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When will we as a society learn that it is NOT the tool that creates the problems that we face on a daily basis or just occasionally. The tools whether they be mechanical or intellectual or personal cannot be held responsible for the ails of humanity.

The drunk / impaired driver that causes so much daily pain can be the only thing responsible, yet we often blame the alcohol or the server and sometimes the automobile or the configuration of the roadway itself. Some even go so far as to place the blame squarely on the victim for being in the wrong place.

The carpenter who smashes his thumb oft times may place fault on the hammer or the nail, but we all know better as it is the lack of skill or inattention on the part of the person in control of the hammer that caused the issue.

The tool is easy to lay blame to as it cannot speak for itself, just like a firearm cannot and will not just go off on it's own, but must be controlled by a person squeezing the trigger in order to make it fire.

Let us as a society place the blame on the person behind the tool and prosecute those behind the recent crime wave of shootings and utilize the many laws already on the books before we again demonize the tool used to create the mayhem.