

CPI2 USA AND CANADA What do Liberals get wrong on guns?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uC5y4ndMTaA> (4:42)

The Guardian's Lois Beckett went to Louisville, Kentucky, where the National Rifle Association's annual convention was taking place, and asked gun owners: what do liberals get wrong about guns, and how can we make America a safer place to live?

Before you watch: vocabulary

The following words used in the video. Match them to the definitions below:

overstate threaten redneck tiny freeloader rifle welfare assault weapon

1. a working-class white person from the southern US, especially one who is not educated and does not like people who are not white
2. someone who expects to get food, money, or a place to stay from someone else, without giving anything in return
3. care provided by the state or another organization for people in need
4. to talk about something in a way that makes it seem more important, impressive, or serious than it really is.
5. a large gun with a long barrel that you hold against your shoulder to fire
6. a semiautomatic firearm with additional features such as a large magazine
7. extremely small
8. to say that you might or you will do something bad or harmful, especially in order to make someone do something

While you watch: comprehension questions

Watch the video up to 1:10 and mark the statements below true or false (T/F). Correct the false statements.

“What do liberals get wrong on guns?”

1. The first man thinks liberals don't recognise the intelligence of NRA members.
2. The first woman sees gun ownership as a constitutional right.
3. The second man says guns are used more in crimes than for self-defence or sport.
4. The third man says that people who grew up in cities are afraid of people with guns.
5. The fourth man believes the Republicans have ruined his country.

Watch the video up to 2:46 and answer the questions below.

1. According to the first man, what do Democrats get right?
2. Why does he call the Democrats' approach to gun ownership “backward”?
3. Why has Obama complained about the NRA so many times?
4. Complete what the second man says: “No, I think they are _____. They _____ at our rights a little bit _____ and we accept it and we accept it and before long we _____.”
5. What does the third man say about attitudes to guns when he was a child?
6. According to the fifth man, how many homicides are committed by rifles each year?

Watch the video up to 3:35 and mark the statements below true or false (T/F). Correct the false statements.

1. According to the reporter, there are around 43 000 gun deaths in America each year.
2. The first man believes that guns aren't dangerous.
3. The second man believes that gun laws won't be effective because people always break the law.
4. The fourth man believes the government should solve the public health problem first.

Watch the video until the end and answer the questions below.

1. Why did the first man have to show his gun?
2. Where did the second man use to work?
3. Did he have to get his gun out? Why/why not?
4. Why is shooting so important to the woman?