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Subject: Re: Gun control

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Yes, gun crimes are heat of the moment. However, let's take a look at who actually are the ones doing the shootings.

Prevalence of homicide and violent crime is greatest in urban areas of the United States.

The rising trend in homicide rates during the 1980s and early 1990s was most pronounced among youths and Hispanic and African American males in the United States, with the injury and death rates tripling for black males aged 13 through 17 and doubling for black males aged 18 through 24.

The rise in crack cocaine use in cities across the United States is often cited as a factor for increased gun violence among youths during this time period.

People with a criminal record are also more likely to die as homicide victims.

In Richmond, Virginia, the risk of gunshot injury is 22 times higher for those males involved with crime.

Judging from those points, it looks pretty good that in America, gun violence is majorily gang related. I would guess that most of these guys have guns that aren't legally owned, too.

Drunk driving becomes illegal because you're unable to control the vehicle, putting people in danger. Handling a gun, and using it for your protection only puts your attackers in danger.

Oh, and "Criminologist Gary Kleck compared various survey and proxy measures and found no correlation between overall firearm ownership and gun violence."

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