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Statistics show a close correlation between gun possession and the increase in crime rates. In the recent past, gun crimes have been on the rise, which presents the need to review the current laws that relate to gun ownership. Gun control is the best way to control crimes because it reduces deaths related to guns, and control prevents crimes.

 First, gun control reduces gun-related crimes. It is effortless for criminals to carry out their criminal activities when they can easily access guns. People usually lack the confidence to carry out their illegal activities because they lack confidence without a firearm (Thompson, 2017). When guns are restricted to law enforcement agencies, it becomes easy for the police to handle the criminal activities and arrest the perpetrators. This would be different if the criminals owned the gun since they have the same or more confidence than the police. Thus, this would reduce domestic violence, which is among the prevalent crimes in the country.

Secondly, gun control prevents unnecessary and random death. When the guns are kept out of the citizen’s reach, it becomes easy to reduce cases of death and violence. It is easy to die from a bullet than it would be the case with other weapons. When the crime rate is low in a country, the deaths related to crimes could also be reduced.

Finally, the opponents of gun control could argue that guns do not carry out crimes. It is apparent that guns themselves do not take part in crimes, but evil people do. However, this cannot be justified because they are the most used weapons to facilitate crimes.

Therefore, guns should be controlled to reduce the crime rate and gun-related deaths. When guns are out of reach of people, their chances of getting involved in crimes are reduced. Besides, it is hard to execute a crime without a gun, which reduces the prevalence of crimes.

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