

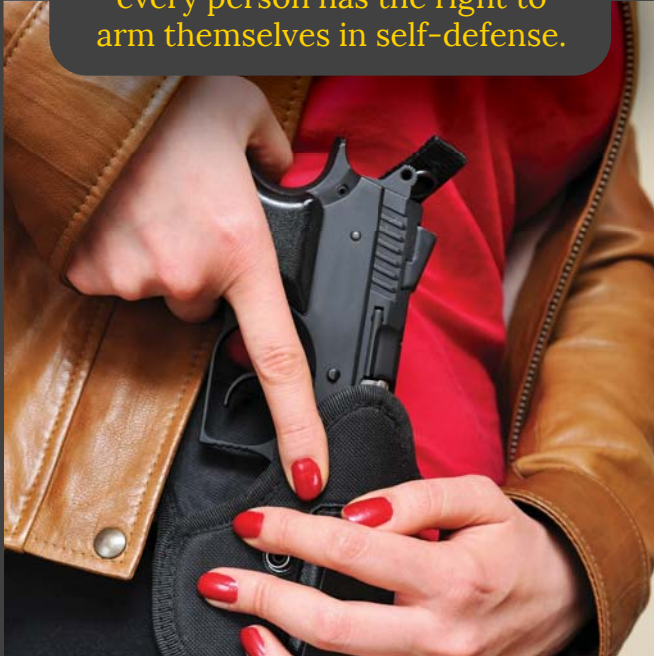
GUN OWNERSHIP


Libertarians believe that every person has the right to arm themselves in self-defense.

The right to self defense is one of our most fundamental rights. Few people will argue against that. However, some believe that people should not be allowed to arm themselves. Libertarians strongly disagree.

Imagine a small person, walking home after a late shift at work. Imagine that person is attacked by someone twice their size. The victim fights back but is unable to defend themselves against the much larger attacker. Now imagine if the victim was armed. With the help of a gun, the victim has a chance at self defense against the much larger attacker. Gun rights are important for everyone, but especially those that are physically weaker.

Banning guns would not curb violence or deaths...it will just change the nature of violence and deaths. It would result in violent criminals having more power to perpetrate violence





Libertarians believe that
ALL rights of ALL people
matter ALL the time.

against innocent people. Violent criminals will be emboldened if they know that average Americans are unable to defend themselves.

And banning guns would mean people who should be free to go about their business, for example traveling home from work after dark, will live in greater fear. It will mean that people who live in more dangerous areas (and who are typically poorer) have fewer options to defend themselves and their families.

Libertarians support people's rights to defend themselves and to arm themselves. We see it as immoral for government to try to prevent someone from doing so.



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