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Subject: Re: Gun control

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Nukelt15 wrote on Wed, 25 June 2008 16:10 I've expressed myself at length on this subject quite a few times in the past. I believe that the single best deterrent to crime is the fear of immediate consequence, and that the best way to promise that is to allow the people- the pool of potential victims, the general populace, the sheep, if you will- to arm themselves. Crime would fall like a fucking rock if every gun control law were repealed tomorrow. The vast majority of all crime is committed by people who know what they are doing is wrong and do it anyway. They do what they do because it is easier than hard work and dedication and because they do not fear apprehension by police; why be afraid when you've got several minutes to an hour or more to get away?

I am a gun owner. I own six guns- three rifles, one shotgun, and two handguns. I plan to buy more as soon as I have the money to do so. Do I need all of those guns? No, I don't. For self defense, I would only need the handguns and the shotgun, and probably not even all three weapons. I also don't need a car with 4-wheel-drive, a computer that can play the latest games, my knife collection, my sword, or most of the other stuff I own. Need doesn't come into play; neither the government nor anyone else has the right to deny me these things unless I have proven myself a threat to the people around me. They don't get to tell me what I may or may not own, and for what purpose (again, provided that I do not use it to harm others). That is not the right of government, and it is not the right of my fellow citizens. Call me whatever you will; you do not have the right to disarm me.

Additionally, though guns are indeed weapons, they do not make people willing to kill. They do not tempt people to kill. They make it easier to kill, but the human urges which drive such acts will or won't be present regardless of access to guns or other weapons. Wolves will be wolves, and sheep will be sheep. I know the wolves are out there, so why the hell shouldn't I have access to the most effective means of keeping them at bay? I've yet to hear a single good argument. All of them stem from tearjerking bullshit that ignores reality and human nature.

Would I kill someone who presents a threat to me, my home, or my family? Yes, I would. Would I kill someone because they pissed me off and I hate them? No, I wouldn't. Know why? Because I have self control. I recognize that other people have the same rights I do, which is what forms the basis of any civilized society. If you believe that you would kill people who you don't like simply because you don't like them, then I pity you. You're a pathetic excuse for a human being. Keep your hands and your laws off my guns and out of my fucking home.

As for you twerps across the pond- take a look at your crime rates. Take a good, hard look. Compare them to those places in the US that have right-to-carry laws. Compare them to Switzerland, for fuck's sake. If you don't see the connection, then there's nothing I can say to convince you. You are a lost cause. Feel free to go on ranting about the so-called evils of guns, but also feel free to keep your invasive, draconian government on your side of the Atlantic. Ours is bad enough already.

There are an awful lot of things that I am very open minded about, but this is not one of them. This is an issue that does have a right and a wrong- the numbers prove it, common sense proves it.

There is no link, no evidence, that I can show to you that will change your mind, because if you will not see the facts that are right in front of your face then you are delusional. It is not entirely your own fault; you have been brainwashed, one way or another, into believing that guns = crime. I understand why it makes sense to you, but the gun control viewpoint is in the same category as Communism- it only works so long as everybody agrees to abide by it. It only works so long as there are not people who believe themselves above or outside the system. People like criminals, people like the politicians who hypocritically denounce gun ownership and yet waltz around with armed guards. The ideal of a peaceful society is great on paper, but it simply does not work. Unless they are given a reason to be good and just, people will continue not to be. Guns are that reason. They are the means with which those who are good and just keep those who are not from harming the rest of society.

My dad said that since Michigan passed it's CCW law, he feels like he has to duck and cover while downtown. Wait... no, he didn't. He said he doesn't feel any less safe than he did when Michigan didn't have it's CCW law. Hmm...

Ohh, and you hit the nail on the head, yet again, Nukelt.

SpoonyThe only people who will be inclined to follow laws on guns will be law-abiding citizens; therefore, only criminals will have guns.

I have yet to be given a good defense to this. Hell, now that I think of it, I don't recall ever been given a response to this.

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