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Subject: Re: Man returns gun ammo to walmart at 1300 feet per second

Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Wed, 12 Sep 2007 18:57:33 GMT

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Nukelt15 wrote on Wed, 12 September 2007 14:28 I believe, with utter conviction, that it is not the availability of weapons which leads people to be violent. It is not the prevalence of violence in the media, or any other factor than this: society as a whole, across most of the world, consists of people who are unwilling to take action to protect anyone's interests but their own. That allows a few predatory individuals to take advantage of anyone they perceive as weak, because they know most of humanity has neither the will nor the ability to do anything about it. I guarantee that crime would all but vanish if we could just persuade the mass to enact laws enabling people to act in each others' defense- but that will never happen. It will never happen because the majority of humanity would rather pretend that they are above violence of any sort, that they would not resort to such measures and therefore that others would not act violently towards them. Bullshit. I completely agree. Even in the animal kingdom, animals seek to do harm against others. Mostly it's territorial or for protection, but it still happens. Violence is inevitable. The only way to combat violence is for there to be a threat of violence.

Quite frankly, just about anything can be used for violence. Rocks, glass, baseball bats, guns, knives, cars, razors, scissors, lamps, plates, water, arms, legs, hands, feet, teeth, and pillows are all things that have been used to harm people. It's just impossible to remove any threat of violence. Sure, you can say that banning guns would make it one less thing available, but if you're going to kill someone, you'll do it with or without guns. Plus, as we've argued and shown SEVERAL times in this thread, guns are great for protection.

Why did the Cold War not progress further than it did? While some may consider this ideology to be absurd, I fully believe that M.A.D. is the reasoning why things didn't progress. The threat of destruction was enough to keep destruction from happening.

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