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VIOLENCE/GUNS -4- holtz,a Tue Apr 21 10:55 holtz,a Apr 27 08:11 HOLD 4:52
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ALMOST TWO OUT OF THREE HOMICIDES IN THE UNITED STATES INVOLVES A GUN. BUT WHETHER OR NOT LIVES COULD BE SAVED BY RESTRICTING GUNS IS A QUESTION THAT PRODUCES MORE ARGUMENT THAN CONCLUSIONS.

CNN MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT ANDREW HOLTZ REPORTS ON THE SEARCH FOR ANSWERS... IN THE CONTINUATION OF HIS SERIES: VIOLENCE... OUT OF CONTROL.

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(NAT CHICKENS)

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THE RHYTHMS OF LIVESTOCK AND CROPS SET THE PACE OF MARVIN HOTZ'S WORLD.

(HOTZ V13 0:50 TRT:08

"All spring and summer long, we see the new peasants hatch, the peasants come around, rabbits and things like that.)

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HIS FARM IN LONETREE, IOWA IS A LONG WAY FROM THE BIG CITY... AND A LONG WAY FROM BIG CITY FEARS OF GUNS AND VIOLENCE.

TO MARVIN HOTZ... HIS GUNS ARE A SOURCE

OF PRIDE.

HE TEACHES GUN SAFETY CLASSES... AND HE
MAKES HIS OWN AMMUNITION.

(NAT)

HE USES HIS GUNS FOR SPORT...

(NAT)

AND AS TOOLS... FARM IMPLEMENTS... TO
PROTECT HIS CROPS AND ANIMALS.
LEGITIMATE NEEDS... IN HIS VIEW... THAT
MAY BE THREATENED BY PROPOSALS TO
RESTRICT GUNS.
FOR HIM... STORING ALL GUNS AT A GUN
CLUB... FOR INSTANCE... JUST WOULDN'T
WORK.

(HOTZ V13 6:29 TRT:12

"I mean I would hate to have to run
back to the gun club just to get a
firearm because maybe I have trouble
with a fox or a coyote or something
like that getting into livestock and I
want a gun right away (when I need
one)."

(Craig Zwerling V4 3:39 trt:13

"On farms, firearms are used for pest

control in dealing with animal
predators and things like that. 3:47
They have more of a business function
than they often do in the cities."
3:52)

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN GUNS AND
VIOLENCE IS FAR FROM SIMPLE.
YET STUDIES INDICATE THAT IN CERTAIN
CIRCUMSTANCES... GUN LAWS HAVE SAVED
LIVES.
FOR INSTANCE... WASHINGTON, D. C. 'S BAN
ON HANDGUN SALES.

(LOFTIN V33 4:08 TRT:07

"After the law went in effect in 1976,
gun homicide and gun suicide went
down. ")

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AND OVERALL... THE RATES OF HOMICIDE
AND SUICIDE COMMITTED BY OTHER MEANS
DID NOT CHANGE. THE RESEARCHERS
ESTIMATE 47 LIVES WERE SAVED A YEAR.
UNFORTUNATELY... AFTER CRACK HIT THE
STREETS... VIOLENT DEATH RATES SHOT UP.

(NAT)

BACK ON THE FARM... GUN-RELATED DEATHS
ARE MORE LIKELY TO BE SUICIDE THAN
MURDER.

(LET'S USE A SHOT OF ONE OF THE IOWA

RED FARMS WE HAVE RATHER THAN A SHOT
WITH MARVIN IN IT)

(Gunderson V3 10:15 TRT:07

"The control of handguns isn't going to
make a whit of difference as far as we
can detect, or very little difference
in terms of farmer suicide—self
inflicted death—because they tend not
to use them.")

Stacy Z

THE GUN DEBATE IS NOT JUST URBAN VS.
RURAL.

JUST A COUPLE OF TOWNS OVER FROM MARVIN
HOTZ'S FARM LIVES BETSY ROSS.

TO HER... GUNS ARE A REMINDER OF THE
PAIN SHE FELT AFTER HER HUSBAND KILLED
HIMSELF.

BETSY ROSS V6 20:25

"He just picked it up, propped it
against the trunk, leaned it, leaned
against it and pulled down, reached
down and pulled the trigger... he
wouldn't have done that if that gun
hadn't been right there."

20:40 ("for him to just reach out and
pick up." 20:43)

SHE WROTE A BOOK AS A WAY TO SUPPORT
OTHER SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE... MOST
COMMITTED WITH GUNS.

IS THE PROBLEM GUNS... OR PEOPLE?

Kennesaw patrolman v 62 14:03 (MS quick

push to CU)

14:04 "Guns kill people."

I LIKE FIRST BLACKMAN SOT

(BLACKMAN V29 9:25)

"Gun availability and gun laws are basically irrelevant.")

-OR-

(BLACKMAN V29 10:10 TRT:04

"Gun laws are irrelevant, gun availability is not the issue.")

betsy ross v6 17:46

"Bullshit."

IT'S NOT CLEAR-CUT... SAY
RESEARCHERS... WHO FIND GUNS AND PEOPLE
HAVE A COMPLEX RELATIONSHIP OF
COMPETING RISKS AND BENEFITS.

(KELLERMANN V1 19:19 TRT:08

"For the average person who's trying to make sense out of this data, it can be quite confusing. Unfortunately, I think that confusion serves a political agenda.")

THE NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION CHARGES
THE LEADING PUBLIC HEALTH RESEARCHERS
ARE INCOMPETENT... AND SHOULD LOSE
FEDERAL FUNDING.

(BLACKMAN V29 9:01 TRT:12

"No one challenges work that is anti-gun. The media love it. Bureaucrats love it. They simply don't apply the same standards to researchers in those areas.")

(KELLERMANN V1 24:52 TRT:12

"I'm not anti-gun. I'm anti-homicide. I'm anti-gunshot injury. I'm anti-people being crippled for life when their spine is severed by a bullet.

(BLACKMAN V30 0:34 TRT:05

"Art Kellermann is no more honest personally than he is in his research.")

OPPOSING THE N-R-A ARE GUN CONTROL LOBBYISTS.

(NAT V32 0:50

"Hi, congressman.")

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ON BOTH SIDES... LOBBYISTS ARGUE POSITIONS THAT OFTEN GO BEYOND WHAT RESEARCH DATA CAN SUPPORT.

(HALL NAT V32 7:40 TRT:15

"Maybe something will come up. some compromise can be made in the next few

weeks."

"Right, well, hope so, because I'll tell you, the problem of violence, the problem of guns is getting overwhelming.")

take 2

AT TIMES... THE POLITICS ALSO SEEM OVERWHELMING.

YET RESEARCHERS HAVE FAITH THAT BY SORTING THROUGH THE FACTS... UNDERSTANDING... EVENTUALLY... WILL EMERGE... INSIGHT ON HOW TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT PEOPLE WHO USE GUNS FOR DEFENSE...

(LADIES NIGHT NAT)

OR FOR BUSINESS.

(BACK ON THE FARM)

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RESEARCHERS RECOGNIZE GUNS... UNLIKE SOME VIRUS... DO NOT... BY THEMSELVES... CAUSE THE DISEASE OF VIOLENCE.

(LOFTIN V33 17:14 TRT:07)

"Guns are only one piece of the violence picture. If you did away with all guns tomorrow, you'd still have a violent society.")

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THE OUTLOOK FOR ATTEMPTS TO PREVENT
VIOLENCE... IN OUR FINAL REPORT.
ANDREW HOLTZ, CMN MEDICAL NEWS