

Are Guns an Asset or a Liability?

Before completing this poll, please remember that possession of firearms by felons is already illegal in the United States. Therefore, you should not suggest "prohibiting criminals from having guns" as a solution: the law already does that.



1. My level of familiarity with firearms is:
 - A. I am ignorant of how they function.
 - B. I know the basics of gun safety.
 - C. I carry for self-defense, compete or hunt.
 - D. I am a firearms instructor.
 - E. I know how guns function from watching TV.

2. I would prefer that my kids learn about guns and safety from...
 - A. mass media, such as television.
 - B. classmates.
 - C. Army or National Guard drill sergeant.
 - D. coach at school.
 - E. a certified instructor.
 - F. me or my spouse.

3. Is it morally correct for a police officer to shoot in order to save an innocent victim from an attack?
 - A. Yes.
 - B. No.

4. If no police officer is present is it morally correct for the innocent victim to shoot to protect self or dependents from an attack?
 - A. Yes.
 - B. No.

5. The proper response to a drive-by shooting is...
 - A. prohibit you and other law-abiding citizens from buying the type of the car used by the perpetrator.
 - B. prohibit you and other law-abiding citizens from buying the type of the gun used by the perpetrator.
 - C. prosecute the perpetrator of the crime.

6. The proper response to arson is...
 - A. prohibit you and other law-abiding citizens from buying gasoline.
 - B. prohibit you and other law-abiding citizens from buying any flammable fluids, matches and lighters.
 - C. prosecute the perpetrator of the crime.

7. The proper response to electronic fraud...
 - A. prohibit you and other law-abiding citizens from buying computers.
 - B. limit you and other law-abiding citizens to computers that have no more than two of the following features: 66MHz or faster processor, 14.4 baud or faster modem, 8MB or more RAM, 500MB or larger hard drive.
 - C. prosecute the perpetrator of the crime.

8. Over my lifetime, it is
 - A. not likely
 - B. possible
 - C. likely...that my family or I would be intended victim of a criminal.

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9. If I am confronted with a life-threatening situation, police will
- A. always
 - B. possibly
 - C. unlikely
- ...be there in time to prevent any damage.
10. If my child or my spouse were assaulted, I would...
- A. run away and hope my kid or spouse can keep up with me.
 - B. be a good witness so I can tell the cops what happened later.
 - C. try to convince the attacker to stop through verbal persuasion.
 - D. fight to stop the attack.
11. If I choose to resist, my primary concern would be...
- A. health of my attacker.
 - B. my own safety.
12. Given a choice, I would prefer to defend myself with...
- A. my bare hands.
 - B. an ineffective weapon, such as pepper spray.
 - C. an effective weapon, such as a firearm.
13. If I choose to defend myself with a firearm, I would favor the...
- A. least effective type possible.
 - B. most effective type possible.
14. Criminals often gang up on a single victim. Shooting accurately under stress is often difficult and more than one shot may be required to stop each attacker. If defending myself with a firearm, I would want the magazine to hold...
- A. one round.
 - B. six rounds.
 - C. ten rounds.
 - D. 30 rounds.
15. Some say that just owning a gun would make you a violent person; if I just had a handgun, I would...
- A. go shoot up the nearest fast food restaurant.
 - B. go shoot up the nearest Army base.
 - C. kill somebody I know next time I get angry.
 - D. none of the above. I would continue to be a peaceful person.
 - E. act even more politely than before so as to avoid confrontations.
16. Others would say that having weapons simply makes psychopaths more dangerous. If we only limited everyone to least effective tools! In your opinion, that idea should also be applied to...
- A. Alcohol. The Prohibition worked like a charm, let's revive it.
 - B. Computers. If everyone just stuck with a 286, we'd have fewer problems with hackers.
 - C. Cars. The Constitution says nothing about the right to drive, and making everyone drive at 5 m.p.h. would reduce the number and severity of accidents.

Now let's talk about what other people would do.

17. Police officers carry high-capacity handguns and store shotguns or submachine guns in patrol cars because...
- A. the cops are evil and want to kill innocents.
 - B. police departments cannot afford tanks.
 - C. such firearms are effective means of self-defense.

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18. If all guns were outlawed, I think that all criminals would...
- A. turn in their weapons to police and become model citizens.
 - B. turn in their guns and beg for small change.
 - C. keep their guns and prey on disarmed law-abiding people.
19. If a person planning robbery, rape or murder cannot get a handgun, they would think...
- A. "I better stay home tonight and get a job in the morning".
 - B. "I will buy an illegal gun from my drug supplier, then go kill."
 - C. "I will grab a knife or a baseball bat instead."
20. A rapist choosing between two victims (one armed, one unarmed), would prefer to...
- A. attack the armed one, so he could "take her gun and use it against her."
 - B. attack the unarmed one because that would be less hazardous.
 - C. not to mess with either, as he can't tell which one is armed.
21. Someone planning a drive-by shooting would use...
- A. only legal 10-round magazines because they plan to get caught.
 - B. anything he wants because he doesn't plan to get caught.
22. The First Amendment to the Constitution:
- A. Authorizes free speech for official State news agencies.
 - B. Protects the individual's right to own quill pens and 18th century manual printing presses.
 - C. Recognizes inalienable individual right to free speech.
23. The Second Amendment to the Constitution:
- A. Authorizes possession of arms by the Army and National Guard.
 - B. Protects the individual's right to own flintlock muskets and other 18th century arms.
 - C. Recognizes inalienable individual right to keeping and bearing arms.

If your elected officials do not trust you with firearms, unrestricted access to books and the Internet, or with other personal choices, do you think they represent you well? What steps can you take to regain your rights?

The Right of the People to Keep and Bear Arms Shall Not Be Infringed

*With every **RIGHT YOU** have many **RESPONSIBILITIES**.*

YOU have a responsibility to learn the laws in regards to conceal carry and the use of force.

YOU have a responsibility to receive proper training to become proficient with your firearm.

YOU have a responsibility to protect your family.

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