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I will start by saying I grew up in Oregon and have found myself consistently on the side of civil rights and constitutionality as the 2 seem to be mutually inclusive, basing my political beliefs around them has put me at odds with both political parties and I find myself once again opposing a blatantly authoritarian rule that would specifically target minorities and people of color. Law enforcement has already encroached on civil rights in this country to the tipping point and prosecutors feel like they don't harass minorities enough it seems, on top of that \$150 dollars per firearm puts an undue burden on the more financially burdened in our communities, I believe the 8th amendment prevents cruel and unusual punishment and I can't think of anything more cruel and unusual than punishing someone who hasn't done anything wrong. The FBI uniform crime report states that of the 33,000 annual gun deaths, 22,000 are suicides and broken down further only 300-500 are "ALL rifles of ANY type" while "hands and feet" are used in 700-900 homicides. This is another way for authoritarian politicians to put the peasants back in their place, and I for one will be informing my liberal friends of the reality of the pro law enforcement position liberal politicians seem to have taken after pandering for their vote by claiming to "defund the police". Keep this up and people will see how you vote vs how you talk.