



Harry's Take

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Guns in America: Argue with Your Wife, NOT a Republican! Glad Mine's a Liberal!

I just happened to see some statistics on gun ownership in the U.S. I have lived in Puerto Rico since mid-2016, and my intuition was that fewer people here had guns.... But I also know that the murder rate with guns is actually higher than for any state in the U.S. Rodney was actually the first to remind me of that, as I was starting to think I lived in La La Land here. That's why I made him my partner back in 1996.

Fewer people have guns in Puerto Rico (12%) than in the U.S., but those who do are more pissed off. (Compare that with 30% of individuals and 42% of households in the U.S.) I think I will stay in the gringo areas where the police protect the tourists! I have not even seen a bar fight here in 4.5 years; I've literally seen ZERO crime.

I also try not to have arguments with my subscribers, as they lean Republican (40%). More of them vote Republican than any other way.

When I travel in Europe, it's also very obvious that people have fewer guns. The cops in the U.K. carry "billy clubs" and are dressed a little more fashionably... not dressed to kill. In the U.S., our officers are in full military garb and are backed with assault SWAT vehicles. It's an obvious difference.

Where do I feel safer? If we have to have military-like police... that's not a good sign, at least in my humble opinion—and far be it from me to have many strong opinions. But should people be able to own a gun for protection, which is 67% of the reason for owning them? Yes....

I'm just at a disadvantage here, as I don't own one—so I am more likely to be the shootee, not the shooter! I did have a super-cool Winchester shotgun when I was a teenager and a rare special edition Colt 357 magnum... until my first wife took those from me. She must have checked the statistics on men, 43% of whom are gun owners vs. women at 17%.

As you know, statistics are just too complicated—that's why I like simple things, like the average household peak in spending at age 46, now 47 for Millennials. So, I will just make it as clear and factual as I can and leave it up to you to decide what's good or bad here.

Don't worry about your wife shooting you... not because she is a bad shot. If she was pissed, she would be on target! Most importantly, don't argue with a Republican (again, 40% gun owners), and yes, as even Bill Maher says, liberals are a "p*y nation," at 18% owners. But after all of the Black Lives Matters protests? Damn, Black people have just got to get more guns to protect themselves from the police!**

Nineteen percent of Black Americans are gun owners, vs. 43% of households overall (similar to men; you add it up). Even women are 17%

gunslingers. Hispanics are at 15%. Which states are the highest in per capita gun deaths? Louisiana, Mississippi, Alaska (which is why Sarah Palin didn't get elected as vice president and why no one has shot Trump), Alabama, and Nevada. (Is that last one because of bad luck on the craps table?) Puerto Rico is actually the highest, even though, again, only 12% are gun owners.

Which states have the fewest gun deaths? Hawaii (they're too happy, although pina coladas actually were invented in Puerto Rico), Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and New York—and those states tend to have the strictest gun laws... who would have thought?

For now, I am happier to stay in Puerto Rico in the gringo areas with low taxes.

I just figure that people who pay less taxes are happier... but again, only if you want to rely on the simplest, most common-sense statistics.

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