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Subject: Re: Gun control

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If I want a sniper rifle or a machine gun, I should damn well have the right to own one. The VAST majority of people with these guns would have no intention to use it against other people, even in times of self-defense because those weapons would just be too cumbersome. Plus, just because you restrict a certain type of gun to citizens doesn't mean you're preventing criminals from getting them. Also, why don't we hear more about incidents like the DC Sniper? Sure, he bought the gun legally, but this is a rare occurrence. Why? Because the VAST majority of people aren't looking to go killing people randomly. Those that do, they'll get the gun any way they can. Even if the "sniper" had to get it from the black market, the worst it would have done was delay the shootings, not prevent them.

The Second Amendment wasn't FOR the times it was written, but BECAUSE of the time that it was written. The colonies saw just how dangerous a tyrannical government was, and they knew damn well that it would happen again. If the people weren't guaranteed the right to own guns, there would be no way of defending themselves against an army WITH guns. Tell me, how well do sticks and knives do against guns and cannons (now would be artillery)?

Even if guns didn't help with the self-defense of innocent civilians (and boy do they), we need them to fend off a tyrannical government. You know, much like the one that the US government is currently becoming. There may just come a time that we have to fight and die for our rights again, and we can't do that without guns. Don't tell me it can't happen, either. Our founding fathers made some grim prophesies about what would happen with the eroding of our civil liberties. They've been dead on the money. I won't be doubting their wisdom. Human nature doesn't change.

Anybody willing to deny that guns used for self-defense assist people isn't someone I want to even debate. The fact that most people with guns are responsible. Even then, accidents WILL happen. If you want to talk about accidental gun shootings, then we need to talk about the accidental car deaths. We should talk about drownings. We should talk about people dying while playing sports. The fact is, accidents happen all of the time, and people die as a result. It's incredibly tragic, but let's not get carried away and suggest that we all live in a fucking bubble to protect us from dangers.

Edit: I won't deny that people buy guns in excess, and a lot of the guns aren't needed. That's a given. People like to own a lot of things. It's just human nature. However, the same can be said just about everything. I have 2 computers, a laptop and a desktop. I don't need both. I have several First Person Shooter games. I have 200 CDs. I have a phone that can play MP3s AND an MP3 player I have several hard drives that aren't even half-full. The thing is, I wouldn't even call myself very materialistic, either. I bet some of you have way more things in excess. Should we take all of this away? Are you willing to? Hmm?

Edit 2: Apparently that Bushmaster XM-15 (AR-15) used in the DC Sniper attacks was stolen, too.

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