

The idea of kids or anyone finding a loaded gun and shooting accidentally themselves or others terrifies people, as a father of 2 daughters, it terrifies me. So I am not against safely storing your firearms as you see fit, based on your particular circumstances. Mandating that everyone who possesses a firearm lock them up will do more harm than good. Do you realize how fast a self defense situation actually happens? Have you not seen the widespread public unrest playing out in the streets over the past year. Social Media is filled with countless examples. The average self defense shooting happens in 3 seconds according to the FBI. People wake up with a home invaders in their bedrooms, guns locked in a box will not help them when they most need it.

Anti Gun Groups cite studies that show firearms are used for self defense more than 20,000 times a year. However, the gun industry studies show that number to be 5 to 9 times that amount. Where as in 2020 there have only been 220 accidental shootings involving kids. While that is tragic, that number pales in comparison to the number of people who have to use their guns for self defense.

If people with kids want to lock their guns up they have every right too. If you are a father like me and choose to educate your children, family, and friends about gun safety, you have every right to. It is a decision I make on my own, not because other people think they know what is best for me.

If you spent more time teaching gun safety to citizens of a country with over 400 million guns it in. Those numbers would drop dramatically. If you are blind to the social unrest of the last year, the desire to defund the police... which has been linked to a raise in violent crime across the US, you can't ignore the fact that gun purchases and ownership have risen to unprecedented levels, across the country, and across all socio economic levels. It is even been suggested that the incidents in which children have been injured occurs in the homes of new gun owners.

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The national shooting sports foundation program - Child Safe. The NRA's EddieEagle.

Instead of empowering people with information, gun owners and pro 2A citizens are vilified in the media. It's about playing politics and making legal gun ownership burdensome and cost prohibitive, so that no one, especially low income communities would want to do it.

If you truly want to save lives, proposed laws like this wouldn't make exceptions to law enforcement. Are Police Officer's children bullet proof and never have accidental gun deaths. Anti 2A organizations spends millions of dollars to vilify gun owners, yet they spend no money on gun safety adds online or on TV, gun safety initiatives, or gun training programs. Accidental gun deaths in a country with over 400 million guns, make up 1% of guns deaths. When compared to other forms of accidental deaths, more people accidentally drown in swimming pools than they do from accidental shootings.

Passing laws like this in unnecessary. If you want to lock up your guns, go for it. Mandating that people do it is overreach. I wonder how many people here have seen or experienced true violence. How many of you have drills in place with your family in the event of a break in, or a natural disaster, how many people on this call have a CHL or CHL Insurance? How many non-LEO people belong to the Oregon State Sheriffs' Association? How many people on this call can do 10 pull ups or run 10 miles... I do these things because I choose to, not because it is mandated. I enlisted in the US ARMY to serve my country because it was a choice. And in a world