



## COMMON NRA CLAIMS — THE ACTUAL FACTS

NGAC is a non-profit network of 14 million gun victims, their families, supporters, the faith community, and ordinary people leveraging their economic (buying) power to change America's gun laws.



### Money Instead of Safety

Despite all their claims, the NRA's primary function is to maximize sales for the gun industry—without any regard for public safety.



### Weaker Guns Laws Mean More Money

The gun industry knows the only way it can sell more guns is to weaken gun laws. The NRA works to pass laws that allow more people to carry guns in more places and carry more deadly guns like assault rifles. This means more money for them at the expense of your safety. **Below are common claims they use to get these laws passed.**

## CAUTION

**Common claims about guns may sound reasonable, appealing, or supported by facts, but they are typically not true. For the facts contact us at: [info@gunvictimsaction.org](mailto:info@gunvictimsaction.org)**



### SELF DEFENSE

The NRA and gun owners' claim they need to carry guns at all times for self defense. But the element of surprise makes it virtually impossible for them to defend themselves.

**FACTS: 1)** The element of surprise is the reason 40% of armed policemen who are killed by guns are murdered. **2)** Studies show that carrying a gun makes you *4.5 times more likely* to be shot during an assault.



### ONLY CRIMINALS WILL HAVE GUNS

The NRA claims that if we pass sane gun laws only criminals will have guns (*they do not follow laws.*) **FACTS: 1)** In England, where they have sane gun laws, no one can legally own a handgun or an assault rifle. Only criminals have them. **2)** England has 75 gun homicides per year. Adjusting for population, if we had England's gun laws—and only criminals had guns—we would expect 375 homicides per year. **3)** But because U.S. "law abiding citizens" have handguns and assault rifles—as do our criminals—we have 12,000.



### SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHT

The NRA claims gun owner's Second Amendment right to own guns makes it unconstitutional to pass any laws that regulate that right. This is clearly false.

**FACTS:** We have a constitutional right to vote, but to exercise that right we are required to register. Regulation does not infringe on our constitutional right to vote. Unregulated gun ownership does infringe on our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.



### PLENTY OF LAWS ALREADY—JUST ENFORCE THEM

**FACTS: 1)** The loopholes in our current gun laws make guns available to the mentally disabled, felons, and drug users. Prohibited from buying guns in stores, they can purchase them at gun shows where background checks are not required. **2)** Known terrorists on the terrorist watch list can legally buy guns. **3)** Laws that would make it harder for criminals to buy guns are blocked by the NRA to protect sales to the criminal market (*accounts for 25% of annual gun sales*). **4)** Guns are not registered, gun owners are not licensed, and guns do not carry insurance. **Our gun laws do virtually nothing to protect public safety.**

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