**Gun Control**

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**Introduction**

 The gun control debate has been ongoing for many years, with no end in sight. The issue is complex, and there are valid arguments on both sides. Proponents of gun control argue that these laws are necessary to protect citizens, while opponents of gun control argue that these laws infringe on the right to bear arms. Gun control laws are designed to regulate the sale, possession, and use of firearms to reduce gun violence. Gun violence is a serious problem in the United States, and gun control laws are one way to try to reduce this problem. It is estimated that there are over 30,000 gun-related deaths each year in the United States (Enomoto, 2018). I believe that gun control is necessary to protect citizens, and I hope that in the future more people will come to see the benefits of gun control.

**The Arguments for Gun Control**

 Gun control laws would help to reduce gun violence. This is the most commonly cited reason for supporting gun control. Gun violence is a serious problem in the United States, and gun control laws are one way to try to reduce this problem. Supporters of gun control argue that such laws would help to reduce gun violence in the United States because they would make it more difficult for people with a history of violence to obtain guns (Price & Khubchandani, 2019). This would make it more difficult for people with a history of violence to obtain guns, and would therefore reduce gun violence in the United States.

 Gun control would also help to reduce the number of mass shootings in the United States. In recent years, there have been a number of mass shootings, such as the ones in Las Vegas, Nevada, and Orlando, Florida (Galea et al., 2018). These shootings have led to calls for stricter gun control laws. This is because it is believed that if there were stricter gun control laws, then it would be harder for people with mental health problems to get access to guns. This would then lead to fewer mass shootings.

**The Arguments against Gun Control**

 Gun control laws infringe on the right to bear arms. This is the most commonly cited reason for opposing gun control. The Second Amendment to the United States Constitution protects the right of Americans to keep and bear arms (O'Shea, 2021). This right is not absolute, but it is very difficult to infringe on. This means that it is very difficult to pass gun control laws in the United States. Opponents of gun control argue that such laws would infringe on the right to bear arms, and that this is an unacceptable infringement on a fundamental right.

Gun control laws would also be ineffective because they would only affect law-abiding citizens. Criminals would still be able to obtain guns, even if there were stricter gun control laws. This is because criminals do not obey the law (Swanson et al., 2019). Therefore, they would still be able to obtain guns, even if gun control laws made it more difficult for law-abiding citizens to do so. This would mean that gun control laws would only make it more difficult for law-abiding citizens to obtain guns, without having any effect on criminals.

**My Position**

 I believe that gun control is necessary to protect citizens. Gun violence is a problem in our society. Gun control laws are one way to try and reduce this problem. While I also agree that the Second Amendment protects the right to bear arms, I do not believe that this right is absolute. I think that gun control laws can be crafted in a way that does not infringe on the Second Amendment but still helps to reduce gun violence. I also believe that gun control laws would be more effective than they are currently. If we can make it more difficult for people with a history of violence to obtain guns, then we can help to reduce gun violence in our society. Furthermore, I believe that gun control laws would also help to reduce the number of mass shootings in the United States. Cases like the Sandy Hook shooting show that even people with no history of violence can commit mass shootings if they have easy access to guns. It was far too easy for the Sandy Hook shooter to obtain the guns that he used in his shooting. If we had stricter gun control laws, then it would be more difficult for people like him to get access to guns. This would lead to fewer mass shootings.

**Conclusion**

 Guns must be regulated to protect citizens. Gun violence is a running issue in our society, and gun control legislation tries to lower the numbers. Although I uphold the Second Amendment, I don't agree that this right is never-ending. There comes a time when safety trumps an amendment. Also, gun control measures would be more effective if they were better enforced. If we close the loopholes in our current legislation and make it harder for people with a history of violence to obtain firearms, then we can make our society a safer place.

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