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Annotated Bibliography: Gun Control in the US

Lott, Eric. *Love & Theft: Blackface Minstrelsy and the American working class*. Oxford University Press, 2013. Print.

The book, *Love & Theft: Blackface Minstrelsy and the American working class*, discusses the effects of gun possession on the rates of crime. The author, Lott, challenges the collective perceptions about the relationship of guns, violence, and crime. He states that “more guns will lead to less crime and there is no evidence proving otherwise” (Lott, 97). The author, in his book, creates statistical models that are backed with crime data that demonstrates that laws that allow for the carrying of secret weapons lead to a decrease in crime in jurisdictions that formulates them (Lott, 187). The book further discusses the process of ownership of guns and the gun laws that are presently in place.

The book is very useful in the sense that there will be a better understanding, backed by data, which shows the relationship between the rate of crime and shootings and the number of guns. Is there a relationship between the number of guns and the rate of crime? It will further help in understanding the process of owning a firearm; is it useful as it is or should there be strict measures to manage the people owning the guns.

The book is of great assistance to me since it provides argument on the issue of the relationship between the number of guns and the rates of crime. I can use this source to understand the relationship and challenge with facts those who are against my findings.

LePore, Jill. "Battleground America." *The New Yorker*. The New Yorker, 23 Apr. 2012. Web. 10 July 2016.

This scholarly article was initially written after the Trayvon Martin Shooting and covers three main areas. First, the author discusses how America has become a battleground since there are no proper gun control regulations. He looks at the existing gun laws and how effective they are in solving the shootings menace. In addition to the regulations, the author of the article also talks about "the second amendment and its significance to the gun control debate." Secondly, the article talks about the time difference between the circumstances that led to the formulation of the gun laws then and how things have presently change (LePore, 2). In his article, the author explains that so much has changed and that the laws that were drafted then, cannot be used to solve the issues now. Finally, he explains the bad situation even in schools and states that "At Chardon High School, students ran through the halls screaming Lockdown" to ensure they are not shot (LePore, 2). The author in his article talks about the increased cases of mass shooting and how crafting of new laws will help solve the issue.

The article will come in handy in helping understand the current gun laws, how and when they were formulated and how effective they presently are in solving the issue that

they were supposed to address. Furthermore, the article helps in understanding the increased number of shootings in schools due to lack of efficient gun control laws.

It will assist me since it discusses the present impact of the laws that were enacted over two centuries back; are they useful or they should be changed. The article will also help in understanding the significance of gun control to the second amendment and the increased shootings of innocent kids in schools.

Barrett, Paul M. "*Gun Control and the Constitution: Should We Amend the Second Amendment?*"

Bloomberg BusinessWeek. Bloomberg, 20 Feb. 2014. Web. 10 July 2016.

This popular article discusses the issue of the wordings of the second amendment and its impact on the gun control topic. In the article, the author quotes John Paul Stevens who is the former Supreme Court justice, "advocating for the change of the second amendments confusing language to clarify that it only applies to those serving in a militia." The former judge wants an end to the debate about the rights of citizens in the US to possess an arm (Barrett, 4). Due to the author's great background in law and experience in the justice system, his integrity when discussing public issues like gun control is very high, creating a sense of credibility in his articles.

The article is essential since it assists the readers in understanding the second amendment to the US constitution better with regards to what it means and its significance to gun control. It is also important since it explains the gun control regulations and the constitution.

This source helped me to understand the second amendment, which has always been confusing due to its wordings. It is important to understand the language clearly since this is a critical debate that involves lives. The second amendment has been subject to many debates with different scholars coming up with different arguments. Having a clear understanding is crucial to ensuring this issue is sorted out once and for all so that it can be efficiently managed and the shootings reduce.