

One of the hottest issues today across the country is gun control. It is an issue that has divided the country into believing certain guns are bad guns or certain people are bad.

After what happened in Newtown a whole Nation mourned and wanted this to never happen again and legislators and Politicians felt a need to take action. The President of the United States appointed Mr Biden and a panel to tackle this issue so we could come up with solutions to make sure this would never happen again. New York State Governor Cuomo saw this as an opportunity to capitalize on and took matters in his own hands passing laws because this is what he believes is right. It's politicians like him, that I would never want in office because he reacted on impulse rather than gathering all the necessary information before making a well thought out decision. Senator Feinstein wants the world to believe that there are certain types of firearms and their holding capacity that are the cause of such mass horror. The one problem that all of the politicians above have is that they all have issues with the law abiding citizens owning certain firearms. I thought it was in all of the parties best interest to come up with a solution to stop this from happening again. The Clinton 10 year ban did not have any conclusive findings that banning certain firearms and magazines curbed gun violence so the ban was lifted.

John Stossel of 20/20 did a report on gun control and aired his findings the prisoners he interviewed stated that gun laws do not have an impact on them because they didn't go to gun stores or gun shows to buy their firearms. The one thing that the criminals did fear was when robbing a house they were not familiar with and not knowing if the owner had a gun!

Tragedies like Newtown should not be cause to take action we should have done it a long time ago because young children have been getting caught in the crossfire for a long time and gun control will not solve any problems, we need to confront the real issues at hand which is violence and enforce the existing laws and the penalties already in place.

It's not the law abiding citizen we need to take action upon it is the ones that break the laws and the ones that wreak havoc on our city streets they need to be dealt with in a more stringent way and to let them carry out their sentencing to the fullest. More people die everyday with blunt objects than with guns.

Senator Feinstein wants a list of every scary looking firearm to be banned because she doesn't like firearms she is redefining what an assault weapon is to make sure most firearms fit in to what she believes need to be banned. How is this going to help with the violence issues when law abiding citizens are the only ones affected by her actions?

The NRA and ALL of the elected officials in office both want the same thing we want to reduce violence with or without guns! In Connecticut we have some of the most stringent gun laws in the Nation. We do not need more gun laws we need a system that could filter and seek out these potentially harmful people. We need information from all sources like our children in the form of them consulting with school staff, Law enforcement, as well as from the our psychiatric and medical field personal.

Competent, law abiding, citizens and law enforcement should have the right to use any platform style firearm no matter how scary it looks it's the mechanics of the rifle that make it different. Senator Feinstein and a lot of other politicians wants the general public to believe that the list of firearms that she provided were made for one thing but she is wrong those weapons are reserved for our Military to use and the Semi-automatic platform (AR15) for sale to civilians since 1963 are internally different from the full automatic M-16, although nearly identical in external appearance. Senator Feinstein is leading the people of this country to believe that civilians are using the same weapons as our military this is not true. Her hatred for guns like Governor Cuomo is so powerful they will manipulate the truth and say whatever it takes to have the general public to see things their way making this whole issue about guns control rather than violence.

One of the biggest problems that I have with certain politicians is that they will focus on their own agenda's rather than focus on resolving the real issues and problems. We all want the violence to end and owning certain firearms does not make one a violent person and banning certain firearms isn't going to help resolve violence issues.

Violent crimes come in many forms like the ones carried out on the Petit family or the ones carried out by Bin Laden, Timothy McVeigh, Theodore Kaczynski, Charles Manson and your inner city local gang members. Crimes from each individual are carried out by different means of terror and if the politicians had as much passion with violent crimes as they do with controlling the law abiding citizens with the gun issue, I don't think there would be an issue with guns except for the people that just hate guns like Senator Feinstein and Governor Cuomo.

The FBI reports that violent crime is down over 15% from when the Clinton gun ban had ended and in order to keep that trend going in the right direction we need to focus on violence issues, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault and hate crimes. The FBI's 2011 statistics report states "Murder" accounted for 1.2% of all violent crimes in which 67% of murders were with firearms and only a very small fraction of those murders were with the weapons that are proposed to be banned in Senator Feinstein list.

The American people have a chance to really show support on real corrective measures to combat all acts of violence please contact your legislator's and tell them your tired of law makers going after law abiding citizens

and if they truly want to make us all safer to make the right choices and punish the criminals!

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