

Hello, this is Tom Cookman with a Community Comment.

The tragedy in Connecticut has left us all in horrifying disbelief. How can someone be so evil and kill so many innocent children? This is a question that we will never be able to answer because it is beyond comprehension. I have listened to the politicians parading in front of the news cameras calling for stricter gun laws and find it disturbing that they are using this strategy to erode our Second Amendment rights. It's weird to see these anti-gun lobbyists appear to be giddy over this hideous crime. They seem to crawl out of the woodwork to spew their utopian desire to see our country unarmed. This sick, perverse, young man was not some law-abiding citizen who was sitting around his house and just happened to see the guns and the mere sight of these guns is what burnt a twisted desire to use them on other human beings. The guns didn't emit some psychotic pulse that enticed him to become a psychopath, he already was. If there is blame to be placed on anything other than Adam Lanza, it is in the system that let him slip through the cracks. There are numerous reports from people who knew him that said, not only was he crazy, but he was also a ticking time bomb. I heard one of his classmates on TV say that he wasn't surprised. His own Mother sought to have him institutionalized. The banning of guns isn't the answer. We don't need to speculate as to what the outcome would be if we impose stricter and stricter gun laws. We can look at other countries with tougher gun regulations than ours and countries that are far more lenient than the ours. First of all, the United States has seen a steady decline in the murder rate over the last fifteen years. Russia, who has some of the strictest laws in the world, has a murder rate that is four times that of the United States. Switzerland has an armed militia. The citizens are trained, and after this

training, they keep their weapons at home. Many of these guns are FULLY AUTOMATIC ASSAULT RIFLES that are banned in the United States. With this type of fire-power in every home, liberal, anti-gun logic would lead one to believe that mass murders like we saw at Sunny Brook Elementary School would be common in Switzerland, but the exact opposite is true. The Swiss know every home has gun protection and as a result of their citizens being armed, there were only FORTY gun-related murders in Switzerland in 2010. Los Angeles County has three gun-related murders EVERY SINGLE DAY. Our media is fixated on twenty-year old Adam Lanza and the guns he had at his disposal. Remember, the guns didn't pull their own triggers to kill these innocent people: Adam Lanza was the murderer. A twenty-two year old man was at the center of another brutal, senseless, shooting last month in Clackamas, Washington. A man armed with a semi-automatic rifle opened fire at the Clackamas Town Center Mall. He fired three shots that killed two Christmas shoppers and injured a third. This is when twenty-two year old Nick Meli enters the scene. He has a concealed weapons permit and pulled his firearm and pointed it at the murderous gunman, Jacob Roberts. Nick Meli didn't fire his gun because there were innocent people on the other side of the shooter that were in his line of fire. The gunman, ran around the corner and killed himself. Nick Meli is a hero. He and his concealed weapon saved many innocent lives that day, yet you hear nothing about this heroism in our biased media because it shows that guns protect us from deranged people. Two armed young men in their twenties; one a psychopathic killer, the other a hero. Guns don't kill people, people kill people.

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