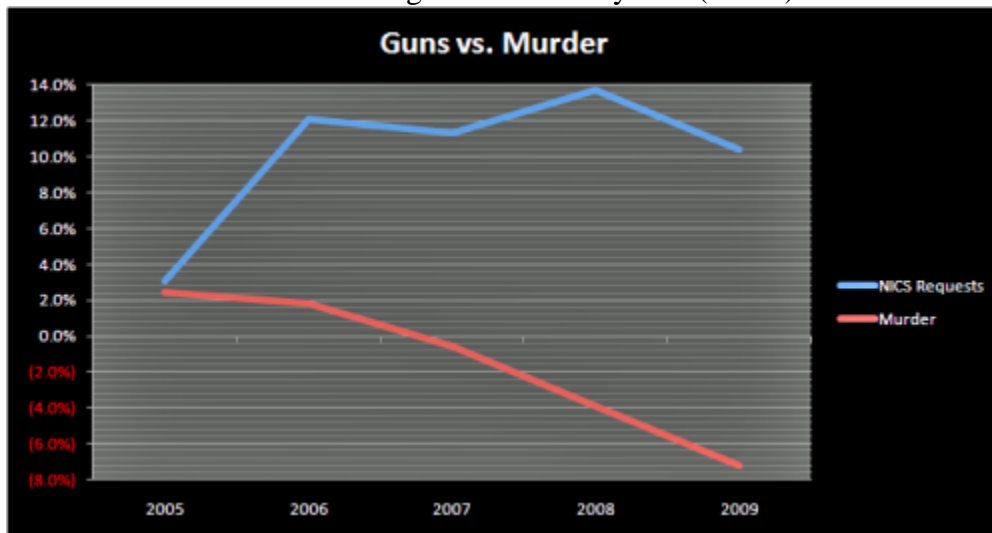
 <p><b>GUN OWNERSHIP</b> 88.8 per 100 people in 2007 84 per 100 people in 2001</p>	 <p><b>U.S. GUN MANUFACTURING</b> 3,717,831 in 2007 6,107,512 in 2011</p>
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National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NCIS) vs Violent Crime. Source - FBI



National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NCIS) vs Murder. Source - FBI



Reductions are in (RED) below

**Percent Annual Change in Violent Crime Rates**

<i>Years</i>	<i>Violent crime</i>	<i>Murder</i>	<i>Forcible rape</i>	<i>Robbery</i>	<i>Aggravated assault</i>	<i>NICS Growth</i>
2005-6	1.9%	1.8%	(2.0%)	7.2%	(0.2%)	12.1%
2006-7	(0.7%)	(0.6%)	(2.5%)	(0.5%)	(0.6%)	11.4%
2007-8	(1.9%)	(3.9%)	(1.6%)	(0.7%)	(2.5%)	13.7%
2008-9	(5.5%)	(7.2%)	(3.1%)	(8.1%)	(4.2%)	10.4%