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I truly wish that the gun control lunatics would take the time to look at stats & history. The regulation of weapons, (of the day), has never worked out good for either the populace or the governments putting them in place. You can go all the way back to at least the Romans and see that regulating the weapon is not the problem, cause, or true issue. Regulation of the people who commit the crimes wit the weapons is where the effort needs to be.

We have by all accounts, a boat load of guns in this country, and yet, based on the sheer numbers, if the guns were truly the issue, we would have a heck of lot more crime, IF THE GUN WAS THE PROBLEM. For years, decades, generations, having guns around was just fine, because then as now, the issue really isn't the gun, it is merely a tool; but the people using them. When used for good, there is no issue at all. When used for bad things, we do NOT punish the criminal.

Our "criminal justice system" is just that, justice for the criminal. Victims no longer count. People who use guns for mass shootings, etc., should be killed, no book deals, no movie deals, just put up against the damn wall and shot. Hell, I will volunteer to do that, even provide my own ammo and gun.

People who have a leaning towards committing those bad acts, need to pay a serious price, a permanent price, one that everyone else sees "did not go well".

Now you can blame video games for a helluva lot of it, because when you play that damn game, several of which bring glory to the worst criminal in the game, and there is no price, no responsibility for your actions, that carries over into real life. We have all seen it way too many times to say it is NOT a huge part of the problem.

But the other, largest, part of the issue is that crime does not result in harsh punishment. I'm not saying you gotta mistreat them, but prison needs to be something you most definitely do not want to go to. Currently, that is not the case.

The Romans,

Austrians,

Germans,

Australia; (who by the way, when they did their gun grab, violent home invasions, in particular sky-rocketed)

recently they have all tried control of the very strictest types. All they did was to disarm the populace, and make it easier for the bad guys.

Please stop this insanity. Regulate the people, not the tool.

I do not want a. person who has violent ideas about the rest of us to have a gun, but they mostly buy from underground sources, not so much in the local sports shop. I do not want someone who is on drugs to have a gun.

I do not want someone who is not mentally all together to have a gun.

But because those types DO manage to find guns, I damn sure want mine.

Personally, I am not totally against people having to get trained to own a gun, but if. you are gonna make that law, MAKE THE DAMN PROCESS DOABLE. The last time I checked to try and start my stupid "permit to buy" process, the website could not even get you to a form, and there was no provision for who was supposed to actually do the backgrounds. But there ya' go, liberals in action, again, no thinking required, just make a new law. Recently the gun control freaks in this state passed a ridiculous set of laws that again does nothing to actually stop people from buying if they have ulterior ideas, but it sure makes it hard for those of us who wish to stay legal. And those of us that have already been through training should be 'grandfathered in'.

As an aside, please note that magazine size restrictions are dummer than dirt. You will please note that at so many shootings there is a ton of cases, but often, no one is hurt or killed. This happens because they have a large number of rounds, do NOT know how to shoot worth a damn, and rarely hit the broad side of a barn. Restrict them to to 6 or less shots, they are gonna have to get better, and THAT is bad news for everyone.

Thank you for hearing my statement.