Subject: Incidence of Violent Crime Victims self-defense from US Govt records.
Posted by Manualblock on Tue, 13 Jun 2006 22:08:19 GMT
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Here is the site with those stats. Less than .18% of gun related crimes are successfully defended according to the governments records.Here is the article PMID:7998641; hereis the published summary.It is well known that many of the violent crimes in the U.S. are committed with firearms. Less adequately documented is the frequency with which victims use guns in self-defense. We used National Crime Victims Information survey data to examine incidents where victims employed guns against offenders. Between 1987 and 1990 there were an estimated 258,459 incidents of firearm defense. An annual mean of 64,615.Victims used firearms in 0.18% of all crimes recorded by the survey and in 0.83% of violent offenses.Our conclusion? Firearm self-defense is very rare compared to gun crimes.
http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?cmd=retrieve&db=pubmed

Subject: Re: Incidence of Violent Crime Victims self-defense from US Govt records.
Posted by Wayne Parham on Wed, 14 Jun 2006 03:01:50 GMT
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I can't resist but to point out how absolutely stupid it is to quote "stats" like this. Listening to government statistics about gun use is a little like listening to a car-alarm salesman reporting how many car thefts there are. It's self-serving. If guns didn't work as an effective defense, then police wouldn't be armed. The thing is, very few people that have to use a weapon start jumping up and down and waving down the government to let them know.

Subject: Re: Incidence of Violent Crime Victims self-defense from US Govt records.
Posted by Bill Martinelli on Wed, 14 Jun 2006 03:22:27 GMT
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You are driven my friend! I dont have the energy to paw through stats like you do. (insert cartoon) Just so you know, I'm not entirely against gun control. I just dont think the banning or total control is going to work. That why I argue against gun control. I think that obviously in the short term there will be a drop in crime if all the guns disappeared tomorrow. But something like that can no more happen than changing an entire society and the pent up anger. Too bad there isnt more relaxation. Excellent discussion. We recently covered religion and guns, Whats next week, capital punishment or abortion? I'll be on the lake tomorrow!

Subject: The Second Amendment
Posted by elektratig on Wed, 14 Jun 2006 08:37:26 GMT
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Putting the statistics aside for a moment, there is a compelling case that the Second Amendment provides an individual right to bear arms.The argument that the Second Amendment conveyed an individual right when it was originally ratified is fairly strong. Where it becomes compelling is after the Civil War, when Congress passed the Fourteenth Amendment, which applied the Bill of Rights against the states. The legislative history makes clear that, in so doing, the Radical Republicans controlling Congress were particularly outraged by terror campaigns in the South directed against Repubican sympathizers and former slaves by the Klu Klux Klan and similar organizations. Laws in southern states prohibited former slaves and others from owning weapons with which to defend themselves, and the Radical Republicans made clear that they viewed this as a violation of the Constitution. Congress had specifically in mind (among other things) the goal of giving individuals the right to keep and bear arms so they could deter and if necessary defend themselves against these threats.The issue is, of course, politically charged -- as your posts demonstrate. But the history is a no-brainer.

Subject: Bowling for Columbine documentary
Posted by Damir on Wed, 14 Jun 2006 08:58:42 GMT
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Did everyone see "Bowling for Columbine" awarded documentary movie by Michael Moore?About gun violence in USA - "Are we a nation of gun nuts or we are just nuts?""...When I was just a baby, my mama told me, "Son,Always be a good boy; don't ever play with guns."But I shot a man in Reno, just to watch him die."Johnny Cash
http://www.bowlingforcolumbine.com/

Subject: Re: The Second Amendment
Posted by Manualblock on Wed, 14 Jun 2006 11:46:42 GMT
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Good One E; in one of the replies earlier I say that the Second Amendment must not be taken lightly. They had rifles in every home as a given and that was part of the life of the early colonists. But the pistols of the time were laughable in regards to their accuracy and reliability. The world was a different place then. Who knows if the founding fathers; confronted with the enormous and lethal capability of our current weaponry would have painted in such broad strokes. However that is our responsibility to interpret the laws handed down with attention paid to those changes. The intent is clear but the manifestation is ours to determine.

Subject: Re: Bowling for Columbine documentary
Posted by Manualblock on Wed, 14 Jun 2006 11:48:58 GMT
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Over here Damir; Micheal Moore is a loaded topic. He does good work but sometimes he goes overboard. He is the epitomy of a divisive prescence.

Subject: Re: Incidence of Violent Crime Victims self-defense from US Govt records.
Posted by Manualblock on Wed, 14 Jun 2006 11:50:27 GMT
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Sorry; I don't get this. Stats are how the crime fighters do their job. Where to allocate money and manpower etc. How can you make a policy without any knowledge of whats happening??

Subject: Re: Incidence of Violent Crime Victims self-defense from US Govt records.
Posted by Manualblock on Wed, 14 Jun 2006 11:55:45 GMT
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Bill; wear that lifepreserver man!Handguns will be controlled in the near future. The majority of the people want it; the insurance companies want it; the police want it and I want it.Civilised countries around the world have found that banning handheld weapons causes a drop in violent crime. So far the NRA and other radical groups have held the reasonable people off; but not for long.How come your off during the week? Don't the kids have tests this week? Or is this a little love cruise for the you and the Queen?

Subject: Re: Bowling for Columbine documentary
Posted by Damir on Wed, 14 Jun 2006 12:21:22 GMT
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Hmm, the film is very interesting, anyway...exactly the themes we`re talking about.But...according to our friends...if that man from Reno had a gun or two...maybe everything would have been just fine...
http://www.leoslyrics.com/listlyrics.php?hid=2XP5GiOtjOU%3D

Subject: Re: Bowling for Columbine documentary
Posted by Manualblock on Wed, 14 Jun 2006 13:02:16 GMT
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The film was excellent. What I meant to convey is what happens here when you mention Moores name. People's minds shut down because he has this extreme reputation. So naturally whatever truths he has to offer are ignored in favor of preconcieved prejudices. Like what we saw with this discussion. The folks who want to keep and use their deadly handguns are not interested in stats or truths. They just want to keep their toys. No matter how many innocent people die as a result.

Subject: Re: Bowling for Columbine documentary
Posted by Wayne Parham on Wed, 14 Jun 2006 13:40:05 GMT
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That film was political rhetoric, nothing but propoganda.

Subject: Re: Bowling for Columbine documentary
Posted by Manualblock on Wed, 14 Jun 2006 13:45:44 GMT
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How do we know that? Lot of interviews with people that were there. Were you?

Subject: Re: Bowling for Columbine documentary
Posted by Wayne Parham on Wed, 14 Jun 2006 13:58:20 GMT
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If you're trying to say that Michael Moore is objective then you're not going to come across as being very objective yourself.

Subject: Re: Bowling for Columbine documentary
Posted by Manualblock on Wed, 14 Jun 2006 14:02:10 GMT
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Thats not what I asked.

Subject: Re: Bowling for Columbine documentary
Posted by Bill Martinelli on Thu, 15 Jun 2006 01:28:48 GMT
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The film was a piece of crap. so was 911. they were both an excellant prteayal of a one side of a story. Somewhat well thought out and documented; how ever, there are more things going on than in the film and as a film itself, it wasnt even a b movie

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Subject: Re: Incidence of Violent Crime Victims self-defense from US Govt records.
Posted by Bill Martinelli on Thu, 15 Jun 2006 01:31:05 GMT
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took the admiral out. nice breeze and calm waters.

Subject: Re: The Second Amendment
Posted by akhilesh on Thu, 15 Jun 2006 02:25:44 GMT
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"Who knows if the founding fathers; confronted with the enormous and lethal capability of our current weaponry would have painted in such broad strokes."John,Given your above post, you should trade in your enormously lethal modern rifles and get either far less lethal handguns, or black powder guns. C'mon buddy, how about practising what you preach. -akhilesh

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Subject: Here is a good link for a real study
Posted by akhilesh on Thu, 15 Jun 2006 03:43:34 GMT
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Unlike people pulling stats out of anywere to prove anything, here is a scholarly researcher. I don't expect it to change the thinking of the more extremist posters here, but at least for those who are moderate, it may help.
John Lott

Subject: Re: Incidence of Violent Crime Victims self-defense from US Govt records.
Posted by Manualblock on Thu, 15 Jun 2006 11:43:58 GMT
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Man not this week; I have never seen such wind for so long. So where did you go?

Subject: Re:Sorry; no go
Posted by Manualblock on Thu, 15 Jun 2006 13:10:56 GMT
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Chris Naud is a conservative commentator who has written for Limboaugh and others of his ilk. He describes what he claims is a noted scholar lecturing on the statistics of gun use in crime. There are no notes or any other kind of relevant information to indicate the lecture went as he says. The author he cites has no interaction with him and he claims not to have read any of the books or papers written by Mr Lott. This is a non-entity as is most of the blogs from hard-core gun owners.

Subject: Re: The Second Amendment
Posted by Manualblock on Thu, 15 Jun 2006 13:12:11 GMT
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Why quote me selectively; thats a cheap shot. You know my arguments regarding this. Rifles have a reason; the only reason for handguns is to kill people.