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Subject: Re: Man returns gun ammo to walmart at 1300 feet per second

Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Tue, 11 Sep 2007 17:24:24 GMT

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Ryu wrote on Tue, 11 September 2007 13:13 Well, The idea of one gun to every family sounds a tad bit too extreme to me.

And I don't want to waste my time.

Every family being gun-toting rednecks is a tad extreme. Protecting yourself, by any means necessary, isn't.

Would you consider every family having an alarm in their home to be extreme? Do you consider people carrying mace with them to be extreme? Protecting yourself and your property is not "extreme", it's logical. Owning a gun isn't any more extreme than that. It's just that people get these stupid, knee-jerk reactions to it.

I'm completely sympathetic to these horrible stories of these accidents and horrible, conscious acts committed by people. I don't just turn the other way and pretend that doesn't exist, either. However, I'm not going to pretend that all can be fixed by taking liberties from others. Don't suffocate my life because of a few bad people and a few careless people.

Yes, guns can be used for HORRIBLE acts. There are some really ruthless people out there, but they're criminals regardless of the law. If they want to harm you, they will. If they want a gun to do it, they will find a way to get a gun, and getting a gun illegally is a bit easier than getting one legally, whether or not you're law-abiding.

Taking away my freedom from protecting myself with lethal force only helps out the criminals succeed. A gun is a great equalizer. A 4'6", 85lb woman toting a gun can effectively defend herself against a 6'5", 250lb attacker.

If you don't like guns, don't buy one. If you're afraid of your children and friends of your children getting a hold of your gun, don't buy one. If you're afraid of accidentally discharging it against a friend, rather than a foe, (I bet you can guess what I'm about to say, can't you?... ) don't buy one. I, however, want a gun, and I am fully prepared to take responsibility for anything that happens directly relating to my gun.

A gun isn't necessarily for everyone. I don't expect everybody to like guns. However, I expect everybody to respect mine and others' decisions to live our lives by our own accord.

Edit: Caveman, why should I have to wait? I could just as easily walk up to someone's house, buy their shitty car for \$200, and then proceed to run over innocent pedestrians walking on the downtown sidewalks. I could go buy a PC from a local store, connect it to my internet connection, and proceed to use it maliciously against others. I could go buy a set of kitchen knives and go stab my ex-girlfriend because I happened to think of what she did to me x amount of years ago for x reason. I could go buy a baseball bat at my local store and proceed to smash car windshields because I'm pissed off at the world. I could go on, but I feel you get my point.

Yes, a gun is traditionally more violent than any of what I just listed above. I won't deny that, but

maybe it's not me who needs to have a different view of guns. Maybe it's everybody else who needs to realize that guns aren't causing crime. Yes, they're also more lethal than what I listed above, but a crime is a crime. If you want to maliciously attack someone or something, you're going to do it regardless of whether or not you have a gun. You have so many things to choose from to perform your criminal acts. Don't criminalize me because someone else is irresponsible, just as I'm not criminalizing you.

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