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Work title: Guns and Crimes

Broad subject: Gun Ownership as a Way of Reducing Crime

Thesis: Legalizing and allowing as many people as possible to have the right to own guns will go a long way in reducing gun related crimes. However, only the people who have proved to be in the right state of mind after a thorough background check ought to have the permit to own guns.

Hardy, D. (2010). *The origins and development of the Second Amendment*. Chicago, Ill: University of Chicago Press.

Hardy's book mostly centers on gun control laws with a tinge of comprehension of the nature of criminal activities in American society. The book demystifies gun control laws in an extensive, detailed way. The author of book takes the readers through the mind of a criminal in a bid to make the readers understand the nature of crimes. The book mostly focuses on gun-related criminal activities and relates them to the population of gun holders. The book covers an extensive research of gun controls laws and criminal activities from 1977 to 2005. The extensive research makes the book very factual. It was during the research period that many states passed the laws legalizing gun possession.

The author of the book advocates for more people to possess guns as a way of reducing gun-related criminals. The author argues that the more people possess guns, the safer the society will be. The author demonstrates that many crimes would not occur, if more people had guns. To prove this idea, Hardy gives examples of criminal activities committed with gun holding criminals. The author explains that if more guns were in circulation in the society, the criminals could not inflict fatal danger.

Greg, T. (2009, April 14). 10 years later, the real story behind columbine. In *USA Today*. Retrieved from http://usatoday30.usatoday.com/news/nation/2009-04-13-columbine-myths_N.htm

The article *10 Years Later, the Real Story behind Columbine* by Greg Tobbo tries to explain what happened at Columbine ten years after the incident happened. The article explains that the two teenagers who killed 13 people and then shoot themselves at Columbine High School in Suburban Denver were neither loners nor Goths. The article tries to bring out the real motives behind the killings and strongly establishes that bullying was not the motive. In fact, the article demonstrates that the diary of the two teenagers had proofs that the two were eagerly waiting to go to college to pick on “fags” and other freshmen. The article explains that the two teenagers were psychologically troubled.

Greg Tobbo describes the two teenagers as being psychopathic and cold- blooded. Furthermore, the two were smart and charming liars with the superiority complex, which excruciated the need for them to be in control. The main idea that the article tries to put across is that there was the need for more security outreach. The incident at the Columbine High School is a clear indication that if more people owned guns, then the two teenagers would not have inflicted fatal danger.

David, H. (2011, June 5). Risks and benefits of a gun in the home. In *Medscape*. Retrieved from http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/753058_5

The article *Risks and Benefits of a Gun in the Home* by David Hemenway demystifies the benefits and risks of owning a gun at home. The author explains the eventual decrease in crime that will result from more people owning guns at their homes. The author gives instances of criminal activities that would not have occurred if only homeowners had had a gun at their possession. Subsequently, the author also talks about the risks of owning guns at home. The

article strongly advocates for home gun ownership as a way of reducing criminal activities in the society.