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My name is Kevin Mitchell, "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed. " ,and I believe every gun law or bill is wrong because you are taking guns away from good and honest people while criminals are still going to be able to get hands on guns and weapons just as easy as they do now.

The Supreme Court's so-called Bruen decision changed the test that lower courts had long used for evaluating challenges to firearm restrictions. Judges should no longer consider whether the law serves public interests like enhancing public safety, the justices said.

Under the Supreme Court's new test, the government that wants to uphold a gun restriction must look back into history to show it is consistent with the country's "historical tradition of firearm regulation."

So the government should not try and take weapons away from us law abiding citizens and make it harder for us to obtain fire arms to be able to hunt and provide food for our family's and to protect our family and ourselves if need be.

I watch the news and all the time on the west side of the state you see a lot of shootings yes where there is heavily populated areas and people that do not support the rights to own guns, but on the east side of the state almost everyone has a gun and gun violence really isn't a problem because people do not want to deal with gun violence out here but like I had mentioned almost everyone owns a gun.

So in my opinion I think there needs to be more rules in heavily populated areas such as Portland for example I have been there many times and yes I do see a problem there so the city of Portland should do something about that issue, the rest of us law abiding citizens should not be punished because of the things that happen there.

Some issues with guns, like school shootings, call for immediate solutions. Yet we dither and have been doing so for decades. One consistent attempt has been to try to ban assault rifles.

Currently in the wake of recent shootings, this has become the go-to solution for many as it has been in the past. But this is not the solution to this problem. We tried this before from 1994-2004, and yet saw no end during that time period in mass shootings. Recently many have vilified a particular assault rifle, and wish to ban the AR-15 rifle.

Some, such as the great pundit Whoopi Goldberg or the great gun expert President Biden, have claimed the only purpose for this rifle is just to kill people. But when introduced to the American public in 1963 it was marketed as a great rifle for

camping, hunting and collecting, much like the Boy Scout rifles of the 1960s.

Newsflash, all guns can be used to kill people. Years ago a student shot up his school using a relative's target pistol. What if we do ban assault rifles, or just the AR-15 in particular?

Will mass shootings decline? No.

Most mass shootings, upwards of 65%, are committed with pistols. Few are committed with assault rifles. Sadly, since most of these mass shootings are committed at close range, the Boy Scout rifles advertised in the 1960s handbook are just as deadly. Supposedly, the small .22 caliber bullet has been responsible for more American civilian deaths than any other caliber. Gun control is not the solution to school shootings. We cannot magically wave away 400 million guns, some 20 million of which are assault rifles.

What is the solution then?

Simply, and sadly, we have to recognize the reality of things as they are now and harden the schools; bullet-proof glass at the main entrance and controlled access; metal detectors; and make sure all other doors lock from the inside and are locked always. More armed personnel, police and some teachers, in the schools. For society as a whole, more people need to carry concealed. Gun control is a false hope.

Thank You Very Much but Gun control is Definitely not the answer ask people who own them.