

Gun Violence in America

When driving down the road and you see a Policeman you slow down. When criminals see a gun they are likely to think twice about committing a crime. After all there is a difference, Criminals break laws and Citizens abide by them. When you make a law it is your intention that all follow but we know that doesn't always apply. You can't stop people from killing people by banning guns. Our Vice President Joe Biden said "If we can save one life it will be worth it." But think of all the crimes that are stopped by guns. Dr. Gary Kleck PHD of the ACLU and Dr. Marc Gertz did a study and said U.S. Citizens with guns stop 2.5 million crimes a year. That's nearly 7,000 a day! Also 1.9 mil. of them are stopped with handguns. How many have I stopped? None. That's not the point. The point is that I have the means to do so if it happens. Your proposed gun control laws would disarm or limit me as well as other law abiding citizens guaranteeing the criminals will have the upper hand. Instead of saving just one life like the Vice President said you just endangered 7,000 a day. The criminals know the places where they can have easy targets like elderly housing or open all night mini marts, and what about gun free zones? What kind of guarantee do we get with that? The number one responsibility for the State is to protect its citizens "NOT DISARM THEM". The 2nd amendment of The Bill of Rights is clear about this, especially Connecticut's version in defense of self and state. You Representatives took an oath to uphold this document and it should be the template from which all laws are drawn. Remember They are The Bill of Rights not Needs. The right to protect oneself or their family is a God given Right. You cannot Surrender, Sell or Transfer unalienable Rights-They are a gift from the Creator to the individual. Do not infringe on these Rights.

You talk about stricter gun laws. Well you got stricter with drunk drivers but you didn't stop the rest of us from driving. So when someone kills another why would I lose my rights? When the Cheshire home invasion occurred you didn't do anything to stop future home invasions. Instead you came up with early release which caused the release of violent criminals and those convicted of other degrees of sexual assault, arson, and many other violent crimes, still can have their sentences reduced, also 10% of these were back in jail the first year. Then you repealed the Death Penalty, although 62% of Connecticut's citizens still wanted the penalty you did not listen to the people you dictated. You have made the criminal the new victim mentality in this state. Why you coddle or give them rights is beyond me. For some reason you blame their childhood or their peers or the very system you designed. Also not dealing with mental health for decades is now at the forefront. It's time you stood up for the citizens you were sworn to serve. It's the Citizens that should be allowed to protect themselves by any means not the criminals. They will always have the firepower. Will we? There is evil out there and putting limits on how we are to protect ourselves is ludicrous. You cannot tell me how, when or what danger is out there or how to stop it and if I'm dialing 911 it is already too late.

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