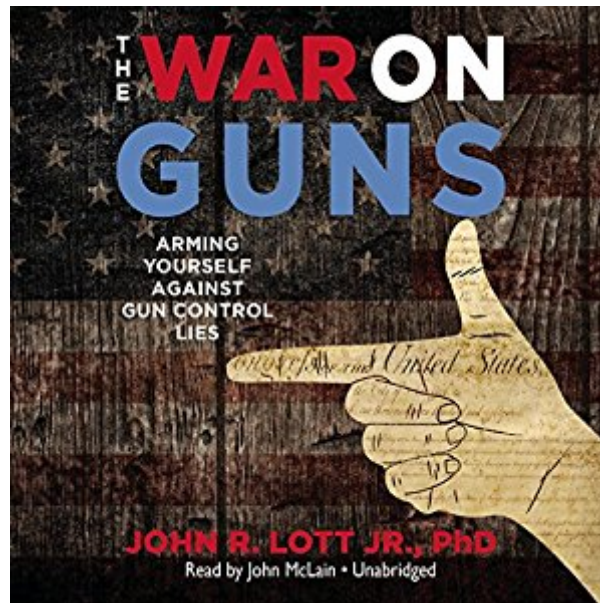




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# The War On Guns: Arming Yourself Against Gun Control Lies



## Synopsis

Gun rights advocate John Lott, author of *More Guns, Less Crime*, rebuts recent antigun "factoids" with real statistics. When it comes to the gun control debate, there are two kinds of data: data that's accurate and data that left-wing billionaires, politicians, and media want you to believe is accurate. In *The War on Guns*, economist and gun rights advocate John Lott turns a skeptical eye to well-funded antigun studies and stories that perpetuate false statistics to frighten Americans into giving up their guns.

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## Customer Reviews

The War on Guns is a noteworthy, fast-paced must-read for anyone who wants to understand the issues related to guns in America and I don't know how someone can understand America without understanding this constitutional issue. Given how Lott has spent his career, I'm not surprised this is such an important book. I first met John R. Lott, Jr. in 2006 at a cocktail party in Arlington, VA. I was speaking with a liberal journalist about his soon-to-be-released book on Iraq when John Lott joined us. John listened for a moment and then said to the author, "I'm curious. You say you just finished a book on the Iraq war. I always find it so hard to finish a book. I get so deep into the research I have a hard time stopping to write. I'm guessing you had a hard time leaving Iraq. There is so much to investigate and understand." The author said, "I

didn't go to Iraq. John paused with this quizzical look on his face before asking, "Oh, how did you do your research?" The author said, "I didn't have to do much. I mean, I already know what I think." An awkward silence ensued before the liberal author shrugged and moved away. Yeah, I liked John from that moment on well, and before. I had, of course, already read and learned much from his groundbreaking book *More Guns, Less Crime*. That book detailed his research that found that, despite what people are often told, violent crime rates actually tend to go down when states pass "shall-issue" concealed-carry laws. (Shall-issue laws force a licensing agent to give anyone a concealed-carry permit to carry a handgun as long as the individual passing certain criteria as stipulated by law.) As soon as *More Guns, Less Crime* was published a lot of academics made it their mission to prove Lott to be the fraud they were sure he must be. The thing is, the researchers have kept finding that Lott is right. For example, a study by Carlisle E. Moody and Thomas B. Marvell that was published in *Econ Journal Watch* in January 2009 looked into Lott's findings and determined: "Many articles have been published finding that shall-issue laws reduce crime. Only one article, by Ayres and Donohue who employ a model that combines a dummy variable with a post-law trend, claims to find that shall-issue laws increase crime. However, the only way that they can produce the result that shall-issue laws increase crime is to confine the span of analysis to five years. We show, using their own estimates, that if they had extended their analysis by one more year, they would have concluded that these laws reduce crime." More recently, to continue his detailed search for the truth about guns in America Lott founded the Crime Prevention Research Center. Lott says that a few foundations and some individuals donated "a few hundred thousand dollars" to get his foundation started. His nonprofit "has 501(C)(3) status and does not accept donations from gun or ammunition makers or organizations such as the NRA." He also said, "The NRA and other gun-rights groups are doing a lot of important things, but we decided to fill an influential niche by not taking money from either side." "Still," Lott told me, "honest research leads to real answers" not political spin. He says these real answers tend to bother the anti-gun groups, such as those funded by Michael Bloomberg. I've found the same thing. While doing the investigative reporting for my book *The Future of the Gun* I spent a lot of time with police officers, gun-rights lobbyists, inner-city gang members, public-health experts, engineers at firearms manufacturers, victims of criminals with guns, heroes who'd stopped a bad guy

with a gun. But though I tried and tried the anti-gun groups wouldn't even answer emails. So now Lott has given us *The War on Guns*. It is worth reading and gifting to those who don't know the facts on this important issue.

Another excellent fact based book by Professor John R Lott Jr.. Public sentiment is shifting towards an understanding of the value of guns in self-defense and the cost of being defenseless. This is in spite of enormous effort by government and special interest groups to spread incomplete and in some cases deliberately false information about gun ownership. Professor Lott's work is well documented fact based and thoroughly statistically analyzed. This book should be considered a must read for anyone wishing to be informed on the gun issue. Don't pay any attention to the ad hominem attacks on Professor Lott. These assaults are typical Saul Alinsky style and left driven, and generally come from biased individuals without the education or logical skills to understand fact based statistical analyses. Congratulations and admiration to Professor Lott for his courage and commitment to American liberty.

John Lott knocks this one out of the park. Pay no attention to the one star reviewers...they are just butt hurt that they cannot refute John's research so they attack ad hom style. John highlights many of the flaws in the dishonest claims of the anti-gun crowd. It is clear that the more lawful citizens we have that are armed, the safer we all are. Dr. Lott blows up many of the anti-gunner's talking points. Right now, Obama and Hillary's plan seems to be to let in tens of thousands of potential jihadi's and then scream for gun control when the inevitable happens.

Very impressed so far as I read through it. He has a chapter about how academics who have published papers on gun-related issues generally believe gun ownership reduces crime; about the "NRA shut off research on gun control" myth; how gun control groups try to shut off debate by refusing to appear on programs if Dr. Lott will be there; how the gun control groups fund efforts to influence how reporters cover the subject; how the Superbowl refused ads from our side while running gun control ads; how gun self-defense incidents are largely ignored by national news media;. Subsequent chapters detail the failures of "commonsense gun control laws" to do anything useful. Let me emphasize: while very detailed and full of useful data, it is a lively read unlike many scholarly works that others have published.

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