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## Abortions And Autos Kill More In America Than Guns

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Tragedies have struck again and again, with women and young students being killed at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut; at Columbine High School in Columbine, Colorado; and elsewhere. The loss of these lives was senseless and unfathomable; and enormous pain and shock waves have been visited upon our great nation. Advocates of gun control believe it is the solution. However, the killer at Sandy Hook used his mother's weapons; and she apparently knew that his mental health issues were a potential powder keg, but she could not stop him and he killed her too. Also, at essentially the same time as the Sandy Hook killings, 22 children and one adult were injured by a knife-wielding man outside a primary school in central China as students were arriving for classes.[2]

Guns do not kill; people do. Criminals and wackos can get their hands on guns and other weapons and commit violence, and there is nothing that can be done to prevent them—except to stop the crimes before they are committed, owing to mental health treatment, better intelligence and law enforcement. These are violent times, which will only get much worse between now and the end of this decade; and lots of innocent people will suffer globally.[3]

However, such killings must be placed in perspective: abortions and auto accidents kill far more in America than guns do. Indeed, there is no comparison. Also, the FBI has reported that *all* homicides committed using firearms have been declining.[4]

The Second Amendment to our Constitution states in pertinent part:

[T]he right of the people to keep and bear arms [] shall not be infringed.[5]

It is part of the American culture, which is protected; and the Constitution will not be changed in this regard. Indeed, gun sales have been rising because Americans want the ability to defend themselves as crime increases in our country, which will only get worse as the budgets of law enforcement decline during the balance of this decade.

Also, violence is glorified on TV and in films worldwide. If Americans truly want to reduce or eliminate violence (e.g., “copycat” murders), the depiction of violence should be banned. It instills the wrong values in the kids of this world. And there is no question that Hollywood promotes and glorifies violence.

America’s resident, angry Narcissistic Brit, Piers Morgan, has been trying to change our culture—which he does not understand—by crusading for gun control, despite the low ratings of his CNN talk show, which replaced the legendary, unflappable Larry King. Hopefully Morgan returns permanently to the UK as soon as possible, and stops “preaching” in our country.[6]

As American lawyer, conservative social and political commentator Ann Coulter has noted:

Only one public policy has ever been shown to reduce the death rate from [multiple-victim shootings]: concealed-carry laws.

The effect of concealed-carry laws in deterring mass public shootings was even greater than the impact of such laws on the murder rate generally.

Someone planning to commit a single murder in a concealed-carry state only has to weigh the odds of one person being armed. But a criminal planning to commit murder in a public place has to worry that anyone in the entire area might have a gun.[7]

On a personal note, I was a U.S. Army Infantry Officer during the Vietnam War, and I was trained with guns and know how to use them. However, I gave away my father’s duck-hunting weapons, and do not like the idea of any weapons being around. Accidents can and do happen. However, I understand why so many Americans want them for hunting, and for their own protection.

Lastly, it bears repeating: abortions and auto accidents kill *far* more than guns do in the United States. Abortions should be banned, and auto accidents should be curbed, if Americans and others truly want to deal with deaths instead of merely spouting rhetoric as Piers Morgan does.

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[2] *See* <http://www.enniscorthyguardian.ie/breaking-news/world-news/22-children-hurt-in-knife-attack-3325857.html> (<http://www.enniscorthyguardian.ie/breaking-news/world-news/22-children-hurt-in-knife-attack-3325857.html>) (<http://naegeleblog.wordpress.com/2010/09/24/washington-is-sick-and-the-american-people-know-it/#comment-1799>)

[3] Whether it is (1) Elizabeth Smart who was abducted from her Salt Lake City, Utah, bedroom, or (2) Jaycee Lee Dugard who was kidnapped in Northern California at the age of 11 and was found alive 18 years later after having given birth to two children fathered by the man who kidnapped her, or (3) sweet Madeleine McCann who disappeared in May of 2007 when she was on holiday with her British parents and twin siblings in the Algarve region of Portugal, or (4) the attack that took place at the shopping center in Southern California where I bought an Apple laptop that I am using to type this—which is across the road from where my son and his family used to live—this is a violent world in which innocent people (especially women) are preyed on by wackos.

*See, e.g.,* <http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2012/12/shots-fired-at-fashion-island-mall-lockdown-in-place.html> (<http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2012/12/shots-fired-at-fashion-island-mall-lockdown-in-place.html>); *see also* <http://naegeleblog.wordpress.com/2012/02/07/poverty-in-america/> (<http://naegeleblog.wordpress.com/2012/02/07/poverty-in-america/>) (“Poverty In America”) and <http://naegeleblog.wordpress.com/2010/09/27/the-economic-tsunami-continues-its-relentless-and-unforgiving-advance-globally/> (<http://naegeleblog.wordpress.com/2010/09/27/the-economic-tsunami-continues-its-relentless-and-unforgiving-advance-globally/>) (“The Economic Tsunami Continues Its Relentless And Unforgiving Advance Globally”) and <http://naegeleblog.wordpress.com/2010/07/30/illegal-immigration-the-solution-is-simple/> (<http://naegeleblog.wordpress.com/2010/07/30/illegal-immigration-the-solution-is-simple/>) (“Illegal Immigration: The Solution Is Simple”)

[4] As of the date that this article was published, more than 1.2 million abortions had taken place in the United States this year alone.

*See* <http://www.numberofabortions.com/> (<http://www.numberofabortions.com/>); *see*

also [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abortion\\_in\\_the\\_United\\_States](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abortion_in_the_United_States)  
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Last year, motor vehicle deaths in U.S. totaled 32,367.

See [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_motor\\_vehicle\\_deaths\\_in\\_U.S.\\_by\\_year](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_motor_vehicle_deaths_in_U.S._by_year)  
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By comparison, it has been reported:

[T]he most recent data suggests gun violence is declining in the United States.

The number of homicides committed using firearms dropped from 2006 to 2010, according the FBI's Uniform Crime Report.

In 2010, 8,775 homicides using firearms were reported to the FBI. In 2006, 10,225 homicides using firearms were reported to the FBI.

See [http://www.newsnet5.com/dpp/news/local\\_news/investigations/fbi-crime-reports-show-homicides-using-firearms-dropped-in-usbetween-2006-and-2010](http://www.newsnet5.com/dpp/news/local_news/investigations/fbi-crime-reports-show-homicides-using-firearms-dropped-in-usbetween-2006-and-2010)  
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[5] See [http://www.law.cornell.edu/constitution/second\\_amendment](http://www.law.cornell.edu/constitution/second_amendment)  
([http://www.law.cornell.edu/constitution/second\\_amendment](http://www.law.cornell.edu/constitution/second_amendment))

[6] See <http://newsbusters.org/blogs/noel-sheppard/2012/12/19/piers-morgan-calls-pro-gun-advocate-unbelievably-stupid-dangerous-you>  
(<http://newsbusters.org/blogs/noel-sheppard/2012/12/19/piers-morgan-calls-pro-gun-advocate-unbelievably-stupid-dangerous-you>)

[7] See <http://www.humanevents.com/2012/12/19/ann-coulter-we-know-how-to-stop-school-shootings/>  
(<http://www.humanevents.com/2012/12/19/ann-coulter-we-know-how-to-stop-school-shootings/>)

As a lawyer-friend of mine commented, after reading and recommending Coulter's article:

I think one of the jurisdictions that is pretty satisfied with concealed carry laws is [the District of Columbia, or Washington, D.C.], where a lot of the minority women carry weapons when they live in unsafe areas.

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The bad guys aren't as likely to bother them as they were before many of them started carrying.

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