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Logical Reasons For Gun Control

1. Banning guns works, which is why New York, DC, & Chicago cops need guns.
2. Statistics showing high murder rates justify gun control but statistics showing increasing murder rates after gun control are "just statistics."
3. The Brady Bill and the Assault Weapons Ban, both of which went into effect in 1994 are responsible for the decrease in violent crime rates, which have been declining since 1991.
4. We must get rid of guns because a deranged lunatic may go on a shooting spree at any time and anyone who would own a gun out of fear of such a lunatic is paranoid.
5. The more helpless you are the safer you are from criminals.
6. An intruder will be incapacitated by tear gas or oven spray, but if shot with a .357 Magnum will get angry and kill you.
7. A woman raped and strangled is morally superior to a woman with a smoking gun and a dead rapist at her feet.
8. The 2nd Amendment, ratified in 1787, refers to the National Guard, which was created 130 years later, in 1917.
9. These phrases: "right of the people peaceably to assemble," "right of the people to be secure in their homes," "enumerations herein of certain rights shall not be construed to disparage others retained by the people," and "The powers not delegated herein are reserved to the states respectively, and to the people" all refer to individuals, but "the right of the people to keep and bear arm" refers to the state.
10. Rifles and handguns aren't necessary to national defense! Of course, the army has hundreds of thousands of them.
11. Private citizens shouldn't have handguns, because they aren't "military weapons", but private citizens shouldn't have "assault rifles", because they are military weapons.
12. Guns are so complex that special training is necessary to use them properly, and so simple to use that they make murder easy.

13. Women are just as intelligent and capable as men but a woman with a gun is "an accident waiting to happen" and gun makers' advertisements aimed at women are "preying on their fears."
14. Guns cause violence, which is why there are so many mass killings at gun shows.
15. Most people can't be trusted, so we should have laws against guns, which most people will abide by because they can be trusted.
16. Free speech entitles one to own newspapers, transmitters, computers, and typewriters, but self-defense only justifies bare hands.
17. The ACLU is good because it uncompromisingly defends certain parts of the Constitution, and the NRA is bad, because it defends other parts of the Constitution.
18. Charlton Heston, a movie actor as president of the NRA is a cheap lunatic who should be ignored, but Michael Douglas, a movie actor as a representative of Handgun Control, Inc. is an ambassador for peace who is entitled to an audience at the UN arms control summit.
19. Police officers operate in groups, which is why they need larger capacity pistol magazines than do "civilians" who must face criminals alone and therefore need less ammunition.
20. We should ban "Saturday Night Specials" and other inexpensive guns because it's not fair that poor people have access to guns too.
21. Police officers have some special Jedi-like mastery over hand guns that private citizens can never hope to obtain.
22. Private citizens don't need a gun for self-protection because the police are there to protect them even though the Supreme Court says the police are not responsible for their protection.
23. Citizens don't need to carry a gun for personal protection but police chiefs, who are desk-bound administrators who work in a building filled with cops, need a gun.
24. "Assault weapons" have no purpose other than to kill large numbers of people. This is why the police need assault weapons and you do not.
25. Trigger locks do not interfere with the ability to use a gun for defensive purposes, which is why you see police officers with one on their duty weapon.
26. Handgun Control, Inc. says they want to "keep guns out of the wrong hands." Guess what? You have the wrong hands.

From Michael Z. Williamson's article, "**It's amazing what one has to believe to believe in gun control**" <http://www.sightm1911.com/lib/rkba/40reasons.htm>