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### Annotated Bibliography—Gun Rights

After mulling through many books, articles, and websites I have discovered there is way more to gun rights than I previously thought. I knew it was a hot topic but I only thought it was because there were opposite two groups of people: those who want guns and those who don't. As I discovered gun rights covers a very broad area.

Gun rights don't cover just the ownership of guns it is also about people's rights. The right to own a gun is just an example of the rights some people feel we deserve. Much like we deserve the right to freedom of speech we deserve the right to bear arms. Gun control isn't an issue in just the US. It is a hot topic in many other countries. Some countries have ban weapons all together and some encourage citizens to own a weapon.

There are many reasons to disband weapons in the hands of citizens but there are also many reasons to keep them. Some people feel that if we get rid of guns then gun crime will decrease thus decreasing crime in general. Other people feel that by getting rid of guns crime will not decrease nor will the level of violence associated with some crimes. They feel that just because we get rid of guns doesn't mean crime will decrease, it means criminals will find other ways to commit the same crimes. Obviously there is not a cut and dry solution to this topic and I'm sure it will be debated for years to come.

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