
Subject: San Francisco considers firearm ban
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Get in touch with reality, please.

You only restrict law-abiding citizens from owning guns with which to protect themselves from purchasing firearms. Criminals are going to break the law anyway, so it wouldn't matter to them if they break one more law to get a gun. Just making them illegal won't solve the problem; if anything, it'll exacerbate the problem. Criminals will know their victims are defenseless, thus making San Francisco a prime target for murderers, armed assaultists, rapists, etc.

I'll make this more clear with two scenarios, one with that handgun ban in place and one without.

With the ban: I'm a law-abiding citizen sound asleep in my San Francisco apartment, when I awake to a crashing sound. I look over to the window ten feet from my bed and see glass on the floor and a dark figure climb through. I knew I lived in sort of a dangerous part of town, so I always had a phone on the end table right next to my bed so I can quickly call 911. I pick up my phone and try to dial 911, and the call connects, but before I can utter a single word to the 911 operator, the intruder has run over to my bed and bashed my skull in with his crowbar. The operator traces the call to my apartment and dispatches the police. They arrive ten minutes later to find my invaded apartment that's been torn to pieces by the intruder and all the valuables stolen and my body with half a skull.

Without the ban: I'm a law-abiding citizen sound asleep in my San Francisco apartment, when I awake to a crashing sound. I look over to the window ten feet from my bed and see glass on the floor and a dark figure climb through. I knew I lived in sort of a dangerous part of town, so I always had a loaded gun on the end table next to my bed so I can quickly respond to any such situations. I reach over, grab the gun, aim it at the intruder's head. "If you so much as twitch, I swear to God I will blow your fucking brains out. Put whatever it is you have down, put your hands up and don't fucking move." I say to the intruder. I keep the gun trained on his head, not looking away for a second, and I pick up the phone and call 911. I tell the operator my apartment has just been invaded and I have the intruder held at gunpoint. The police come to my apartment and apprehend the intruder.

Which scenario would you rather take, the one with the ban on handguns, or the one without? The logical choice, of course, would be the second, and I hope you agree.
