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What a lovely and inspirational article.

Some of these comments I cannot just let slide, because I feel as if we are miss understanding love and what it truly means. It's not about what people's greed is after, or how much you enjoy doing something. "love is what draws us together to forge the strong, caring societies"-Gaia Vince. Love is what makes us humans thrive and work hard for those we love. I agree much with @jessthecrip "All You Need Is Love" because without care or the affection from a loved one, we would lose the meaning of life. The world wouldn't burn up because of greed or jealousy, because those two only come from not experiencing enough love. Of course, love can't fix climate changes, but it can motivate people to work harder, for those they love. Love is the fuel we need to come up with new sustainable solutions.

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Del 3

Chosen task: Task 1

Freedom

Why are we so unbelievably obsessed with the illusion of freedom? What even is freedom? I do not think anyone could ever agree on a specific answer, no matter what then freedom will always be subjective. The US is said to be a free country. How can anyone be sure that it is not just a lie they tell themselves? The freedom to walk around with gun is to protect, at least that is what they say. But what if your emotions then take control?

This needs to be discussed. Guns being mixed up with the illusion of having freedom. 2018 had been one of the worst years for school shootings. yes, I am talking about students at all ages being killed. a conversation from the book Citizens absolutely shocked me when the gun violence still is that bad.
"Since then, there have been over 100 gun deaths each day in the US. Another way of looking at it is that there are about 12 deaths for every 100,000 citizens each year."[1] -Citizens that is not freedom.
Guns have been in the US for a long time so of course it has become more normalized to own a gun. The more I think about guns and all the deaths, the more I see a pattern forming. A repeated circle that can seems almost impossible to break. When a person gets shot, it creates fear. The reason to have guns is because of self-defense, against the fear of maybe getting attacked. The people in the US does not trust each other, and the fear makes it so much easier to pull the trigger on someone.

Fear is why guns exists in the first place, and the fear comes from guns.

I personally think guns should be banned, but how do you ban guns in a country where people can not sleep without them. Removing guns sounds almost impossible with how the situations is now. Every household owns a gun at this point, only to protect their families. The issue is not the guns themselves. It is how guns are used. If we lived in wild nature with dangerous animals, then the gun could help scare away the dangerous animals. But in the US the guns are there incase another person would attack you or try to harm someone else. Now it has been almost normalized to point a gun at someone, instead of it being something scary to even hold. To hold a gun comes with a lot of responsibility and it can not be ignored that a gun can be misused very easily. If someone is mentally unstable that gun could become a fetal weapon and even endangering others, but also themselves. Suicide, school shootings, and mass murder all exists because guns are being misused, they have become almost a way to release feelings that have been kept in.

this does not sound anything near freedom to me.
living in constant fear and stress of maybe being attacked. The amount of lack of trust in both the government and the people. If guns were to become illegal overnight, then I would assume people would hide their already existing guns. the lack of trust might get worse, and everyone would seem like a bad person for keeping their guns. suddenly the government could also look bad and make people think the government does not want their citizens to be safe. People might get anxious about not being able to do self-defense. Their parents and the ones before that has only taught them how to only rely on guns, so trust might not come naturally to them. The US is basically built on fear and mistrust in people.

Removing guns from the US.
taking aways guns or even making them illegal is not a fast and short process. I believe that the right to have a gun should only be allowed for those who are trained to use them and have a stable mental health. I can't blame the ones in the US for growing up with guns, but it has gone too far it is time to put an end to gun rights. Freedom should be about feeling safe around your neighbors and on the streets. Yes, knowing self-defense is very good but a gun is too extreme for just self-defense. Before removing guns, the government should help the citizens feel safer and give out recourses to get help with mental health. Mental health is a key factor for letting go of guns and learning to live without them. Without guns, stress and with more help there could be less deaths and less incidents with guns.

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