Subject: Re: Well said (nt)
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I am going to have to disagree with Bill here. While I think that is a very reasonable and well thought out opinion I see things a little differently.Can people kill by means other than handguns? Sure; but many more are killed with them than I believe would be without them.Armed robbery; what would be a robbers advantage to bringing a baseball bat into the store? No; that requires firepower.Domestic Violence; yes many are killed by other means. But it takes a lot of serious hard work to kill someone with a knife or a bat. This is part of the teaching awarded to Policemen here. A small person generally cannot overpower a larger person with a bat or knife. Second you must be in very close proximity. Third you must be very able and capable with that device to kill. Thats why Special Forces guys get so much training in that field; because it isn't easy.Then it takes a lot longer to kill by a rage induced hand weapon like a bat; that is time to prevent or stop the event.Random Killing. This is rare but can happen. Much more difficult wioth a stick than a gun. People are wary of strangers and will be on guard.I think my point is made. Handguns are the weapon of choice for a reason; kill quickly;Kill at a distance; garraunteed kill over a stick.light and easy to conceal.But the real issue is random violence is almost impossible without them. Road rage; domestic violence etc is a non-entity with a bat.