

Gun control – why it fails

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In the wake of yet another school shooting, the Twitter influencer “Dom Lucre, Breaker of Narratives” released a thread dedicated to debunking the premises of gun control. In twenty-five tweets, Mr. Lucre discusses not only the failures of gun control but also how guns in civilian hands *prevent* crime.

Gun control – the usual arguments

Criminals, and criminal gangs, are an unfortunate side effect of civilization. Even ancient Rome had its gangs – which some politicians actually used to devastating effect. In the days of the Western frontier, gun control hardly existed and certainly not in the frontier. Tales of citizens defending themselves and their towns from criminal gangs abound. The most famous is the Battle of Coffeyville, Kansas, between town residents and the notorious Dalton Gang.



Watch Video At: <https://youtu.be/7uXQ6XenM3s>

But then came Prohibition, and criminal gangs inside major cities, organized to satisfy the demand for intoxicating liquor. Because these gangs filled a popular demand, law enforcement left them alone – or took their bribes. And the people shrugged – especially those who went to the Speakeasies. The most notorious gang leaders were even celebrities – like “Scarface” Al Capone.

But on February 14, 1929, matters came to a bloody head. Several of Al Capone’s men, disguised as Chicago Police, “raided” a garage that rival “Bugs” Moran used. They stood the men inside against a wall – and then systematically executed them. This “Saint Valentine’s Day Massacre” turned public opinion against the gangs. “Do something!” shrieked a public recoiling in horror at the reports of blood on the walls.

The *Miller* Decision

That something culminated in the National Firearms Act of 1934, and the case of *U.S. v. Miller* (307 U.S. 174, 1939). Jack Miller had challenged the National Firearms Act on Second Amendment grounds. But when the government petitioned for Supreme Court review, Jack Miller was nowhere to be found. *Thus gun control won by default*. That decision said that:

Only weapons that have a reasonable relationship to the effectiveness of a well-regulated militia under the Second Amendment are free from government regulation.

Who can tell how differently the Court might have decided that case, had Jack Miller followed through and paid for a Supreme Court response? In fact, *absolutely any* weapon can find a “reasonable” use by “a well-regulated militia.” But this toxic precedent drove the entering

wedge for gun control, and for all its consequences. Including, to paraphrase Franklin, a society that has sacrificed essential liberty to temporary safety.

Donald J. Trump has lately changed the composition of the Court, so that now the Court is more inclined to protect the Second Amendment. See for example *New York State Rifle and Pistol Association v. Bruen*, 597 U.S. ____ (2022). But stubborn “gun grabber” State governments have responded by defining virtually every place in an organized city as “sensitive.”

Bear this in mind when evaluating Dom Lucre’s latest thread.

The thread


Remember that Dom Lucre always begins his anchor tweets sarcastically. The real meat always follows – and this one has a lot of it.

THREAD: Proof that banning guns and the NRA would prevent every mass and school shooting in the U.S.

— Dom Lucre | Breaker of Narratives (@dom_lucre) [March 28, 2023](#)

International Failure and Motive:

- All of Europe's and Canada's major public shootings have happened in gun-free zones
- In 2016 a young ISIS sympathizer planned a shooting at one of the largest churches in Detroit.

 Click the ALT button on photos in this THREAD for source pic.twitter.com/Q58wKEIBpB

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A NRA Ban Would Hurt Diversity in The U.S:

- Gun owners now represent an increasingly diverse part of society.
- In the recent year, organizations like as the National African-American Gun Association, the LGBTQ+ group Armed Equality, and the Well-Armed Woman have grown. pic.twitter.com/UMfaagsP8L

— Dom Lucre | Breaker of Narratives (@dom_lucre) [March 28, 2023](#)

The NRA Protected Blacks From The KKK:

- Following the firebombing of his home in 1956, Dr. Martin Luther King, who was also a Christian pastor, requested for a firearms permit, but Alabama authorities denied him. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize a decade later. pic.twitter.com/XwHRL9diD6

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- Williams, a WW2 Marine vet, returned to Monroe N.C to find the Klan on the rise, beating, lynching, and killing blacks at whim. For fear of Klan retaliation, no one would join the NAACP. Williams was elected president of his local chapter, which grew from 6 members to over 200 pic.twitter.com/0HANrruWnX

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- The NRA's historic heritage of combating the Klan has been erased by those who were involved with the KKK, Jim Crow, and racial terror, namely the Democrats.

Now when did the directors that are on the Board of the NRA switch parties?
pic.twitter.com/KcRPfGQ0pe

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- Greater regulation will disempower underprivileged people who face very serious violent threats.

- A total ban on "assault weapons" will save relatively few lives:

What happens if this shinobi keeps his gun and you don't?
pic.twitter.com/NUk8W9aV1j

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- There is no evidence that the lethality of their attacks would have been affected by delays of 2 to 4 seconds to switch magazines. Some of the largest mass shootings in U.S. history were with "low-capacity weapons." pic.twitter.com/4icU5YRy2T

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- A guy with two 9mm pistols, capable of max magazines of 15 and 17 rounds, murdered 23 people and wounded another 20 in a Killeen, TX, cafe.
- A mentally ill guy with 2 pistols and murdered 21 and wounded 19 at a San Ysidro McDonald's. The pistols used 13- and 20-round mags. pic.twitter.com/RzBrbbjOp4

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The most recent mass shooting occurred in Nashville, Tennessee, on March 28, 2023. The shooter was identified as Audrey Hale, a 28-year-old transgender female that left 3 adults and 3 children dead. Today NBC reported that the Covenant School shooter also has a mental disorder. pic.twitter.com/pEko57KJcY

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People Will Still Muder Without Guns:

- Prior to the 2016 Orlando nightclub massacre, the worst assault on the LGBT community in America happened in 1973, when an arsonist murdered 32 people and wounded 15 more at New Orleans' Upstairs Lounge. pic.twitter.com/7CQS7UcccQ

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- A truck bomb parked outside the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, killed 168 people and wounded over 600 more in 1995.

- In 2021 a Darrell Brooks drove a SUV through the annual Christmas parade in Waukesha, killing 6people and injuring 62 others pic.twitter.com/AJ9ckNYr34

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• The reason America is labeled the safest developed country from terrorist attacks is that our enemies know there are millions of gun-toting patriots that can and will lay them down if they breach our land.

If we ban our guns they have no reason not to come. pic.twitter.com/cdef7COU4H

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Of course, gun control still has its apologists. One of them tried to show that “gun restrictions have worked in every other country.” Several users said the obvious: bad actors switched to other weapons. But some people refuse to let facts convince them, as this debate shows:

I have a question. How come gun restrictions have worked in every other country ?
Looking forward to a measured response.

— Digger (@DJRumspringer) [March 28, 2023](#)

This is not true.

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Been to London many times. I don't know what you are talking about.

— Digger (@DJRumspringer) [March 29, 2023](#)

I suggest you look at how high murders are by stabbing then since clearly you are obviously, also look at overall violent crime rates.

— Kilo Casanova (@casanovakilo1) [March 29, 2023](#)

Other users had more simple answers to this user:

Paris France; assault weapons banned. Semi auto rifles banned. Had to have a gun license to own the gun and could only purchase a small amount of ammo IF you had a hunting license. 130 dead and 400 wounded in an evening.
It didn't work.

— Cavalry Doc (@desertveteran) [March 30, 2023](#)

This is simply not true. I assume you are referring to UK and Australia. Murder rates have not gone down appreciably overall in either country. And overall violent crime is actually up in both countries compared to pre-ban based on the most recent available data.

— Cliff Garland (@CliffGarland3) [March 29, 2023](#)

The same reason outlawing murder hasn't stopped it. The criminals will keep their guns and use them. We don't have a record of all the guns to confiscate.

— Michael Lay (@OUMick) [March 28, 2023](#)

Another user made this direct reply to Lucre, citing statistics strengthening his case:

Excellent thread.

I would suggest getting into the statistics involved with this topic.

Example. On average there's less than 150 deaths from actual mass shootings a year. 0.00001% death rate per population.

Most gun deaths are from suicides or handgun homicides etc.

— Pilot Vinny (@Whisky_Coffee21) [March 28, 2023](#)

This thread addressed the recent school shooting, pointing out that the shooter first tried another school. It was a hard target, so she attacked the Covenant School. That led to a discussion of a point we raised yesterday: does someone prime, groom, arm, and train school shooters?

She went to another school but they had armed security so she left. The school my kids go to in Nashville has armed security too. Evil attacks the weak versus the strong.

— neil walker (@neilwalker37) [March 28, 2023](#)

An opinion, Someone, somewhere coached her, unless she found it online, for layout planning the attack! She was going after a soft target, but had more than one place in mind! I'm sure the fbi will help leftist democrats sweep it under the rug! The fbi isn't trustworthy!

— Tom Pain1776 (@Pain1776Tom) [March 29, 2023](#)

everything is planned out. every evil move.

— LEHILGS (@lehilgs) [March 30, 2023](#)

Analysis: gun control has a history of failure

This valuable thread shows all the reasons gun control does *not* work as advertised. The question then becomes: does it “work” for reasons no one in authority would *dare* advertise?

Lucre doesn't say that officially, but recall his pointing out the “diverse” groups of people now arming themselves. He also points out that, historically, these groups have traditionally come under attack most often. Only recently have armed gangs attacked “nice” neighborhoods. And the one thing that would prevent that, would be to allow all citizens and lawful residents in good standing to arm themselves. (Judges exist to determine “good standing.” The right to keep and bear arms is a *liberty* subject to “deprivation” only through due process of law.)

Some of the apologists for gun control seem to have reading comprehension problems. Had they actually read the thread through, it would have answered every question they raised.

Benjamin Franklin's obvious quote finds direct relevance here. So also does this quote, attributed to Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto of the Japanese Imperial Navy:

 | You cannot invade the mainland United States, [because you would find] a gun behind
 | every blade of grass.

Whether he said it or not, events have proved it. President John F. Kennedy recognized the basic principle, though he could never have imagined that fears of tyranny in these United States would become real.