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I see little point in wasting legislative time making laws and regulations that time and time again have shown to do absolutely nothing to address the problem they reportedly attempt to be solving. Gun laws hinder only law abiding citizens; we already have laws that make what criminals do illegal. Solve the problem where people are incentivized to commit crime and then you will make progress in reducing crime. "There are more than 22,000 (1) gun laws at the city, county, state, and federal level. If gun control worked, then we should be free of crime. Yet the U.S. government "found insufficient evidence to determine the effectiveness of any of the firearms laws or combinations of laws reviewed on violent outcomes" (2) and also concluded in one study that none of the attackers interviewed was "hindered by any law – federal, state or local –that has ever been established to prevent gun ownership. They just laughed at gun laws." (3)" This Quote is from:

<https://www.gunfacts.info/gun-policy-info/government-gun-laws-and-social-costs/#note-95-1>, along with the sources they sourced below.

(1) Under the Gun: Weapons, Crime, and Violence in America, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms estimate and reported via James Wright, Peter H. Rossi, Kathleen Daly, 1983

(2) First Reports Evaluating the Effectiveness of Strategies for Preventing Violence: Firearms Laws, CDC, Task Force on Community Preventive Services, Oct 3, 2003 – a systematic review of 51 studies that evaluated the effects of selected firearms laws on violence

(3) Violent Encounters: A Study of Felonious Assaults on Our Nation's Law Enforcement Officers, U.S. Department of Justice, August 2006