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## Steps to stop gun violence useless

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On April 29, a story was posted on The Pueblo Chieftain website about President Barack Obama unveiling another plan to curb gun violence and the potential smart guns have.

Although smart guns may seem like a great idea, only time will tell if they are successful. However, it seems as if every other day Obama is proposing some sort of solution to gun violence. But instead of gaining support for his movement, he is angering those who have firmly stood in defense of keeping guns.

All of these solutions that Obama has proposed have had to do with background checks as customers purchase their guns, and tightening gun laws in the nation.

However, these proposals will only slow the process of mass shootings. According to the CATO Institute, in the United States there are over 300 million firearms either in homes or on the streets. With that many firearms available outside of background checks, all it would take is a criminal desperate enough to commit a crime, or one who is mentally ill, to find at least one of these firearms.

As for the tightening of gun laws, they have already been deemed useless before they even become laws.

I oppose most uses of guns, but with Obama's terms, the people of this nation realized they have a right no other nation does, and they will fight to keep this right.

In this nation that I so love, it is becoming clearer that the only sure things about America are death, taxes and guns.