

Hi, I'm Justin Williams I live in Naugatuck, I have 2 toddlers, this is my opinion on the current laws around guns.

What are laws for?

Laws do not prevent anyone from doing anything they just make people sit in a room for a long time for doing something the government doesn't approve.

If laws worked the way you want, there would never be any crime. Outlawing drugs sure worked.

What is the job of the police?

To catch the person who does something the government doesn't approve, that it.

Nothing here prevents crime; laws just try to intimidate criminals.

In the end you are responsible to protect yourself.

We cannot live in a bubble, there will always be that chance that this is your last day. The government cannot stop a psychopath especially not with laws, only thing that can stop a psychopath is with force. The best means of self-defense is a gun, there should be no gun free zones without armed guards, including schools. You will never be able to block every way a psychopath can go on a mass killing spree, thankfully these incidence are not common, you are more likely to die in a car crash and no one thinks twice about driving.

I think most people that want to ban guns are thinking with their heart not their head.

You will never be able to ban all guns, period. Even if you collect every gun in the world today, there will be more guns tomorrow. What is a gun? A gun is a very simple device a tube with a spring loaded hammer or pin to hit the back of a bullet. Anyone with any manufacturing skills can make a gun, they are not complicated they were making them 100s of years ago, to get a highly accurate, reliable, safe gun, that is harder. Do you really believe locks or smart guns is going to solve the problem of keeping guns from the wrong hands. Cars have very sophisticated anti-theft devices and they are still stolen, smart systems bypassed all the time.

Same with magazines, a magazine is nothing more than a tube with a spring, to lower the bullet count they simply install a plug. It would be easy for someone with a little skill to build or modify a magazine to hold more bullets. A psychopath planning to going on a shooting spree is going to carry multiple magazines and have them ready to quickly swap out so even if they had a lower number of bullets in a magazine doesn't affect their lethality. A person caring a gun for self-defense is not going to be ready for combat and a small magazine would greatly hinder their ability to protect themselves. Think of the person who hears someone break into their house in the middle of the night running down the stairs in their birthday suit with a gun in one hand and three magazines in the other. Also be aware not all bullets are equal a larger capacity goes hand and hand with smaller bullets.

The world is smaller now, you hear about a shooting seconds after it happens from other side of the country or even world. It makes good news so it gets a lot of press, even though overall gun crime and mass shooting has been and is still on a decline. Cars accidents kill way more people but you will not see an accident on the news unless it was a school bus going off a cliff.

Accidents are just too common no one thinks twice. Why isn't there a push to limit the speed of cars? It is all too easy for a 16 year old to dive 100mph into an innocent person. Cars are too common no one thinks twice about how dangerous they are. Guns on the other hand have a scary misnomer that they are dangerous.

Guns are not as dangerous as people think, the only time a gun can be considered dangerous is when it is being handled, and when it is being handled for self-defense I would go as far as saying guns are opposite of dangerous, guns save lives. A holstered gun is a safe, think of a gun like a car, a holstered gun is like a parked car, no one cares how fast, how much gas, or how big the car is when it is parked. A gun being handled is like driving a car, yes accidents can happen, however, an accident with a gun only leads to one death where a car accident can lead to multiple deaths. Yes any death is bad but again we cannot live in a bubble you need to live a normal life.

There are a lot of ways a person can die or kill someone, yes guns are the easiest that is why they make such a good self-defense device, actually in CT it is really the only legal self-defense tool we have, so many other weapons are band, such as tasers, brass knuckles, night sticks, and large knives because they are considered "Dangerous Weapons".

I also believe guns keep our country free; by keeping the government in check, we should be allowed to possess the same firepower as our infantry. Yes you have tanks and bombs but a civil war would be fought with small arms, I know it is extreme thinking and no one wants to even consider it but it is true. Are you scared of an angry mob with sticks or an angry mob with ARs? Guns protect the general public, myself and my family every day, against criminals and don't forget animals the only time I had to use my gun was to protect my kids against a rabid animal. An ammunition tax will only prevent people from practicing shooting, ammunition is already expensive to maintain proficiency with your firearm. I also believe guns safety should be taught in school.