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There have been many thoughts and ideas shared about gun control. The political left seems to think that taking guns away from law-abiding citizens is a good idea. Not only is this not a good idea, but it is just plain insane. As Thomas Jefferson said, "The laws that forbid the carrying of arms are laws of such a nature. They disarm only those who are neither inclined nor determined to commit crimes.... Such laws make things worse for the assaulted and better for the assailants; they serve rather to encourage than to prevent homicides, for an unarmed man may be attacked with greater confidence than an armed man." Thomas Jefferson, *Commonplace Book* (quoting 18th-century criminologist Cesare Beccaria), 1774-1776. Most legal gun owners use their second amendment rights as protection for themselves and their families.

Cities that have implemented gun control laws actually have the highest rates of violent crime. For example, Chicago has made it illegal to own a gun, but they have the highest violent crime rates in the nation. Chicago was responsible for nearly half of the 2016 national homicide increase. This is directly related to the ownership of guns because Chicago has made it so law abiding citizens can not protect themselves from violent criminals.

So now this brings up a question I hear all the time, “but shouldn’t we least make obtaining a gun more difficult than buying groceries?” The problem with this statement is that guns ARE more difficult to buy than common groceries. No one had to have a background check to get some food from a Walmart. This is just another leftist propaganda statement meant to scare people.

And the last myth that I am going to debunk with this post (I know there are others) is the idea that all semi-automatic weapons should be illegal and not sold in stores. This comes from the misunderstanding of what semi-automatic really means. The term “semi-automatic weapon” means a gun that fires one bullet for every trigger pull. An example would be a pistol, you pull the trigger and one bullet is fired. It does not mean automatic. Automatic weapons are illegal to obtain for civilians unless you have been given a special license to carry one.

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