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Comments on Gun Control

I am a gun owner. I have hand guns, shotguns, and a rifle. I also have a license to carry but I seldom do. I do not own a so called assault rifle. My guns are for two purposes; self-protection and hunting.

I am also a member of the NRA and have been for years. Why? Because they promote gun safety and the responsible ownership and use of firearms. They also test and report on new firearms, providing essential technical data a potential owner needs. No other organization does this or offers the training programs the NRA has.

I have a son who owns firearms. He has many more than I do and uses them to hunt deer, wild pigs, and wild turkeys on his ranch. He also carries a pistol because of the rattlesnakes on his property. These weapons are also for self-protection.

I look at the gun violence in our major cities and blame the local politicians. In most of these places they have strict gun laws that don't work. They also want to defund the police making it imperative that private citizens be able to protect themselves if need be.

My rifle, a lever action Henry, holds 10 rounds. That is more than sufficient for virtually any task short of a fire fight. I often wonder why anyone needs a magazine that holds more than 15 rounds. But our Constitution allows it, and law abiding gun owners (of which there are millions) act responsibly with their weapons. Criminals do not.

I firmly believe that we have sufficient laws on the books concerning gun ownership and use. All we need to do is enforce, strongly, the gun laws we have. We do not need more gun restrictions or laws.