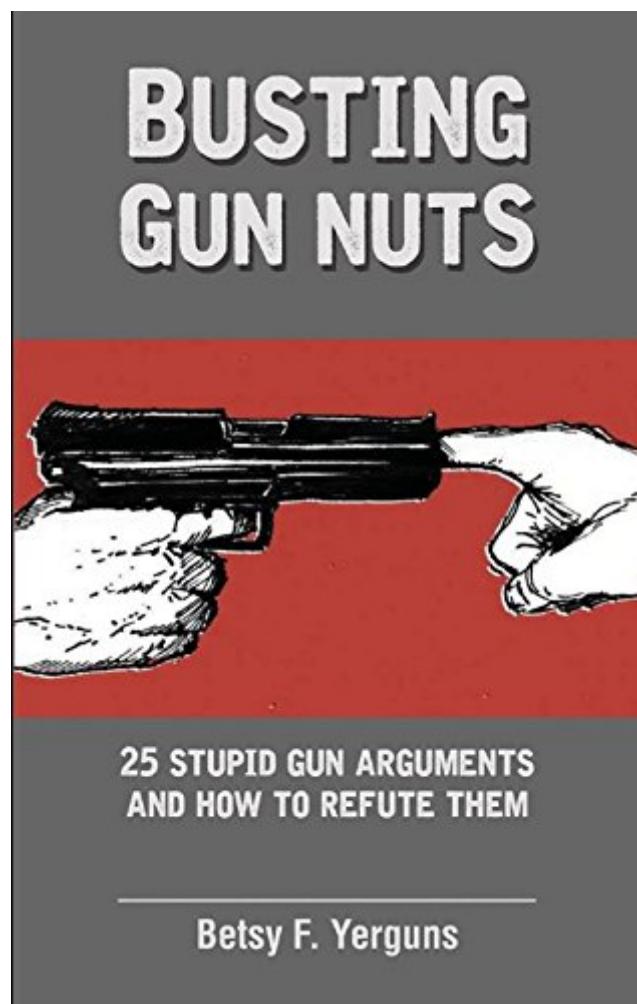


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Busting Gun Nuts: 25 Stupid Gun Arguments And How To Refute Them



Synopsis

Do hammers really kill more people than guns? Would the framers of the Constitution want Americans to carry AK-47s into Starbucks? Is the make, caliber, barrel length and muzzle velocity of a gun really important when a mass shooter uses it to kill a bunch of kids? Busting Gun Nuts answers these questions (SPOILER: they're all bullshit) and more. Drawing on a wide range of data and evidence from peer-reviewed journals, health and crime studies, and Constitutional Law scholars, it's a user-friendly guide to confronting common myths and misconceptions that the gun lobby has pushed for the last 50 years. Whether you're already working for gun law reform, or you want to get involved, or you just wish somebody would fucking do something already, this book is for you. Read the chapters in any order you like, and skip around as needed. Use it as an armchair study guide for your own benefit, or take it into the field to practice on real live gunhumpers you encounter at work, school, family gatherings, church, NASCAR races, monster truck pulls, etc. Arm yourself against lunatic gun arguments with hard facts, and turn gunhumpers' own logic around on them.**
(Note: 'Gunhumper' is as far removed from 'responsible gun owner' as a rabid wolverine is from an investment banker. There's actually a chapter about that in the book.)
WARNING: THIS BOOK CANNOT AND IS NOT INTENDED TO CHANGE THE TINY PARANOID MIND OF AN EXTREMIST GUNHUMPER. You won't be able to work any miracles on your NRA-lovin' uncle, or your coworker who's convinced Obama's a gun-grabbing Muslim. But you'll gain a better picture of the past, present and future of our country's gun violence epidemic, and learn why the grassroots gun control movement is surging "and winning" like never before. All one-star reviews will be screencapped and posted on Betsy F. Yerguns's author page on Facebook. Check it out!

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You would be better off looking the statistics up yourself through the FBI, CDC, and other reputable sites. This is nothing but emotional rhetoric and garbage. Firearms Statistics We all know the hype out there. Our children are 48% more likely to be shot in the US than in Germany. Or gun ownership causes increased chances in suicide. Or you are more likely to hurt a family member than a bad guy. The secondary function of the second amendment, to be able to protect one's home, and family. There are an estimated 345 million non-military firearms in the US. There are ~4 million military and law enforcement firearms. 34% of all households polled have firearms (~105 million households) An estimated 15 million firearms are applied to be purchased each year. In 2011 unintentional deaths by firearms were 851, in 2012 there were 8896 homicides by firearm (2.8 per 100k | the lowest in 20 years; in 2011 suicides by firearm were 19766 (6 per 100k people). ~460k violent crimes where firearms were used in the commission of a crime (UCR from the DOJ Bureau of Statistics) means that 0.153% of civilian owned firearms were used to commit a crime. An estimated 3.7 million household burglaries occurred each year on average from 2003 to 2007. In about 28% (1.036 million) of these burglaries, a household member was present during the burglary. In 7% (259 thousand) of all household burglaries, a household member experienced some form of violent victimization. Now this means a homicide rate of 0.000026% of the population by firearms (~8896 firearms homicides annually, divided by the current population of 316 million... or 1 chance in 6,241,000,000,000) is this a highly likely incident? No.

Having a college degree based on statistics and probability theory, I see the same old regurgitated, and highly-tortured data over and over and over again, because it's great for propaganda. Seriously this book's faulty conclusions are tortured more than a water-boarded Al-Qaida warrior. Note: when performing ethical statistics, it's not the population of an items as compared to the number of those items used wrongly by that population. Such an output tells us nothing of value about actual risk to real people each day in that society! Let's look at an simple example:

There is a town with 10 people, and 2 cars. Over the course of a full year, one car runs over a citizen and she dies. We could say that 20% of the people have cars (20% car to human saturation), and in one year 10% of the population was killed by a car. (OMG run away screaming now, itâ™s Murderville!) You have a 10% chance of death here in this town. But what you donâ™t realize is that, in this town, there are 127 car-pedestrian interactions (each day), or 46355 interactions each year. Based on that specific ratio of conflict, the likelihood that you will be hit and killed is actually down there around 0.00216% (PERCENT) per interaction. But this too is misleadingâ | because some citizens cross the streets 40 times per day, but grandma never leaves the front porch. Some people are far more likely to become a casualty than other people who engage in different behaviors. So there are actually multi-probability outcomes playing out in this simple scenario that makes pure analysis very difficult. You see, the correct measure is not the raw numbers, itâ™s the cosmically high number of (unknown) interactions where nothing happens 99.

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