

Gun owners should prove mental health

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Thomas Sowell seems to believe that gun registration places too much emphasis on "mental health."

Of course, he must believe talking to chairs and seeing our world through the cartoonish perspective of "bad guys and good guys" is healthy. Maybe if we placed someone on national TV talking to chairs and espousing bad guys/good guys views, they would be denied a gun permit.

Further, gun ownership should be dependent on the demonstrated, complete possession of one's faculties. This doesn't seem to be the case with Sowell himself. He states, "I have not heard anybody on any side of this issue mention how many lives are saved every year by guns." The Cato Institute presents a well-known case for that argument.

However, I am also concerned about the high cost of deaths due to stray bullets, the epidemic of suicide, and the deaths of our peace officers in the line of duty.

Sowell has limited and weak peripheral vision, which would disqualify him from owning a gun.

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