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New Developments In The 'Concealed Carry' Debate

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In the midst of the intense debate about Americans' right to carry a concealed weapon, both proponents and opponents of this measure can find many resources that can inform their views and decisions.

ProCon.org, a nonpartisan public charity dedicated to promoting critical thinking, created a website dedicated to this issue. It explores many of the arguments about the concealed carry debate and includes sources, images, videos, reader comments and a section of little known facts called "Did You Know?"

Supporters of concealed carry argue that criminals are less likely to attack if they believe the potential victim could be armed. They also cite the provisions of the Second Amendment and contend that most adults who legally carry a concealed handgun are law-abiding citizens.

Meanwhile, critics argue that increased gun ownership leads to more gun crime and that concealed handguns boost the chances of arguments becoming lethal, and increase the number of unintended gun injuries.

However, recent research conducted by David Burnett and Clayton Cramer, who track incidents of defensive gun use at [TheArmedCitizen.com](#), found that concealed guns may in fact save lives.

The stories they documented include senior citizens fighting off robbers and women defending themselves against attackers, proving that armed citizens may prevent violent crimes at restaurants, grocery stores, banks or coffee houses.

"We've documented 2,160 stories of self-defense with guns since May 2007," said Burnett. "When it comes to concealed carry permits, we have 153 documented cases across 26 states with at least 550 lives saved."

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James says:

June 7, 2010 at 5:36 am



Of course conceal carry saves lives. Law abiding citizens are not looking for a gun fight. They want to live peacefully.

But gang bangers, rapist, and murders the common criminals that are found everywhere in our country. Have made it a requirement for good people who have common sense to arm themselves to defend what they own, and to defend their God give lives.

The gun banners, I call them traitors because that is what they are. Want you to rely on the police or law enforcement to prevent violent crime. Well that is pure insanity!

The US Supreme Court has ruled many times, that the police ARE NOT required to provide any citizen 24 hour protection.

Bowers v. Devito, 686 F.2d 616 (7th Cir. 1982) (There is no constitutional right to be protected by the state against being murdered by criminals or madmen. It is monstrous if the state fails to protect its residents against such predators but it does not violate the due process clause of the Fourteenth Amendment, or, we suppose, any other provision of the Constitution. The Constitution is a charter of negative liberties; it tells the state to let the people alone; it does not require the federal government or the state to provide services, even so elementary a service as maintaining law and order.); (No duty to protect) = Rule 12(b)(6) Motion to Dismiss;Cf. Reciprocal obligations;

Warren v. District of Columbia (444 A.2d 1, 1981) ((O)fficial police personnel and the government employing them are not generally liable to victims of criminal acts for failure to provide adequate police protection ... this uniformly accepted rule rests upon the fundamental principle that a government and its agents are under no general duty to provide public services, such as police protection, to any particular citizen ... a publicly maintained police force constitutes a basic governmental service provided to benefit the community at large by promoting public peace, safety and good order.);

The gun is the only personal weapon that puts a 100-pound woman on equal footing with a 220-pound mugger, a 75-year old retiree on equal footing with a 19-year old gang banger, and a single guy on equal footing with a carload of drunk guys with baseball bats. The gun removes the disparity in physical strength, size, or numbers between a potential attacker and a defender.

The recent 2009 FBI crime statistics proves without a doubt that more guns equals less crime. In 2009 record guns sales occurred in the U.S., yet crime fell. I wonder why? End of story.

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Al Sieber says:

June 7, 2010 at 6:16 am



They never tell the other side of the story anyways. why does this even have to be a issue? why do we always have to fight for rights we already have? if we lose these rights, its all over.

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James Colglazier says:

June 7, 2010 at 6:19 am



Bravo ! The 2nd Amendment to the Constitution must be upheld and remain to be

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interperated as the right of an individual to keep and bear arms. This is essential to our FREEDOM !

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Howard Jones says:

June 7, 2010 at 6:40 am



While listing a bunch of stories about CCW holders defending themselves is fine, if you want the best source of data read John Lott's third edition of "More Guns, Less Crime". It has become the standard for proving our point.

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Al Sieber says:

June 7, 2010 at 6:40 am



We need to vote these "Marxists" out this Nov.. pardon the pun, we need to give it our "best shot", it' the only chance we have.

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Jaytex says:

June 7, 2010 at 7:37 am



If you were a criminal, would you want to face an armed citizen or an unarmed citizen? Common sense should tell you the answer.

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herbert emerson says:

June 7, 2010 at 7:52 am



COLT SAID IT ALL COLTS MAKE ALL MEN EQUEAL, I'MUST ADD WOMEN ALSO EQUEAL . I HAVE ALWAYS HAD MY FIRE ARMS TARGET , AND CARRIED ON ARMED GUARD SERVICES, FOR PVTAND GOVT. SERVICES. FOR VERIOUS SECURITY CO.SOME PLACES WOULD MAKE ONES HAIR ON BACK OF HIS OR HER NECK TINGEL.HAVEING A RELIABLE HAND GUN FEEL MORE CONFORTABEL . SHOOTING IS JUST ANOTHER SPORT LIKE GOLF . IT CAN BE A FUN SPORT. THANK YOU .HERBIE

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JC says:

June 7, 2010 at 8:08 am



Criminals for Gun Control

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ER8leop6_Jc

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JC says:

June 7, 2010 at 8:12 am



More Criminals for Gun Control

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45caliber says:

June 7, 2010 at 8:26 am



The fact that the areas with guns has less crime has been known since about 1970. Readers Digest commissioned a study to prove that guns equal crime but the group studying it found it was the exact opposite.

Areas with least guns per population? Inner city areas, particularly government assisted housing.

The areas with the most crime? Inner city areas, particularly government assisted housing.

Area with the most guns per population? The Ozark Mountains in Arkansas – 2.5

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guns per person.

Area with the least crime? The Ozark Mountains in Arkansas – where most people didn't even have locks on their doors.

And of course the government and the anti-gun people ignored it.

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Randy says:

June 7, 2010 at 8:56 am



People who think those that carry a concealed weapon are dangerous are completely wrong. The only ones they pose a danger to are the criminal element. Why do you think Russia never fired a nuke at our country? Because they couldn't! Hell no it was because we would fire back. The same thing goes for the criminals, gang bangers, murders, rapist. If they think you will shot their ass off if they act stupid they tend to get intelligent really quick. It's our right yes RIGHT to Own And Bear Arms in our defense of our person and property. The founding fathers were very smart when they drafted the Constitution and Bill Of Rights.

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ESA says:

June 7, 2010 at 9:04 am



It never ceases to amaze me that CC critics lead with arguments that have been disproven time and time again. While it's true one can juggle statistical analysis numbers, the facts of this issue remain consistent. Crime stats and information such as is found in writers like John Lott is treated as if it doesn't exist yet the emotional suppositions put forth by the critics are treated as gospel.

Along these lines, I would submit the US government has been taken over by mega business concerns and no longer represents the people of the country. Terms such as "national interest" and "fight for our freedom" are not in the interest of the population of the US as a whole but are business terms designed for the protection of mega business profits throughout the world.

There are many guns in the hands of citizens of the US and a major part of the population realizes the need for personal and family protection. Goblins are everywhere. One cannot protect their family away from home without the means of protection immediately available.

You can bet the mega business types have a means of personal protection without a question. The wealthy elite of the nation make sure they don't go without anything and care little of the rest of the population. Again, this elite group has become the us government [sic].

Remember the "quaint" document that states; "But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security." It's in the preamble.

For those who may be predisposed to dismiss this as ranting, ask yourself why the US Coast Guard and police are being ordered by BP to keep US citizens off the southern beaches and prevented from taking photographs which could, by the way, be presented in court. Does it strike anyone at all that this puts the entire population of the US as subservient to a mega business? Remember, those orders were being followed.

Is it really any wonder why the rich and powerful have prevented CC in most states?

Can you say "Police State?" I knew that you could...

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45caliber says:

June 7, 2010 at 11:07 am



I wouldn't say that the rich has succeeded in limiting CC in "most" states. The last I heard 36 states had it.

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JC says:

June 7, 2010 at 11:34 am



I can't recall if it's 17 or 27 states that recognize each others right to carry permits now too.

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Robin, Arcadia, IN says:

June 7, 2010 at 9:14 am



America beware. This administration's agenda is all about taking away rights. We must not let this happen. We must vote those out that think our rights are no longer viable. Educate those around you! Everyone should know the truth, and it is not what the main stream media tells you!

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45caliber says:

June 7, 2010 at 2:03 pm



You are correct. Let's hope that voting them out is all we need to worry about.

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S C says:

June 7, 2010 at 9:32 am



CC laws will insure that America always has a functioning 2nd Amendment. A public that is protected by concealed carry laws will always be safer than one that pays lip service to 'safety' but does nothing to guarantee that we have it.

CC laws make predators look over their shoulders, and think hesitate before they dare to exhibit their hardcore, progressive intentions.

Based on what passes for leadership in the last 100+ years, America will be safer if CC laws spread across the nation. Practical safety and instant 'social justice' are worth their weight in gold, people.

It's time for America's two-legged predators to know that they and their friends are now the prey.

Safety means nothing if we can only talk about it.

Either we have it, or we don't.

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George Halepis says:

June 7, 2010 at 9:58 am



What? No "liberal" comments? Maybe they all dried up and blew away? I wish!

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JC says:

June 7, 2010 at 11:35 am



Its an argument they can't win.

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45caliber says:

June 7, 2010 at 11:05 am



Take over of the U.S.

Back in 1968 the Air Force Academy published the "3 Rules for Takeover of the U.S." as put out by the American Communist Party. The Air Force had checked and were told by the Communist Party that these rules were still in force in 1968.

1) Destroy the ruggedness of the American people by concentrating their attention

of spectator sports and sex. (What do you normally watch on TV?)

2) Gain control of the news media and use it to prevent the people from knowing what is going on in their legislative halls (state and country) and to tear down the image of any natural leader the people might want to follow. (When was the last time you knew more than one or two bills the legislature was working on? Did you know any details? And what about Palin?)

3) Disarm the population through gun control.

That's it, Folks. Nice and simple. And it seems to me that someone is trying very hard on the first two and probably has already succeeded on No. 2. They are working hard on No. 3.

Incidentally the American Communist Party shut its doors about 1984. The reason? Every one of their platform items had been adopted by BOTH the GOP and the Dems.

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