Subject: Re: Don't think guns save lives
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I don't think you quite understand. You said:||"IMO - "average" gun owner in the long run has much more chance to shoot himself (accidentaly or suicide),||If you read those statistics, you find that the unintentional shootings numbered 730. Since gun deaths account for .65% of deaths in the United States, 730 is 2% of that .65%. In other words, 2% of .65% is 1.3 × 10 to the -4 power, or 0.00013% of all deaths in America.For argument's sake, let's say Gary Kleck's numbers are rediculously inflated. The numbers really aren't nearly so big as he says. Subtract a million from that number. So now there are only 1,500,000 uses of firearms to save life and limb. Versus accidents totallying 30,000? Dividing it out, this would mean that there are fifty defensive uses of guns for every one unintentional death. 50:1. I'm sure we could find that just as many accidental deaths occur by automobile versus the number of cars used safely. You didn't answer that argument from my previous post.You wrote:||The interpretation of this statistic isn`t simple, and many things are missing. But, subjectively - many of those "self defence" situations aren`t "clear". For example, in many countries incident where shop owner shot dead, say, 20 years old junkie who tried to rob the store - this is not self defence on the court...Yeah, the clerc had the gun behind the desk and murdered the kid for $100...but is it the right path for the society and for the individual persons?||I must respectfully ask, how in the world do you know this? What is missing? Which SPECIFIC examples of self defense are not "clear"? What about them makes them unclear?You wrote:||Anyway, number of the death from firearms use is scarying high, even for the big country like US - 30 000 dead per year is more then in many wars!||And our crime rate is the envy of the world.