

I think you can only have a safer Connecticut if you can decrease gun violence.

- There have been at least 1243 gun deaths as of 1/24/13 since Newtown
- Abused women are 6 times as likely to be murdered if there is a gun in the home
- The majority of children killed by guns are killed by guns in their own homes
- The risk of suicide goes up 5 times if there is a gun in the home
- A gun is 22 times more likely to be used in a suicide, homicide or accident than in self-defense

A gun death is almost always a death that could be prevented if there was not a gun available. All it takes is an angry person, not necessarily a mentally ill person, and the easy availability of a gun, and we know the outcome.

There are many more people who are injured by guns and not killed. They don't show up on many statistics, but their lives are forever changed, and not for the better.

We employ law enforcement professionals; are we listening to what they have to say? Why are we paying them large salaries, and ignoring their advice? Do they advocate guns, assault rifles, etc? Do they feel safe sending their officers to places where they could be shot and killed?

We are NOT ignoring the second amendment in regulating firearms in any way at all. This is a specious argument that has only recently been advanced by the NRA. And the NRA is just a mouthpiece for the firearms industry, and preying on the fears of government tyranny and citizens rising up to overthrow the tyrannical government. What a bunch of crap they are spouting and successfully getting people all fearful.

There are many, many people who don't want a country full of armed people. Many of them, like me, will no longer feel safe on our streets and buildings if everyone is carrying a loaded gun. It seems to me that government ought to be concerned with making our lives safe.

Thank you.

I can provide the sources for my statistics, if needed.

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