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The development of the world and the understanding of the human beings have led to the initiation of many debates and arguments on subjects that were not considered to be important previously. Gun control is a question which has been central to many discussions in the United States. The first gun control law in the United States appeared in 1939 and was approved by the Supreme Court of the country. This law officially put a ban on guns for the safety of the individuals (Associated Press, 2007). This ban has been favored by many groups as it is believed that it can provide for greater security but there are many groups arguing against the implementation of gun control laws. Opponents of gun control laws believe that the effect of these laws is not substantial and removal of these laws would provide for the greater security of the individuals.

The efficacy of gun control laws has been questioned owing to the results of many studies that indicate the fact that these laws do not provide many benefits. Mauser (2003) carried out extensive research on the subject and highlighted important points in his findings. He provided supportive evidence of the fact that leniency in the gun control laws of the United States had resulted in decreased crime rates in the US. A comparison was put forward with other countries which included Australia and England. It was seen that though these countries had stronger laws for gun control, the crime rates in these countries were surging (Mauser, 2003). These findings clearly explain the fact that gun control laws are ineffective and they should be revised.

A report by the Federal Investigation Bureau in the year 2009 explained the fact that despite a rise in the attainment of guns by the resident of the United States, the overall crime rate had decreased in the country. This report explains the fact that stronger gun control laws will not be of much assistance for the safety of the individuals (Jonsson, 2009). The possession of legal weapons with criminals is unexpected and a ban on guns will prove to be of no help in the reduction of crime as the criminals would still be able to have their illegal arms. This ban would prove as a hindrance for the common citizens as they would also not be able to possess weapons for their own security (Mauser, 2003).

The issue of gun control has been very controversial and there have been many arguments on this subject. Research findings and reports have provided for strong evidence of the fact that gun control laws do not have a strong link with the rate of crime. It has rather been explained that removal of stringent laws has provided for a substantial crime reduction. Gun control laws need to be managed and revised according to changing times. These laws should be made strict for criminals as well as people who are not psychologically fit so that they cannot have access to weapons. The possession of weapons should be legalized for other people so that they can protect themselves and their property.

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