

To my Legislators,

As I write an analogy, I'm sure it will be completely dismissed by some, but again as the statistical facts about the use of the so called assault rifles are ignored so will these be ignored. Does anyone doubt that a major cause of deaths on our highways are caused by excessive speed? Does everyone realize that vehicles can be manufactured and have their gears designed to not go above a certain speed? When a person commits vehicular homicide caused by excessive speed or drunk driving, the person gets punished, not the vehicle. It sounds pretty stupid to punish the vehicle when we know it is a human being operating the inanimate object. So to should we punish to the fullest extent of the law the person who misuses the inanimate object that is a firearm and not the inanimate object itself. As I said, this would be roundly dismissed and senseless tragedies will take place on the highways because people will misuse the tool of travel. The analogy is straight on and anyone who dismisses the comparison is completely wrong. Again, as the vehicle can still "kill" at slower speeds so to can a firearm with 1 bullet in it because in each case the common denominator is the human behind the tool.

Can we not make laws based on emotions but based on facts. The media touts the number of gun deaths in England which has a complete firearms ban as so much lower than ours but what they deliberately fail to report is that the incidence of violent crimes is 3 times that of our country. The people are much more defenseless and are more frequently victims of rape and assaults. We are not criminals that own firearms legally and do not treat us as such and do not create laws that will automatically turn us into criminals. Get to the Root Cause of the problem. Mass killings have shown to be caused by Mentally unstable individuals. Renew our Obligation to these poor individuals and provide the services they need to be productive members of society instead of destructive members. Provide hope and programs to the youth of New Haven and Hartford who routinely use illegal firearms to kill. Why are 14 year olds shooting other 14 year olds? What is the Root Cause?

Regards,

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