

Something has to be done about the fact that US gun murder rate is 19.5 times higher than the 22 most populous countries combined. Most people live in urban areas where they don't need to hunt. Guns cause violence. There is no reason to own a gun to protect yourself.

No one needs to own a gun because most people live in areas where they do not need to hunt with guns. 80% of people live in urban areas. The only purpose most of these urban living people have seen a gun used for is violence. These people can easily get their food at the store, so they do not need a gun to hunt. Many people in rural/country areas do not depend on guns either. Even though a couple's hunters right to happiness will get limited, it is for the common

good that no one has guns.

There would be less violence if no one had guns. In 2007 according to the National Center for injury preventions and control, 12,632 people were murdered by a gun, and 44,466 people were shot during an attack. In addition, in one year 613 people were killed unintentionally by a gun and 18,610 were shot unintentionally. Most people live in urban areas where guns aren't needed to hunt. Guns increase violence levels. People do not need guns to protect themselves. If people have guns, people's right to safety is violated. Mayors and other people who are in charge of cities think the more easily accessible guns are, the more guns end up in criminal and mentally ill's hands. This makes sense because it means there are more guns for criminals to

steal, illegally purchase, and use for violence.

No one should own a gun because people do not need a gun to protect them. If you own a gun for self defense purposes, you are doing a police man's job. Police men are trained to use guns well, and are a lot more likely to capture/scare away criminals without anyone getting hurt than the average gun owner. It is violating the police's right to authority if people take the law into their own hands with guns. It is for the common good that police are the ones handling guns. In addition, the Brady campaign, an organization to prevent violence, says that keeping a gun in your home quadruples the chance of dying from an accidental gun shot. The thing we thought would save

lives, takes them away too.

Members of the NRA think that banning guns is violating the second amendment, the right to bear arms. This is true but what the NRA members don't think about is that this right was established when everyone depended on guns for food, and defending their property. Now more than 100 years later, we have responsible police officers to take care of crime, and we have supermarkets where we get our food even more easily than hunting.

Guns were <sup>of</sup> great when the constitution was written, but now they hinder instead of help. We must embrace the changes the future brings us for the common good, and ban guns from our country.