Subject: Teachers and guns
Posted by Leonardo on Thu, 01 Mar 2018 19:40:55 GMT
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I just responded to another post about how people shouldn't own rifles or assault weapons. The original post was from October and mass school shootings have continued to be a prolific problem. One suggestion the President seems to be considering pretty seriously is arming teachers. I think that teachers have enough on their plates as it is. They have so many responsibilities and this is so far outside of their duties. However, I don't think I'd be opposed if a teacher wanted to have a gun to protect themselves and their students. Then again, more guns doesn't seem like the best answer. What do you all think?

Subject: Re: Teachers and guns
Posted by gofar99 on Sun, 04 Mar 2018 02:21:51 GMT
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Hi, A challenging topic. A genuine, huge can of worms. I own a number of vintage muzzle loaders, some newer sporting arms but no automatic weapons. IMO the big issue is why folks seem to think that shooting others is a solution to any sort of problem. I don't think arming others including teachers will make much difference. Worse a lot of well intentioned folks confuse the issue with constitutional rights. I personally don't see it that way. I could argue for either side of that but would rather not get into the arguments along those lines, but stick to the issue of how to solve the problem. I personally have not seen anything proposed by any leader or organization at present that can solve the problem. Considering that the subject has passionate followers on all sides I would like to believe that it can be discussed here without rancor or malice. If it degenerates to such a level I propose that it be deleted.

Subject: Re: Teachers and guns
Posted by SpeakUp on Mon, 05 Mar 2018 01:43:39 GMT
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So far, this has been one of the few places I've felt comfortable voicing my opinion because everyone here seems pretty mellow. I don't think this is going to solve the core of the issue. I think we should be focusing on our mental health care system. What should be done? I'm not a professional, so I have nothing truly helpful to say about that. I just think we should be looking into the possibilities in that arena before arming our teachers. Additionally, schools should focus on inclusion amongst the student body. Maybe instead of arming teachers with guns, we should ask them to encourage more "popular" students to try and include the loners and the "misfits."

Subject: Re: Teachers and guns
Posted by Madison on Sun, 18 Mar 2018 00:44:12 GMT
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I think it's awful. Guns just don't belong in schools in any shape or form. I imagine many teachers

wouldn't feel comfortable packing everyday either. Not everyone is a good shot. Will we test teachers every year to see if they can hit the real target rather than missing and hitting little Johnny?

Subject: Re: Teachers and guns
Posted by Leot55 on Sun, 18 Mar 2018 03:29:44 GMT
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I think teaching will become a more male dominated field if guns are encouraged. The whole situation is terrible, but I'm not a big supporter of adding weapons to the classroom. A handgun can't take out an automatic rifle anyway. The teacher would be shot with 15 rounds before the teacher could pull the gun, take it off safety, and pull the trigger.

Subject: Re: Teachers and guns
Posted by johnnycamp5 on Sun, 18 Mar 2018 16:59:04 GMT
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Posted by Khanman on Fri, 23 Mar 2018 19:13:27 GMT
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That could potentially work. However, I think we need to be focusing on the people they have already hired to be on school grounds who have the proper training. Rather than arming teachers, we should be checking out the security guards to make sure that they're not going to blunder around when something happens, like they did in Florida.

Subject: Re: Teachers and guns
Posted by SamW on Thu, 12 Apr 2018 08:45:18 GMT
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Posted by johnnycamp5 on Sat, 14 Apr 2018 15:52:13 GMT
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I disagree.

Having children in middle and high school, and wiith school shootngs seeming to occur biannually, I for one would feel more comfortable with some armed teachers.

Subject: Re: Teachers and guns
Posted by Madison on Tue, 17 Apr 2018 05:57:07 GMT
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Wow, look at the civil discussion we're having about a hot button topic. It's a nice change from what you usually find on the internet...and in Congress.