

It's been accurately stated that there are 30,000 gun related deaths per year by firearms. This number is not disputed. The U.S. population, as of June 22, 2016 was 324,059,091. Do the math: 0.000000925% of the population dies from gun related actions each year. Statistically speaking, this is insignificant! What is never told is a breakdown of those 30,000 deaths. Putting them in perspective, let's compare the causes of these deaths:

- 65% of those are suicides. These would never be prevented by gun laws.
- 15% are by law enforcement - justified in the line of duty.
- 17% are gang, drug or alcohol related criminal activity or by mentally ill.
(This 17% is actually GUN RELATED violence)
- Only 3% are accidental discharge deaths.

So technically, "gun violence" is not 30,000 annually. It drops to 5,100, still too many? Well, first, how are those deaths spanned across the nation?

- 480 homicides (9.4%) were in Chicago
- 344 homicides (6.7%) were in Baltimore
- 333 homicides (6.5%) were in Detroit
- 119 homicides (2.3%) were in Washington D.C.
(A 54% increase over prior years)

So basically, 25% of all gun crime happens in just 4 cities. All 4 of those cities have strict gun laws, so it is not the lack of laws that is the root cause.

This basically leaves 3,825 for the rest of the nation, or about 75 deaths per state. That is an average because some States have much higher rates than others. For example, California had 1,169 and Alabama had 1.

Now, who has the strictest gun laws by far? California, of course; so understand, it's not guns causing this. It is a crime rate spawned by the number of criminals residing in those cities and states. So if all cities and states are not created equally, then there must be something other than the tool causing the gun deaths.

Are 5,100 deaths per year horrific? How about in comparison to other deaths? All death is sad, especially when it's in the commission of a crime, but that is the nature of crime. Robbery, rape and assault are all committed by criminals, and to think criminals obey laws is ludicrous. That's why they're called criminals.

Now, what about other deaths each year?

- 40,000+ die from a drug overdose—THERE IS NO EXCUSE FOR THAT!
- 36,000 people die from the flu, far exceeding the criminal gun deaths
- 34,000 people die in traffic fatalities (exceeding gun deaths even if we include suicide).

NOW IT GETS GOOD:

- 200,000+ people die each year (and growing) from preventable medical errors. You are much safer in a Chicago ghetto than in a hospital!

• 710,000 people die per year from heart disease. It's time to stop the double cheeseburgers! So what is the point? If Obama and the anti-gun movement focused their attention on heart disease, even a 10% decrease in cardiac deaths would save twice the number of lives annually of all gun-related deaths (including suicide, law enforcement, etc.). A 10% reduction in medical errors would be 66% of the total gun deaths or 4 times the number of criminal homicides....Simple, easily preventable 10% reductions!

So you have to ask yourself, in the grand scheme of things, why the focus on guns? It's pretty simple: ***taking away guns gives control to governments.***

The founders of this great nation knew that, regardless of their form of government,, those in power may become corrupt and seek to rule as the British did by disarming the populace of the colonies. It is not difficult to understand that a disarmed populace is a completely controlled populace.

Thus, the second amendment was proudly and boldly included in the U.S. Constitution. It must be preserved at all costs.

So the next time someone tries to tell you that gun control is about saving lives, look at these facts and remember these words from Noah Webster:

"Before a standing army can rule, the people must be disarmed, as they are in almost every kingdom in Europe. The supreme power in America cannot enforce unjust laws by the sword, because the whole body of the people are armed and constitute a force superior to any band of regular troops that can be, on any pretense, raised in the United States. A military force at the command of a Congress can execute no laws, but such as the people perceive to be just and constitutional; for they will possess the power."

Remember, when you are considering "gun control" the important word is **"CONTROL,"** not **"GUN."**

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