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An interesting topic we are diving into is gun control. We were posed the question would you rather everyone owns guns, nobody owns guns, or only you have a gun. I chose nobody has a gun. Look at the topic further it’s a little unfair that nobody has a gun because a gun is an equalizer. If you are a smaller weaker person you can’t defend yourself adequately without a gun. This is a reason why we have a choice in this country to own a gun or not. A “commons” is a public good whose existence depends on the actions from those who benefit from it. There are two types of actions that go with a commons: the defect action and the cooperative action. A defect action is an action hurting the commons and a cooperative action is an action helping it. A question was posed about tax breaks for voting citizens, I chose to disagree with thus because I don’t want to punish people those who don’t care. Now we are getting into “free riding”. This is where people take advantage of our commons without making the small sacrifice to keep the commons alive.