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Though I was born in a city, Denver, I chose to spend my adult life in livestock raising rural communities. My husband and I birthed, raised, and marketed cattle and sheep. We raised our children with horses, goats, family dairy cows, at least a couple of geese, etc. And we always owned at least one gun; guns that we used, mostly to kill suffering animals.

What we never even thought about was to use one to shoot another person; nor did our neighbors!

But in our country gun injury is largest cause of death among our children; around 6000 firearm suicide by veterans happen each year while Trump works to make it easier for even suicidal veterans to buy firearms; more Americans are killed by police shootings in a day in the US than over a span of 10 years in most other western democracies even though gun ownership in some are quite high.

NO constitution drafter in the 1700s, no 1800s frontier settler, no member of my parents generation could have imagined this reality! Drafting firearm safety laws is not an attempt to take my gun away from me or to subvert in Second Amendment, it is an attempt to support the legitimate purpose of the amendment while Saving Innumerable American Lives!