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My name is Candy Yow and I am the Oregon Director of the DC Project, Women for Gun Rights. Our main goal is Education, not Legislation, We only fear what we don't understand. For instance, no loving parent would buy a vehicle for their 16-year-old child and just turn them loose without training and teaching them the laws. The same should be used for any firearm training or anything that can be dangerous if not handled and used correctly. When used properly guns save way more lives than ever taken, the facts are out there. Deaths from homicide are actually in the bottom 5 in the list of Top 20 reasons for death in the US. The main reason for any death by firearms is Mental Illness, so do we take everyone's freedom and rights away, because we can't get a handle on Metal Illness, how does that make things right? As an 18-21-year-old you are going through one of the most vulnerable years of your life, an adult with freedom and rights but certainly not prepared for the world we have today. With crime at an all-time high, criminals not held accountable the chance that they may be attacked or even worse if pretty high nowadays. I would not want my child or grandchild to be out without some type of being able to protect themselves. Self Awareness and the ability to protect yourself should be mandatory in the way crime has escalated.

Have any of you ever been brutally attacked? Have you been slammed to the ground by someone larger, stronger, and faster than you, with the uttermost helpless feeling in the world, you know it will not end well and could be extremely horrid. All of this spins in your mind as you try your best to break free but to no avail. I have been in that position more than once, and I will not be a Victim anymore, I will learn the skills I need to protect myself and my family and I will use my God-given Rights to carry to do so. My firearm has never harmed anyone, I am a trained, responsible gun owner, and it is extremely important that I can continue to use those rights and freedoms that we are promised in our 2nd Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America. If you have not read that, I highly suggest as an American that you do so. Thank you so much for your time, Candy Yow Oregon Director of DC Project