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SEALQuote:The U.S. has a high gun murder rate, whereas a country like England with strict gun controls has almost no gun murders and a very low murder rate. Doesn't this show that gun control is effective in reducing murder rates? Not exactly. Prior to having any gun controls, England already had a homicide rate much lower than the United States (Guns, Murders, and the Constitution: A Realistic Assessment of Gun Control, Don B. Kates Jr.). Japan is another country typically cited (see Japanese Gun Control, by David B. Kopel). (Briefly discussing the difference in homicide rates between England and the U.S. is Clayton Cramer's, Variations in California Murder Rates: Does Gun Availability Cause High Murder Rates?)

Gun control opponents can play similar games. The Swiss with 7 million people have hundreds of thousands of fully-automatic rifles in their homes (see GunCite's "Swiss Gun Laws") and the Israelis, until recently, have had easy access to guns (brief summary of Israeli firearms regulations here). Both countries have low homicide rates. Likewise this doesn't mean more guns less crime. Source: http://www.guncite.com/gun_control_gcgvinco.html

Ah, so it appears that gun control has little to no effect on the number of gun related deaths. And that no gun control doesn't translate to more gun related deaths. So why does the US have any gun control laws at all? Why does the US have so many more murders than other countries? Micheal Moore thought it was fear, although I've always wanted a more concrete answer...

Criminals.
Welfare.
No Education.
Drugs.

Many other things lead to murder, but these are the main ones.