GUN FACTS YOU NEED TO KNOW

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There is a lot of heated debate about guns and gun control in the United States right now. That's why it's important to consider all the facts. Here are some you may not have heard in any NBC, CNN, or ABC news report.

THE US HAS A LOT OF GUNS

270 Million

Estimated number of civilian owned firearms in America

THAT WORKS OUT TO ABOUT

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89 Gun Sinfogr.a For Every 100 US Residents

IN FACT, THE US IS #1 IN THE WORLD WHEN IT COMES TO GUN OWNERSHIP



HOWEVER, THE US DOESN'T EVEN CRACK THE TOP 25 IN GUN MURDER RATE



IN LIFE AND DEATH SITUATIONS CIVILIANS USE GUNS TO DEFEND THEMSELVES MORE THAN 77% OF THE TIME

Civilian Justifiable Homicides By Gur

FOR POLICE IT'S OVER 99% OF THE TIME

Police Justifiable Homicides By Gun

AMERICANS USE GUNS IN SELF DEFENSE MORE OFTEN
THAN YOU MIGHT THINK

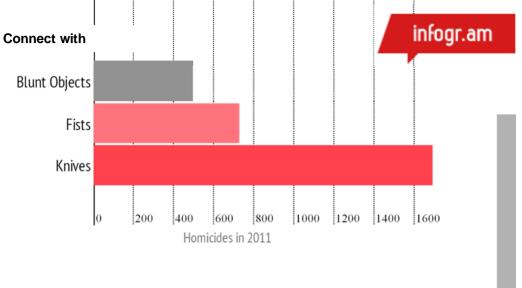
2.5 Million

Estimated number of incidents of defensive gun use per year in the US

A LOT OF INK HAS BEEN SPILLED OVER THE DANGERS OF RIFLES LIKE THE AR-15 BUT WHAT DO THE STATISTICS SAY?



WELL, ALL RIFLES (THAT INCLUDES THE AR-15) WERE INVOLVED IN FEWER HOMICIDES IN 2011 THAN BLUNT OBJECTS, FISTS, AND KNIVES



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as many homicides were committed with blunt objects than rifles

2.2x

as many homicides were committed with fists than rifles

5.2x

2.6%

Of murders in 2011 involved rifles (including AR-15s)

Take these facts and use them the next time guns and gun control come up. Share them on Facebook. Tweet them out. Tumblr them. Get them out to everybody.

Compiled using the FBI Unified Crime Report, Small Arms Survey, the UN Office on Drugs and Crime, National Self-Defense Survey

For a more detailed explanation of these statistics visit TheCollegePolitico.com