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Good afternoon.

First, I'll comment on the last minute submissions. This is not done because someone forgot, or just thought of an issue to debate. It is an intentional attempt to prevent anyone from submitting an opposing view. The reason for this is, the author(s) of the submission know their argument is so weak, they don't want anyone or group to have time to prepare to dispute it. Therefore, I submit that all last minute submissions be dismissed.

Second; not one of the submissions targets criminals. Every submission is specifically aimed at law abiding firearms owners. It simply defies logic to believe that designating gun free zones will prevent criminal from using firearms there. The reason the majority of mass shootings happen in schools and other gun free zones, the criminals know there won't be anyone to stop them. Most of these criminals know it may take the police up to 15 minutes to respond, depending upon location. Unfortunately, many of the same criminals don't plan on surviving. They either commit suicide, or choose to die in a gunfight with the police.

We also know, that the police, at least in Texas, perhaps in all states don't have any obligation to enter into a dangerous situation. That was the reason the Uvalde Texas police gave as to why they stood around and did nothing as the children died. They even temporarily prevented the state police from entering the school. For the record, I have a lot more faith our Maine police.

I'm not saying everyone should carry a firearm. But, every law abiding responsible person should be allowed to carry a firearm virtually anywhere. There are many instances where the legally armed civilian ended the shooting the criminals shooting spree before the police arrived.

In conclusion, no matter how many restrictions are placed upon responsible firearm owners, the criminals just ignore them and commit their crimes. It's a fantasy to believe otherwise.

Thank you.