

Guns

When the second amendment was drafted, a good quality gun could fire around three rounds a minute, required a bulky tool kit and your full attention to reload, and was accurate to maybe a hundred yards. Much of the population still depended on hunting for survival. Today just about anyone can get a gun that fires several rounds a second, is accurate to around half a mile, and just about no one has a real need for one except to protect themselves from someone else with a gun. Now hunting is just a sport.

Throughout the world, there's a direct correlation between the amount of guns in the population and the amount of violent crime. Iceland has no guns. They've had 6 murders in the last 30 years. This has to do with their standard of living. They have endless hot water, geothermal energy, hydroelectric energy, and lots of fish in the sea. Life is good in Iceland. Who needs a gun, or would even want to play with such a dangerous toy? The way to solve gun violence is to raise the standard of living.

Gun control in the US ain't gonna happen through legislation. There are already more guns and ammo than we know what to do with, and any attempt at enforcement would be a nightmare. Most of today's guns and ammo, especially the weapons of war, are owned by the most ignorant of people. Ignorance breeds fear, and fear leads to violence. Ignorant people are easily duped. Dealing with the algorithms responsible for the irrational fear driving gun sales and putting our time and energy into education and infrastructure are much more realistic ways to solve our problems with guns. We need to deal with the underlying ignorance and fear that enable the pervasive false assumptions and dishonesty saturating the internet.