



“Our Democratic majority will press relentlessly for bipartisan progress to end the epidemic of gun violence on our streets, in our schools and in our places of worship. Enough is enough.”

Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., House Speaker

“The American people have been demanding we take action and this new Congress will deliver.”

Rep. Mike Thompson, D-Calif, who leads a gun violence prevention task force in the House.

DEMOCRAT CONGRESS = GUN CONTROL

On the anniversary of the shooting of former Democrat Rep. Gabby Giffords the new Democrat majority in the House plans on introducing legislation to expand background checks for sales and transfers of firearms.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., called the bill on background checks a common-sense measure and cited polls showing 97 percent of Americans support background checks for all gun sales.

First, the 97 percent Rep. Pelosi cites is just a lie. It has been used by the media for years and has been debunked repeatedly.

Second, the bill would have to also pass the Republican majority in the Senate which is not likely. Then the bill would ultimately have to be signed by President Trump which is never going to happen.

Third, and most importantly, a bill of this nature would require gun registration. Even President Obama’s own Dept. of Justice stated that any type of “universal background checks” would necessitate a registration system. There is simply no other way to control the sale and transfer of firearms without a registration system.

Fourth, we already have a firearms background check system. It works when used properly.

Fifth, a bill of this nature would do nothing to prevent criminal violence (I say this instead of the fear-mongering “gun violence”) where guns are used. Of course criminals don’t go through any background system to arm themselves.

THE USA IS NOT 1ST IN MASS SHOOTINGS - WE’RE 63RD! THE LIBERAL MEDIA LIES

Why cannot liberals tell the truth? We saw it in the Kavanaugh hearings, women coming forward claiming to have been raped only to announce later that they had made it up and “just wanted to help.” It is barely understandable when you see individuals do it. It is totally unacceptable when you see academics do it. Such is the case of Adam Lankford, a professor at Alabama. Simply put it appears he just made up his research to provide a result that made him popular with the left. His study claims the U.S. is the leader in mass shootings.

Enter John Lott: John Lott is a Professor of Economics, and author *More Guns Less Crime*.

He and his group decided to re-conduct Mr. Lankford’s study. Looking at the same exact time period and using the same precise definitions as the earlier study. The results were dramatically different and academically sound! The U.S. is not 1st in mass shootings; we’re 63rd!

So how do the two studies differ? The Lankford paper is 13 pages long, with no list of the shootings or event tallies. The Lott study is over 500 pages long, fully documented, and has a complete list of the shootings tallied. <https://www.ammoland.com/2018/12/media-spin-usa-not-1st-mass-shootings-63rd/#ixzz5a9bAtF9q>

FLORIDA NEWSPAPER PUBLISHES EXHAUSTIVE PARKLAND REPORT: SHERIFF’S OFFICE ‘COST CHILDREN THEIR LIVES’

Authorities and school officials either failed to act or were unclear about procedures when confronting the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooter Feb. 14, 911 logs, surveillance videos, and interviews show.

The South Florida Sun Sentinel released a minute-by-minute rundown of the Parkland, Florida, shooting in “Unprepared and Overwhelmed.” The Sentinel acknowledged many teachers and police officers were “heroic,” but Broward County Public Schools and the Broward County Sheriff’s

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Office were hesitant and disorganized as a whole. The shooting left 17 people dead.

“A gunman with an AR-15 fired the bullets, but a series of blunder, bad policies, sketchy training and poor leadership helped him succeed,” the Sentinel wrote.

There were three separate instances of school monitors failing to lock down the school and call for a Code Red, an indicator for people to hide in classrooms. A watchman spotted suspected gunman Nikolas Cruz on campus at 2:19 p.m., but no one called a Code Red until 2:24 p.m.

The fire alarm added to the confusion, causing uninformed teachers and students to leave their classrooms unaware of the active shooter. Additionally, bathroom doors required a key to unlock—reportedly to prevent students from vaping in them—and one of the teachers accidentally locked his classroom door behind him.

The district also failed to follow through on classrooms having “hard corners,” or places to be out of sight, after security experts advised teachers to do so.

Deputy Scot Peterson, the school’s resource officer, was the only armed person on campus before reinforcements arrived. He failed to confront the shooter, according to the report.

Peterson ordered the school to go on lockdown at 2:25 p.m., but did not order deputies to head toward the building. He also remained in a sheltered location for 48 minutes.

“Basically, what we’re trained to do is just get right to the threat as quick as possible and take out the threat because every time you hear a shot go off it could potentially be a kid getting killed or anybody getting killed for that matter,” neighboring Coral Springs Officer Raymond Kerner said, the Sentinel reported.

The report also showed the Broward County Sheriff’s Office’s disjointed 911 system was partially responsible for the slowed response time along with radio and video problems.

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DRACONIAN GUN CONTROL DOES NOT REDUCE GUN NUMBERS OR HOMICIDE RATES

A large number of people who wish to disarm the population start with the premise “If there weren't any guns”, as if, with extreme restrictions on owning and using guns, guns will eventually go away. Under extreme legal restrictions, the number of guns has increased.

Guns are a 700 to 1000 - year-old technology. Guns can, and are, being made in homes and small shops around the world that are beyond state control.

Firearms have had extreme legal restrictions imposed over most of the planet. The United States is exceptional, with the Second Amendment. Most governments allow only small

numbers of their people to legally have firearms.

People under those governments actively resist those laws. In spite of a century and a half of stringent restrictions on gun ownership, the number of guns in private hands has risen significantly.

The *Small Arms Survey* has created the best estimates of the number of small arms in private hands in other countries of the world. The number increased from 650 million in 2006 to 857 million in 2017. Most people will accept the *Small Arms Survey* as a legitimate source.

Small Arms Survey tries to objectively gather data, although their mission has an inherent bias toward disarmament.

My estimate for firearms in civilian hands in the United States in 2017, was 418 million. The *Small Arms Survey* estimate was 393 million. Severe gun restrictions were implemented in India, under the British Raj. It happened very quickly after the mutiny/insurrection in 1857. The law was codified into statute in 1877. There have been 160 years of strict controls on the ownership of firearms in India.

What country has the most firearms in civilian hands after the United States? According to the *Small Arms Survey*, it is India. Only 13.6 percent of those guns are legally owned.

Citizens of India are said to have 71.1 million firearms in private hands, with 9.7 million of them being registered, and thus legal.

A *Small Arms Survey* paper reported that in India, 2.5 million illegal craft-made guns are manufactured annually. The quality of craft-made Indian guns has been improving from simple single shots to semi-automatic handguns.

The *Small Arms Survey* estimates only 12 percent of firearms owned by civilians in the world are registered.

The next largest number of privately held firearms is in China, at nearly 50 million! Only 1.4 percent of those are registered. The *Small Arms Survey* reports that craftsmen in the Songtao Miao Autonomous County in Guizhou province make black market semi-automatic pistols for about \$45 each. In the coastal cities, they sell for about \$1500.

Brazil has very strict gun control laws. According to the *Small Arms Survey*, Brazil has 8.29 total firearms per 100 people. Of those, illegal firearms are over half, 4.52 per 100. China has 3.53 illegal firearms per 100 people. India has 4.58 illegal firearms per 100 people.

The US has more than 120 firearms per 100 people. It is hard to say how many illegal firearms are in the US. Very few firearms in the US are registered or required to be registered.

Brazil has roughly as many illegal firearms per person as India or China. The US has a private firearm ownership rate, per 100 people, 14 times the rate of both legal and illegal firearms ownership in Brazil.

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Ten percent of the murders committed, in the world, are committed in Brazil. The vast majority of them are committed with illegally owned firearms. There were four times as many murders in Brazil as in the US, in 2017. Brazil's population is smaller.

The comparison of firearms ownership in India, China, the US, and Brazil is illustrative of two things.

First, the number of legally owned firearms has little to do with the number of illegally owned firearms.

Second, the number of firearms per person has no correlation with the number of homicides.

Brazil, India, and China all have roughly the same number of illegally owned firearms per 100 people. The homicide rates vary from six times the rate of the U.S. (Brazil) to 2/3 the rate of the U.S. (India) to one eighth the rate of the U.S. (China).

These numbers verify the research of John Lott, which shows there is no correlation between homicide numbers and the number of guns owned per 100 people. Lott's study compares all the countries in the world he could obtain data from.

Consider the first point: there is no correlation of the number of legally owned guns to the number of illegally owned guns. This alone shows that legal restrictions on guns does not reduce the number of illegally owned guns.

Making guns hard to legally own and use does not reduce the homicide rate. It does not reduce the number of guns owned illegally.

The hard evidence, from 160 years of highly restrictive gun control laws, is they do not affect the murder rate or the number or rate of illegally owned guns. Governments have not been able to confiscate illegally owned guns faster than people are able to make, buy, steal or smuggle guns to add to the illegal stockpile.

The idea that gun control works by limiting the number of guns, and thus reducing crime is false.

The studies that purport to show a correlation, suffer from various forms of statistical sleight of hand. They limit their study scope to short time periods and/or geographic areas. They limit the homicides counted to those committed with guns. They create artificial definitions of "developed nations" to cherry pick what numbers to look at.

Making guns hard to legally own, at the whim of a government, is a form of virtue signaling. It sends the message: Guns are bad.

It has nothing to do with crime or the homicide rate. It has nothing to do with the numbers of illegally owned guns. The theory that restricting legal gun ownership reduces crime rates is false.

Well-governed societies have low crime rates. Some have few restrictions on gun ownership, some are very restrictive. It does not change crime rates.

There may be a few hundred thousand or a hundred million legal gun owners. It does not matter. There is no correlation between legally owned guns and homicides or crime.

The similarities of the number of illegally owned guns in Brazil, India, and China, and the enormous differences in homicide rates, from 30.9 in Brazil to .63 in China (per 100,000) shows that illegal gun ownership is inconsequential compared to cultural, political, and other factors.

Gun control is not about homicides or safety. It is about telling you what the ruling establishment wants you to think. <https://www.ammoland.com/2018/12/draconian-gun-control-does-not-reduce-gun-numbers-or-homicide-rates/#ixzz5bZa5osy1>

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