

I find it disheartening that, while not billed as such, our country is leaning more and more toward communistic rule. Due to Parents not being held responsible for their own children, the rest of us are punished without a jury. Firearms are a tool used to feed, defend, and enjoy. If I am to lock up all of my firearms, how am I to use them to defend my family from what may come. To say that we do not need to be ready to defend ourselves and our loved ones is an ignorant statement that can be disputed by daily events in our own communities. I grew up in a house with guns. These guns were always loaded, whether they were or not. This was instilled in me. I was not to touch them without my "instructor" (father) present. I knew this. I respected my Father and it didn't happen. We have people and children taking guns and using them on innocent people when they feel they have had their feelings hurt. This is not the fault of the Firearms, and often not the fault of the owner. It instead is the fault of our society as a whole. We are teaching our children to be offended when someone makes a comment that they do not agree with, rather than moving on. Yet I have witnessed in many class rooms that public humiliation through public apology is okay? We teach our children that it is not okay to hit someone but it is okay to sue them and take from them everything we can so that they are punished. We are now teaching our children that guns are bad, but our law enforcement carry guns every day. Are our officers now bad people because they have a gun?

The bottom line is, it is ignorant to believe that locking up these guns is the solution. It is ignorant to believe that ridding ourselves from this one potentially dangerous thing, is a solution. Our society does not believe in disciplining the youth of our country, nor do they believe in the parents disciplining these kids. Instead we have deemed it abuse. It is biblically condoned, as is killing a thief you catch in your house, but society has deemed its self higher than God and does not allow such things. We must hold someone responsible, mustn't we? It must be the guns fault. That inanimate object that can do nothing by itself. We seem to forget about the other major scale events, such as the Oklahoma City bombing, or the Boston Marathon Bombing. These events alone are proof that where there is a will there is a way.

If you look at crime across the world, violent crime is worse in those countries where guns are banned. When the public is not armed, the criminals know it and act upon it. In the UK people are not shot on a regular basis, but instead they are stabbed and bludgeoned because the criminals know they have no way to defend themselves.

When put to a vote in the US it has been shown that most gun bills fail. Most gun bills violate our constitutional rights. Our government knows that if put to a vote it will fail, so they use other methods. Stop punishing the innocent. Do not punish those people who accept the responsibility that comes with owning firearms and teaching the next generation how to handle them and how to conduct themselves properly.

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