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It is absurd on its face to expect that 18-year-olds can go overseas and fire machine guns in our armed forces and not be able to buy a gun here at home. 18 is no longer considered a minor and should include full rights.

Entities that denied constitutional rights to citizens should not be retroactively protected, that is a slap in the face of justice. Denying a person an innate constitutional right is a variation of slavery. Don't facilitate slavery.

Forcing citizens to lock up their self-defense guns even in their own homes is depriving them of their right to life through being unable to defend that life in a dangerous world. Saying citizens have a right to defend themselves with a firearm but then forcing them to make the firearm useless in a moment of sudden danger is unreasonable. The state opens itself up to lawsuit if a citizen dies because they were unable to unlock their gun in time to defend their lives.

The notion of holding the previous owner of some sold inanimate object responsible for the actions of a criminal using that object two years later is so absurd response is difficult. No person is responsible for the actions of some criminal except the criminal. It makes far more logical sense to penalize the parents of the criminal for how they raised them. Do that instead.

80% lowers are not guns. Will we begin to consider solid blocks of aluminum to be guns next? What about ore in the ground? A gun is a gun, other things are other things, they are not the same thing. If an 80% lower has been completed to 100% THEN it is a gun, not before.

There is no such thing as an undetectable firearm. 3D printed guns without metal barrels blow up the first time fired with the projectile going in some random direction with nowhere close to enough power to be considered a firearm. A rock is more dangerous than a 3D printed gun without a metal barrel. A metal barrel makes it detectable.

The CHL laws in Oregon work fine. We don't have a problem with CHL holders in Oregon committing crimes with their guns. CHL holders are among the most law-abiding citizens there are. Turning the state into a patchwork quilt of varying carry rules is going to render CHLs nearly useless.

If you know the topic well, and you think logically, these are not "common sense gun safety" ideas, they are common nonsense ideas.

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Some statistics from respected sources, and one of Bloomberg's:

CDC - 2016 deaths 2,744,248 in the USA [1].

FBI - 2017 murders by ALL types of rifles including "assault rifles" is 403 [2]. Rifle murders account for 0.015% of deaths. Less than two-hundredths of one percent or about 0.00012% of the population, that's twelve hundred-thousandths of one percent. More people die from tripping going to the bathroom in the middle of the night than from rifles.

FBI - 2017 all gun murders 10,982 [2]. ALL firearm murders account for 0.4% of deaths. Less than one half of one percent, literally less than a rounding error. That is about 0.003% of the population.

According to the Harvard Injury Control Research Center, there are around 265 million firearms in the USA [4]. Of those firearms in 2017, 0.004% were used to murder. That's four-thousandths of one percent. That means that literally 99.996% of firearms were not used to murder in 2017. If the primary use for guns is to kill, they are certainly the least effective device ever created, except perhaps for the ammunition they shoot.

DOJ/BJA - 86% of the guns used by criminals were either stolen, obtained from the black market or from family or friend. Only 1.3% were bought retail [6].

According to the severely anti-gun biased, Bloomberg funded, Violence Policy Center, over a 3-year period, firearms were used to stop violent crime 59,000 times each year [5]. Guns stopped violent crimes about 6 times as often as used to murder.

To recap:

"Assault rifles" less than 0.015% of deaths.

All guns are less than one half of one percent of deaths.

99.996% of guns are not used to murder.

59,000 times each year guns are used to stop violent crime.

Firearm murders are not in the top 10 causes of deaths in the USA [1]. If suicides were separated by a method, gun suicides would not be in the top 10 causes [1]. All deaths by firearms, murders, and suicides combined, are not in the top 10 causes of death. The Flu and Pneumonia literally kill 5 times as many Americans as ALL gun murders [3].

Why does the thrust of all of these new gun control laws mainly impact law-abiding citizens while ignoring criminals? Criminals are already in possession of several million guns. The time to effectively reduce gun murders through restrictions on general availability passed decades ago.

Most of us hold the founders in very high esteem. Let's not forget, this country was started by men using guns. All the rights we all enjoy were won using guns. The government and very offices that all politicians hold, were facilitated by men with guns. Hundreds of thousands of US citizens have given their lives protecting our rights with guns. It's never the gun, it's always the person holding it. When it comes to any tool being used for evil, the constant is not the inanimate tool, it is the evil in the heart of the person.

So why are US citizens struggling with their political leaders to hang on to their constitutionally guaranteed innate rights? Simple, because one political party has recognized the issue as something they can use to fool trusting, misinformed constituents into voting for them, no other logical explanation is possible. Given hard facts, it is irrefutable that certain politicians are trading our rights to gain votes. Gun control is nothing but a trick for votes.

After consulting a thesaurus, I am unable to find a word sufficient to describe this political strategy, the word despicable falls profoundly short. I dare you to vote away our rights standing in the shadows of the tombstones in one of our military cemeteries.

- [1] <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/fastats/deaths.htm>
- [2] <https://ucr.fbi.gov/.../crime-in-.../topic-pages/tables/table-20>
- [3] https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr67/nvsr67_05.pdf
- [4] <https://www.hsph.harvard.edu/hicrc/firearms-research>
- [5] <http://vpc.org/studies/justifiable18.pdf>
- [6] <https://www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/suficspi16.pdf>

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