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Take it to heart. To take care of a bad guy doing bad things, you need a good guy/gal able and ready to take out the bad guy. Stories are all over the place about how a good person lived because they defended themselves.

Please remember that your laws are not obeyed by bad guys. It is only good guys/gals that you harm with more laws, because we're the only ones obeying them.

Most of these shootings are done by people who will NOT obey the laws anyway, so stop wasting every one's time, efforts and money. Lawful people need your support, not your bad laws.

Your laws will make criminals out of good people.

It's sad to think that bad (usually mentally imbalanced) people can literally change our old traditions and reduce our rights to bear arms, because of their bad actions.

I believe that there needs to be investigations into why these same bad actors, these deranged shooters, are usually under influences of mental medication (or alcoholism delusions?) or in some cases, they have just recently stopped their meds, Look back on the history of these shooters and you'll find I'm correct. I believe that it is the medicine that has caused many of them to have delusions and then make plans to carry out bad deeds due to their hallucinations under these medications. It is a crime to look the other way when most of these horrific attacks have been because the people doing them are mentally anguished and seriously ill. Our medical system is not helping these issues. More laws against guns won't change any thing.

I don't like the looks of those AR-15s either, but the military trained me to use one just like it: a M16. I understand the draw that some guys have for these guns. They are shown on all the Gung-ho movies. We have a saying "Life is too short for an ugly gun." I believe that is true for me, but I'm not righteous enough to insist that no one else can own something that is manufactured and sold here in the USA. Why not go after the manufacturers instead of owners?

Another thing I don't like is that everyone gets so quick to outlaw guns that they know nothing about. Small, lovely .22 rifles could be outlawed because they hold 14 bullets in their difficult-to-remove-andload slider rod. They would be outlawed because the world "magazine" is too broad and the use of the word "clip" shows ignorance. I'm really tired of people who don't know what they're talking about making laws for the rest of us who have a family tradition of hunting and military backgrounds. Who should have the right to outlaw heritage guns because most "law makers" don't know what they are describing?

Do your rights trump mine? That's not the way our democracy works. At least, we were taught different when I went to school.

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