Another law with harsh penalties , designed to take a right protected by the Constitutions of both Oregon and America .

Better , this : Firearm Safety classes in all schools , and if basic marksmanship and competition between schools were also instituted , young folk will learn to respect guns , and not view them as toys or a quick means to revenge for some slight .

I am a disabled Vietnam Veteran , and just like most of my fellow vets , spent a year with an M-16 at hand , and never gave a thought to using it in anger . I took the NRA's Hunters Safety Course when I was seven years old , and have never endangered another person in all the years since . In '89 , went to a Basic Black Powder Pistol , Rifle , and Cannon course at Fort Ross State Historic Park in California . Great class , and the lessons learned have stayed with me .

Instead of criminalizing as much of life as possible, this country would do far better if instead, personal responsibility and a good education were the goals that came naturally, and the state does not need a heavy hand for those, merely to facilitate access to the means of acquiring the necessary skills.

I fear that politicians have forgotten that the government of America is the people , and they (the politicians)have come to believe that criminalizing and control of the folk who were free citizens has somehow come to be the direction to America's future , this , instead of doing what their constituents and the Constitution demand of them .

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