

In this entire debate since the tragedy at Sandy Hook all we keep hearing is the debate about violence acted upon the unarmed. We never hear about the positive aspects of gun ownership. According to John Lott in "More Guns Less Crime", 2 million people every year use a firearm for protection. We never hear about these occurrences because in most cases they never need to fire a shot. If the government restricts the rights of people to use firearms for protection, what happens to those 2 million people who refused to be victims. Do they become statistics? Also, it should be noted that the Bushmaster AR-15 is NOT an assault rifle. It isn't a military rifle. No army uses it because it is a civilian rifle based on a military platform but it has been modified to prevent full auto firing. Rifles like these are used by millions of people every year for enjoyment, sport & protection.

High capacity magazine do not make this weapon any more dangerous than any other semi-auto rifle.

Limiting the capacity of magazine will render many rifles and pistols that are legal no unusable. Manufacturers will not make lower capacity magazines just for Connecticut customers. The cost to tool up one magazine can run to over \$150,000 for each caliber.

I urge the committee to look at the other side of the issue and not react in the heat of the tragedy.

Thank you,
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