

"Why do I support one's right to own a gun? I suppose it all boils down to self-defence. If I don't have a gun, what am I supposed to do when an intruder breaks into my house. I'll be utterly helpless when it comes to protecting myself, my family and my property. And let's be honest – do we really think tighter gun laws are going to deter criminals from obtaining firearms? Many gun-related crimes are already committed with guns that have been illegally obtained, so what's the point of implementing more laws if the ones we have now clearly aren't working."

-Sally

"Those who oppose gun ownership may feel warm and fuzzy inside, but they're blissfully unaware of the statistics. Put simply, the number of gun deaths, at least in the USA, is way overblown. In this country, the leading causes of death are heart disease and cancer. We're all way more likely to die from medical problems like a stroke or diabetes than we are from a firearm. And let's look at suicide. Some countries with relatively high suicide rates, like Lithuania and South Korea, have extremely low levels of gun ownership. Suicide rates in the USA are much lower."

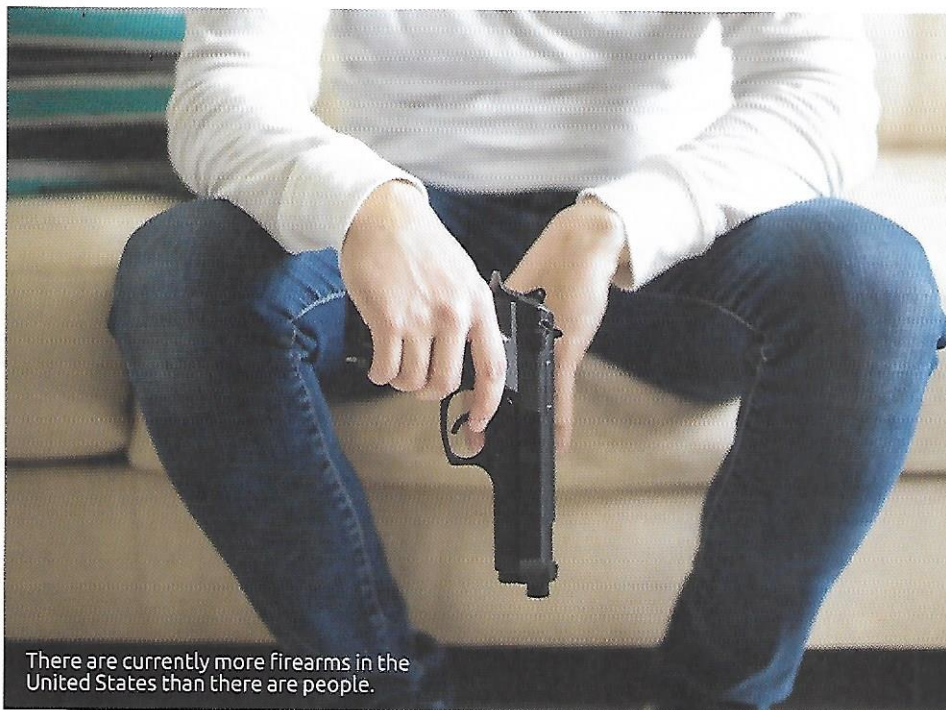
-Harold

"I've said it before, and I'll say it again – guns don't kill people, people kill people. All we need to do is educate people, particularly children, about gun safety. If we had better mental illness screenings in place and a more knowledgeable populace, we could put an end to these mass shootings you hear about all the time. We need family members teaching children about legitimate uses of guns at home. That way, kids will associate guns with security and leisurely pastimes like hunting, not violence."

-Melanie

## Foes of Firearms

"I hate how defenders of guns always rush to the Second Amendment. It doesn't give us a carte blanche to do whatever we want with guns. Plus, the Constitution was written over two centuries ago. Do you know what guns looked like back then? A gunshot wound from a musket was rarely fatal. And there certainly



There are currently more firearms in the United States than there are people.

weren't any assault rifles lying around back then. We need to reexamine our understanding of the Second Amendment and bring it up-to-date. Blindly following what some antiquated document states makes no sense."

-Rachel

"If you want a reason to ban guns, just read a newspaper. It seems like mass

3 to support sth | popierać coś

to own sth | posiadać coś

to boil down to sth | sprowadzać się do czegoś

self-defence | samoobrona

to break into sth | włamać się do czegoś

utterly /'ʌtəli / 'ʌtəri | całkowicie

helpless | bezradny

when it comes to | jeśli chodzi o

property | własność

tight | tu: restrykcyjny

to deter sb from sth | powstrzymać kogoś od czegoś

to obtain sth | uzyskać, zdobyć coś

gun-related | powiązany z użyciem broni

committed with sth | popełniany przy użyciu czegoś

illegally | nielegalnie

to implement sth | wprowadzać coś w życie, wdrażać coś

warm and fuzzy | tu: AmE pot. komfortowo, dobrze

blissfully | błogo

unaware of sth | nieświadomy czegoś

at least | przynajmniej

overblown | tu: zawyżony

heart disease | choroba serca

cancer | rak

stroke | udar

diabetes /daɪəˈbi:tɪz / | cukrzyca

suicide | samobójstwo

relatively | względnie, relatywnie

suicide rate | wskaźnik samobójstw

extremely | wyjątkowo

mental illness | choroba psychiczna

screening | przesiew, kontrola

knowledgeable /ˈnɒlɪdʒəbl / 'nɒ:lɪdʒəbl |

uświadamiony, mądry, obeznany z tematem

populace | populacja

to put an end to sth | zakończyć coś

mass shooting | masowa strzelanina

legitimate | zgodny z prawem, legalny

to associate sth with sth | kojarzyć

coś z czymś

leisurely | wykonywany w wolnym czasie

pastime | rozrywka

hunting | polowanie

violence | przemoc

foe /fəʊ / | wróg

defender | obrońca

to rush to sth | śpieszyć do czegoś

carte blanche | wolna ręka

gunshot wound | rana postrzałowa

musket | muszkiet

fatal | śmiertelny

4 assault rifle | karabin automatyczny

to lie around | poniewierać się

to bring sth up-to-date | zaktualizować coś

blindly | ślepo

antiquated /ˈæntɪkwetɪd / | przestarzały

to ban sth | zakazać czegoś

to seem | wydawać się