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Subject: Re: RIP charleston heston

Posted by [GoArmy44](#) on Fri, 25 Apr 2008 18:34:26 GMT

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cheesesoda wrote on Fri, 25 April 2008 10:29Robbers, generally, aren't out to be murderers. They're not going to kill the owner of the house, but I don't doubt that they'll carry a weapon, at least a knife. Even if it was their intent, there's still a chance that you can wake up. I'd rather own a gun and bank on me waking up than just shrugging my shoulders and accept that the intruder is going to kill me before I wake up, so there's no point in getting a gun. That's just fucking stupid.

Plus, if you buy a gun for protection, you generally don't buy it EXPECTING to be attacked/robbed, you buy it IN CASE you are. You don't EXPECT to have a house fire, so you buy a smoke detector. You buy the smoke detector IN CASE it happens. The same thing goes for alarm systems and airbags in cars. Do you intend on getting into a car accident? I know I don't, but I feel safer having an airbag to protect me IN CASE I get into an accident.

Do some people buy guns out of paranoia? Sure, but I wouldn't say the majority of people are paranoid.

Guns aren't even just for protection, either. They are used for sport and hunting, too. Plus, if you take guns away from the law-abiding citizens, you leave the weapons in the hands of those with malicious intentions. Even if you were to somehow remove all guns from black markets worldwide and stop the production of weapons outside of military and police forces, you'd still have people making their own guns. They're not that difficult to create on one's own. Sure, the guns created won't be incredibly sophisticated, but with the technology available, they could be damn near as effective.

Not to mention that it's a fucking fantasy idea to think that removing guns is going to help reduce crime. As cliché as it is, guns don't kill people, people kill people. You can remove the weapon, but you can't remove the evil in people. It just won't happen, and there's been violence for millenia before guns were produced. Hell, there's violence in the animal kingdom. You'd have to be a fucking idiot to think that we can escape human nature by eradicating guns from society.

I agree with all of what you are saying, but unless I have missed it in your post you are forgetting the number one reason people should be able to own guns and that reason is to keep the power into the hands of the people, to prevent the government from encroaching on people's civil liberties. Putting the fear of the people into the minds of the government makes them...somehow unwilling to try to restrict liberties of the populace. I am willing to bet that was the reason the founders put the Second Amendment into the Constitution. They saw the surprise and utter frustration the British had during the Revolutionary War in trying to disarm and pacify the colonies.

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