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Gun crimes occur because not everyone respects firearms.

Firearms are a tool for hunting & self-defense; it is not for settling differences. I recently heard a podcast where they talked about a recent Governor releasing several youth offenders who were not ready to be released. Those offenders went on to commit several of the gun crimes that occurred in Oregon. It has me asking, did the governor release these offenders just to inflate an issue being handled by their being in jail?

Placing more and more restrictions on guns isn't going to stop someone who has little respect or regard for the law. Oregon would be better off if they provided training on respecting firearms and arresting those who refuse to respect others.