

Gun Ownership at Gunpoint

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Is gun ownership a good idea? Or is stricter gun control the way to go? Head to the front lines with *English Matters* to see why everyone is up in arms about this issue.



"I'm American, so for me the answer is simple. The Second Amendment to our Constitution guarantees the 'right to bear arms.' That means we can have guns. Period. I don't see any reason why responsible, law-abiding adults can't possess these weapons. This country earned its independence because people were able to rise up against tyranny. If we lose our guns, how will we be able to protect our liberty. It's like Charlton Heston said, 'I'll give you my gun when you pry it from my cold, dead hands.'"

-Frank

number of countries around the world are grappling with the prickly legal matter of gun ownership. Especially in the USA, the debate between the right to possess guns and the need to promote safety with stronger restrictions on gun ownership rages on. There are currently more firearms in the United States than there are people. On the other hand, it's virtually impossible to find a single gun in nations like Singapore, Japan and India. Is your country managing its guns properly? Here's a rundown of the pros and cons of gun ownership to help you make an educated decision.



o gun ownership posiadanie broni	z gung-ho about sth pot. napalony na coś,
at gunpoint na muszce	podjarany czymś
strict surowy, dokładny	amendment poprawka
to be up in arms about	to bear sth nosić coś,
sth zdenerwowany/zły	mieć coś
to grapple with sth borykać się z czymś	responsible odpowiedzialny
prickly drażliwy	law-abiding przestrzegający prawa
to rage on burzliwie	adult dorosły
się toczyć, być	to earn sth tu: uzyskać
w burzliwy sposób	independence niepodległość
currently obecnie	to rise up against sth zbudować się przeciwko
firearm broń palna	on the other hand z drugiej strony
virtually praktycznie	properly odpowiednio
run down podsumowanie	to protect sth bronić
pros and cons za	to pry sth tu: AmE
i precyzyjnie	wyrwać coś