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School Gun Clubs were common in our school in the 1950's, and reportedly as recently as 2018, there were more than 2000 High School Rifle programs. Bring back Education rather than Fear!

There are 4 levels of law in this world that each of us, regardless of our beliefs and faith must acknowledge. First and complementary to each other are the laws of nature and the laws of nature's God. Simply put, these are supportive to each other and undeniable. For example: a law of nature that you cannot deny is the law of gravity. If you head to the top of a building and attempt to fly, denying the law of gravity, you will fall to the ground with a splat. But in nature you will find what we view as moral atrocities such as murder, adultery, incest which is why we have the laws of nature's God. Then there are the laws of man, or Civic laws, and laws of self, which of recent times seem to be running out of control. But I digress. In the law of nature, you can see that any species that has settled in a 'home' and has offspring, will protect that offspring and home at all costs. That is a law of nature and that law of nature innately gives man the right to bear arms: preservation of self, family, and home.

Guns DO NOT kill people People Kill People – guns are nothing more than a means to this. Would crime and/or murders reduce if guns are rendered illegal? NO! Are there other means for committing crime and murder? Absolutely!

First by making guns illegal you take them away from honest law-abiding citizens, good people not the criminals or people of ill intent. So you render the honest people unable to protect themselves from those that care nothing of the civic laws, thus enslaving the honest people into reliance on the state to protect them. The state cannot be everywhere that criminals can, so you are leaving honest undefended people in danger.

Is gun violence the leading, or only, means of murder, death, or injury? Absolutely not! The percentage of all firearm deaths is less than 15% of all injury deaths (roughly equivalent to automobile statistics): whereas poisoning and drug overdose are both over 30%. But recently as a state we legalized drugs and are pushing to make guns illegal, seems counter-productive ... Are you intentionally trying to reduce our state's population?

I would recommend that rather than stripping our citizens of their innate ability to protect themselves, we make a push to educate more people. Gun safety is the study and practice of using, transporting, storing and disposing of firearms and ammunition, including the training of gun users, the design of weapons, and formal

and informal regulation of gun production, distribution, and usage, for the purpose of avoiding unintentional injury, illness, or death. Ignorance breeds fear. Let's push for education and knowledge of weapons and their safety instead of outlawing them. Criminals will not be deterred by outlawing, limiting, or controlling guns, so why victimize the honest?

Thank you for your time and consideration,
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