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My opposition is due to a couple of reasons:

- banning 18-20 year olds from owning guns? 18-20 year olds are generally the first ones to go into the military. They are okay to fight to protect other countries yet not mentally responsible enough to own a gun at home? Rethink it.

- we need to address the mental issues here in Oregon & America. We hand out the okay for drugs and then allow and condone the usage of drugs and make excuses for destructive behaviors. When is the state going to take responsibility for these knee jerk decisions? When are corrective actions actually going to happen instead of just lip service.

STOP & think about the decisions you are making. Look at the possible repercussions in the future. The last minute knee jerking decisions are getting us in trouble. You were elected to do your homework and make the right decisions for the state. Start doing your job or get out. If you are thinking solely of the Portland area and the problems that are occurring there - there is more to Oregon that just Portland. Don't add more bad decisions that will need to be corrected - start correcting those bad decisions that have already been made. Make people take responsibility for their own actions - stop excusing them (this goes for yourselves).

STOP the pendulum - it's just going to get worse.