**Why the US needs a more effective gun control**

Gun control signifies the regulation of the selling, owning and the use of guns. It is a very controversial topic in many countries around the world, especially in the US. Gun possession in the US is protected, however murder is very common. Ever since guns were allowed in the US, citizens have continued to be in danger. 22% of US citizens owns one or more guns. 68% of homicides and 52% of suicides are committed with firearms. Gun control should be more strictly informed in the US in order for a safer environment.

More rigid gun control laws, such as implementing background checks for firearms purchases and gun identification, could save many lives. Though guns don’t kill people, people do. Be that as it may, people who own guns are much more likely to kill someone or commit suicide.

Most guns used in criminal acts are stolen by criminals, via burglary and car theft. On top of that they can be bought illegally. Guns can be carried easily and therefore they can be sold quickly, thus accessible for criminals. However more enhanced gun control laws won’t stop criminals from obtaining firearms. Yet, if less citizens own guns, they won’t be as accessible for criminals as they are now.

Improved gun control laws would lessen the costs connected with gun violence. Every year, about 100.000 people in the US get shot. Those accidents cause towering emergency room and hospital charges. Increasing homicide rates have been connected to a 12.5% shrink in property value. Costs of gun violence can consist of life insurance, psychological costs, lost income, legal services, foster care, tourism and a great deal of other factors.

Guns are rarely used in self-defense. The gun-industry claims that 2.5 million times a year, guns are used as self-defense. However, the truth is that guns are seldom used to stop crimes or kill criminals. Most gun owners who use their guns, except for hunters, use them to harm other or themselves. There are hardly any justifiable homicides.

Americans have always had essential rights to access certain freedoms, but do we have the moral capability to continue these rights? Liberty is being misused for violence against others. With more enhanced gun control laws this misuse can be decreased and lives can be saved.