

Regards,

Due to recent events and an increased media focus on firearms in the news we now face renewed threats to our Constitutional rights. While I understand the desire to make change, blaming firearms or their owners and punishing them is not the answer to the challenges we face as a nation. It has been proven in the past that additional laws will not decrease the violent crime rate. Statistics to prove this exist, and I would be glad to discuss all sorts of statistics regarding this issue with you.

Since it hits the closest to home, I will reference the Sandy Hook tragedy. We already have laws that were violated by a man who was likely psychotic and heavily medicated. This man was stopped by the mandatory background check from purchasing firearms. He then decided to murder his mother and take her legally owned firearms to commit this tragedy.

So let's run through this thought process: A person steals guns, (WHICH IS AGAINST THE LAW), shoots and kills his own mother (WHICH IS AGAINST THE LAW), transports these guns loaded (WHICH IS AGAINST THE LAW), brings guns onto school property (WHICH IS AGAINST THE LAW), breaks into the school (WHICH IS AGAINST THE LAW), discharges the weapons within city limits (WHICH IS AGAINST THE LAW), murders 26 people (WHICH IS AGAINST THE LAW), and commits suicide (WHICH IS AGAINST THE LAW). And yet there is a push to enact more laws that will be broken by these people.

The only people that a gun ban law would impact are the LAW ABIDING CITIZENS, which will only serve to cripple the ability to protect ourselves.

Mental health care is what should be focused on, but the media cannot portray this as 'evil' like they can a black rifle, that which I might add accounts for less than 1% of firearm violent crimes every year in the United States. Again, the statistics are there, published for all to find. I would be happy to provide you with the sources.

If there are facts out there that prove cosmetic features of a rifle make it more deadly, please show them to me. Connecticut already has one of the strictest restrictions on firearm laws in the nation, including restrictions on so-called 'assault weapons'. Please keep in mind that these rifles, being depicted by the media as 'evil', are simply semi-automatic rifles. One trigger pull = one shot fired. No more no less. I would bet my lifes savings that the same amount of damage could be inflicted by a bolt-action rifle with little practice.

This brings me to my next idea: high-capacity magazines. (They are not 'clips' like the media commonly uses, clips are used for quick reloading of bolt action/non-removable magazine rifles like the M1Garand or Mosin Nagant.) I welcome you to read this story, and tell me you are comfortable with your family member having 6 rounds to protect his/her life.

<http://atlantablackstar.com/2013/01/10/georgia-woman-who-shot-intruder-hailed-as-model-gun-owner/> What if there had been multiple intruders? This man was hit with 5 rounds and was still able to flee. It is likely this woman, whom the media did not make a peep of because it is against their 'guns are evil' agenda, would have been in serious trouble had there been more than one

intruder. Personally I would like as many rounds as possible. It is my life or theirs, I will protect myself any way necessary.

The amount of misinformation used by the media to sway public opinion is disgusting, and I am ashamed to live in a country that publishes so much information without facts. I was shocked to see a segment on Fox News called "Reality Check" with Ben Swann. If you have not seen it, PLEASE WATCH. It is full of STATISTICS and FACTS, NOTHING ELSE. Piers Morgan greatly touts that Europe is a safer place to live with FALSE and SKEWED facts. Please look up "Reality Check" on YouTube, there is a whole segment on how his facts are skewed and wrong.

If your true goal is to protect the citizens, then enact legislation that will do that. Banning firearms that are rarely used in crime (less than 1% of the time) is not going to stop such tragedies, that was proven in 1999 when the Columbine shooting took place under the 1994 ban. Do something meaningful, please. Make committing the insane easier. Put armed security guards in our schools (though I believe in arming teachers would be much more effective and feasible). Work to clean up the inner-cities and reduce gang violence. Stop the portrayal by the media that being 'gangsta' is 'cool'. But do not strip us of our rights and property by passing additional anti-gun laws that have historically had no positive effect on crime in our nation or others.

I will end my somewhat-disorganized (for which I apologize) letter with something you may not be aware of:

Most people don't know that Kristallnacht, the famous "night of broken glass" in Germany in 1938, was actually a gun roundup. It is considered the beginning of the Holocaust, but what most people leave out is that Hitler published sweeping gun confiscation legislation on November 11, 1938, the day after the famous Nazi rioting. You will find the same gun confiscations in the pages of the dictatorial and murderous takeovers of China, Cambodia, Ukraine and throughout history. The first thing every government spinning out of control does is register the guns. Then they round up the guns. Then they declare martial law, putting the military in charge.

Again, I would be happy to discuss ANY of these points with you. While I do not have the best memory, I would be happy to look up and provide you facts on anything you desire regarding the issue. Do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you.  
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