

My name is Carmen Guarco, I am originally from an European Country that have been living in USA for almost 8 years now in various cities in USA and Europe. Through my experience I can say that gun control is not working to decrease violence or mass violence.

In Europe, gun rights have been completely removed from citizens and mass violence unfortunately still exists, knife wounds (mass violence), terrorism (mass violence), car attacks (mass violence), drug cartel (mass violence), human trafficking (mass violence). Is important to state that when the government remove your rights is very difficult, not to say impossible, to have them back.

In my country we don't have any way of defending ourselves if someone comes to break into our house for example the only solution we have is to surrender. How unfair is this! More even when this happens in your family. My great-grandfather a major of his village, was shot one night because he was thinking politically different, he didn't have the opportunity to battle back, why? you will ask, because our rights to own guns have been removed. They finally identify their remains in a common graveyard and killed by fascists.

Previous to Texas, I was living in Bronx, New York for 4 years, a state were guns are illegal. During this period and in my neighborhood, I have seen the owner of the body shop 1 block away from my apartment murdered, one of my best friends in comma for 4 days because someone knock her out to steel her purse on her way home from the university. People steeling 8 of the condos same building I was living, being terrorized if that nigh it was going to be me. All this happening with a police station at the end of the block. How different all these could have been if you have your rights to defend ourselves and not surrender. Is clear how gun controls is giving criminals a clear advantage.

Currently, I am living in a neighborhood in Austin with one of the higher violence rates in Travis county, I will like to be able to defend my family and my property and not give away what is so important in my live. In 5 seconds, a bad guy decides to take what I have been working so hard my whole live for. Will you surrender?

Austin is growing very fast, welcoming people from different states with different ideologies. People that are moving here because their states have failed, and Austin feels different in the way is now, where things work, people have their freedom and their rights.

Do not change what is working and what people are wanting to come here for. Don't remove our rights!