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RE: SB 348

No gun law Oregon has passed does anything to actually keep law abiding Oregonians safer including SB 348. The laws only address and restrict law abiding citizens, as a result make us less safe. The proof is gun violence has continued to increase.

Solving gun violence requires actually looking at the problems within that broad scope and breaking them down to solvable problems.

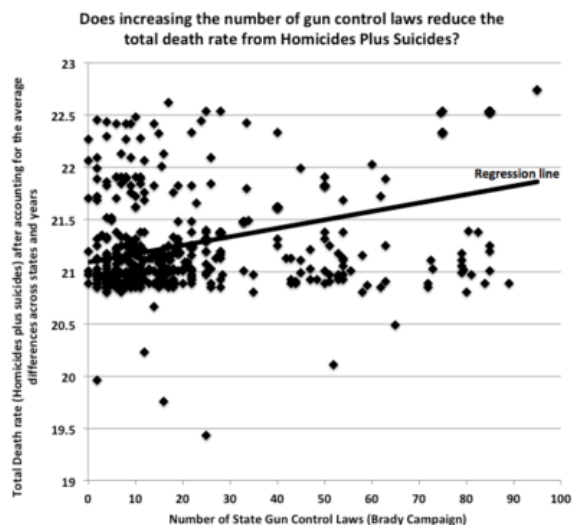
Gun Deaths:

1. Suicide = ~55%
2. Murder = ~43%
  - a. Gang related = ~80%
3. Accidental = ~3%

Each category has a different problem statement, root cause and different solutions. We need to be very data driven in the analysis and solution set.

Over 94% of mass shooting occur in gun free zones. Keeping CCL holders from carrying in schools makes those places soft targets increasing the risk to kids. CCL holders are some of the most law abiding people in the country. Data shows they are convicted of any crime at a dramatically lower rate then non permit holders.

The highest gun death rates occur in cities and states with the tightest gun control laws. Rural areas do not have the same problems cities have. Do not paint Oregon's rural areas with the same brush as the cities. Data shows stricter gun control laws do not reduce gun death rates.



Data shows that where there is a higher rate of gun ownership there is less crime. SB 348 will make any problems Oregon has worse not better.

Lastly, I see nothing in this bill that says what success looks like or what failure looks like. No measures of success or failure and what happens should there be no improvement. This bill is a good example of how not to solve a problem.

Regards;

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