

## Give us Guns!

Tony Martin, a farmer who shot a burglar, has been **refused parole**, which he would have received by now if he had been willing to say that what he did was wrong. Gun crime in **Britain** has **risen** by 35 percent and robbery by 14.5 percent. In response, **David Blunkett** is seeking a ban on replica guns. Despite the disastrous record of the already draconian anti-gun policy, he is seeking further restrictions. Why?

In the ~~simple~~ minds of ~~Nanny State operatives~~ ministers like Blunkett, the thinking goes like this: if people have guns, they will commit crimes with these guns, therefore ~~Nanny~~ the responsible, effective and ever-vigilant authorities must prevent ~~her~~ charges citizens from getting their hands on them. Who could possibly disagree with this ~~illogical and antiliberal~~ common-sense idea?

Some nefarious characters acquire guns with the intent of committing crimes. This is true now, and it would be true if guns were legal. But someone should sit Blunkett down and explain to him that people have free will and might choose to buy guns for perfectly moral reasons. Moreover, his idea that crime is *caused* by the buying of guns is an insult to human beings in general and to would-be law-abiding gun owners in particular. This may come as a surprise to Blunkett, but a gun cannot control a person's mind and force him to commit crimes; it is an inanimate object.

Some of us would like to be able to buy guns for **self-defence**. **Big mistake**. It's just not cricket to prevent a person going about his unlawful violent business. After the decision was made to keep **Tony Martin** locked up, Mark Leech, founder of the ex-offenders' charity **Unlock**, expressed approval of the Court's decision. He explained why, on this occasion, Unlock is in favour of *lock*:

"We don't have a death sentence for burglary in this country and we don't want one either."

In other words, he wants Mr Martin to be kept in prison for as long as possible because he wants the penalties for crime in Britain to be lower.

The Tony Martin situation is a clear indication that Britons are no longer free. The State has decreed that it and it alone shall decide who will be defended from predation. That effectively **licenses the predators**, making them an arm of the State. I'd say the masks have fallen.

England was once known as the "land of liberties." Every idea in America's founding documents came from an English source.

To our English cousins: Do you folks have some ideas for how to correct this, or would you prefer that we send an American Expeditionary Force? We do this sort of thing rather well these days.

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