

Japanese Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto expressed an appropriate comment in the 1940's (though many doubt he actually said it):  
"You cannot invade the mainland United States. There would be a rifle behind every blade of grass."

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## Disarmament Quotes / Quotations



### Famous Quotes and Quotations about Disarmament

[A Bill Concerning Slaves, Disarmament quote](#) : ★★★★★

No slaves shall keep any arms whatever, nor pass, unless with written orders from his master or employer, or in his company, with arms from one place to another.

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[A Framer, Disarmament quote](#) : ★★★★★

Under every government the [last] resort of the people, is an appeal to the sword; whether to defend themselves against the open attacks of a foreign enemy, or to check the insidious encroachments of domestic foes. Whenever a people ... entrust the defence of their country to a regular, standing army, composed of mercenaries, the power of that country will remain under the direction of the most wealthy citizens.

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[Samuel Adams, Disarmament quote](#) : ★★★★★

The said constitution shall never be construed to authorize Congress to prevent the people of the United States who are peaceable citizens from keeping their own arms.

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[Aristotle, Disarmament quote](#) : ★★★★★

Both Oligarch and Tyrant mistrust the people, and therefore deprive them of arms.

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[Doug Bandow, Disarmament quote](#) : ★★★★★

Gun control has proved to be a grievous failure, a means of disarming honest citizens without limiting firepower available to those who prey on the law-abiding. Attempting to use the legal system to punish the weapon rather than the person misusing the weapon is similarly doomed to fail.

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[Joel Barlow, Disarmament quote](#) : ★★★★★

[Individual disarmament] palsies the hand and brutalizes the mind; an habitual disuse of physical force totally destroys the moral; and men lose at once the power of protecting themselves, and of discerning the cause of their oppression.

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[Cesare Beccaria, Disarmament quote](#) : ★★★★★

False is the idea of utility that sacrifices a thousand real advantages for one imaginary or trifling inconvenience; that would take fire from men because it burns, and water because one may drown in it; that has no remedy for evils except destruction. The laws that forbid the carrying of arms are laws of such a nature. They disarm only those who are neither inclined nor determined to commit crimes. Can it be supposed that those who have the courage to violate the most sacred laws of humanity, the most important of the code, will respect the less important and arbitrary ones, which can be violated with ease and impunity, and which, if strictly obeyed, would put an end to personal liberty... and subject innocent persons to all the vexations that the guilty alone ought to suffer? Such laws make things worse for the assaulted and better for the assailants; they serve rather to encourage than to prevent homicides, for an unarmed man may be attacked with greater confidence than an armed man. They ought to be designated as laws not preventive but fearful of crimes, produced by the tumultuous impression of a few isolated facts, and not by thoughtful consideration of the inconveniences and advantages of a universal decree.

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[David Boaz, Disarmament quote](#) :

Maybe that's because guns are sold at a profit, while schools are provided by the government.

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[Sarah Brady, Disarmament quote](#) : 🗨️

Our task of creating a socialist America can only succeed when those who would resist us have been totally disarmed.

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[William S. Burroughs, Disarmament quote](#) : ★★★★★

After a shooting spree, they always want to take the guns away from the people who didn't do it. I sure as hell wouldn't want to live in a society where the only people allowed guns are the police and the military.

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[George W. Bush, Disarmament quote](#) : ★★

The choice is his [Saddam Hussein's], and if he does not disarm, the United States of America will lead a coalition and disarm him in the name of Peace.

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[Al Capone, Disarmament quote](#) : ★★★★★

You can do more with a kind word and a gun than with just a kind word.

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[Sir Winston Churchill, Disarmament quote](#) : ★★★★★★

Still, if you will not fight for the right when you can easily win without bloodshed, if you will not fight when your victory will be sure and not so costly, you may come to the moment when you will have to fight with all the odds against you and only a precarious chance for survival. There may be a worse case. You may have to fight when there is no chance of victory, because it is better to perish than to live as slaves.

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[Sir Winston Churchill, Disarmament quote](#) :

If you go on with this nuclear arms race, all you are going to do is make the rubble bounce.

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[Joseph S. Clark, Disarmament quote](#) : ★

[The program of American disarmament outlined in State Department Paper 7277] is the fixed, determined and approved policy of the government of the United States.

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[Bill Clinton, Disarmament quote](#) : ★★★★★

The Bush administration continues to coddle China, despite its continuing crackdown on democratic reform, its brutal subjugation of Tibet, its irresponsible export of nuclear and missile technology... Such forbearance on our part might have made sense during the Cold War when China was the counterweight to Soviet power. It makes no sense to play the China card now when our opponents have thrown in their hand.

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[Bill Clinton, Disarmament quote](#) : ★★

We can't be so fixated on our desire to preserve the rights of ordinary Americans...

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[Bill Clinton, Disarmament quote](#) : ★

There is no reason for anyone in this country -- anyone except a police officer or military person -- to buy, to own, to have, to use a handgun. The only way to control handgun use in this country is to prohibit the guns.

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[Bill Clinton, Disarmament quote](#) : 🗳️

The purpose of government is to rein in the rights of the people.

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[Bill Clinton, Disarmament quote](#) : 🗳️

When we got organized as a country and we wrote a fairly radical Constitution with a radical Bill of Rights, giving a radical amount of individual freedom to Americans ... And so a lot of people say there's too much personal freedom. When personal freedom's being abused, you have to move to limit it. That's what we did in the announcement I made last weekend on the public housing projects, about how we're going to have weapon sweeps and more things like that to try to make people safer in their communities.

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[Cockrum v. State, Disarmament quote](#) : ★★★★★★

The right of a citizen to bear arms, in lawful defense of himself or the State, is absolute. He does not derive it from the State government. It is one of the high powers delegated directly to the citizen, and is excepted out of the general powers of government. A law cannot be passed to infringe upon or impair it, because it is above the law, and independent of the lawmaking power.

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[Communist Rules for Revolution, Disarmament quote](#) : ★★★★★

Communist Rules for Revolution...

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[Tench Coxe, Disarmament quote](#) : ★★★★★

Whereas civil rulers, not having their duty to the people duly before them, may attempt to tyrannize, and as military forces, which must be occasionally raised to defend our country, might pervert their power to the injury of their fellow citizens, the people are confirmed by the article in their right to keep and bear their private arms.

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[Brannon P. Denning, Disarmament quote](#) : ★★★★★

Note, however, that trying to ban guns because of strong moral disapproval of them or because of claims that they are 'scary' or that they may be used in crimes would not constitute a 'compelling state interest' any more than an attempt to restrain publication of a book on moral grounds would be. The concept of a 'compelling state interest' cannot swallow up the very right guaranteed in the first place.

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[Anthony J. Dennis, Disarmament quote](#) : ★★

The Nazis, for example, used a national firearms registration system eventually to confiscate all guns and, as they deemed necessary, to execute gun owners.

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[Alan Dershowitz, Disarmament quote](#) : ★★★★★

Foolish liberals who are trying to read the Second Amendment out of the constitution by claiming it's not an individual right or that it's too much of a safety hazard don't see the danger of the big picture. They're courting disaster by encouraging others to use this same means to eliminate portions of the Constitution they don't like.

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[Albert Einstein, Disarmament quote](#) : ★★★★★

I know not with what weapons World War III will be fought, but World War IV will be fought with sticks and stones.

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[Joycelyn Elders, Disarmament quote](#) : ★★

It is often easier for our children to obtain a gun than it is to find a good school.

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[Rahm Emmanuel, Disarmament quote](#) : ★

We're bending the law as far as we can to ban an entirely new class of guns.

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[Dianne Feinstein, Disarmament quote](#) : ★

Banning guns addresses a fundamental right of all Americans to feel safe.

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[Jim Florio, Disarmament quote](#) : ★★

There are some weapons that are just so dangerous that society has a right and the obligation even to take those weapons out of circulation.

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[Benjamin Franklin, Disarmament quote](#) : ★★★★★

Democracy is two wolves and a lamb voting on what to have for lunch. Liberty is a well-armed lamb contesting the vote!

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[R. Buckminster Fuller, Disarmament quote](#) : ★★★★★

The end move in politics is always to pick up a gun.

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[Markus T. Funk, Disarmament quote](#) : ★★★★★

Murder rates in "gun controlled" areas, such as Mexico and South Africa, are more than twice as high as those in the United States. Conversely, countries such as Switzerland, New Zealand, and Israel, which have household gun ownership rates comparable to those in the United States, have much lower rates of crime and violence.

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[Mahatma Mohandas K. Gandhi, Disarmament quote](#) : ★★★★★

Among the many misdeeds of British rule in India, history will look upon the Act depriving a whole nation of arms as the blackest.

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[Michael Gartner, Disarmament quote](#) : 🗨️

There is no reason for anyone in this country, anyone except a police officer or a military person, to buy, to own, to have, to use a handgun. I used to think handguns could be controlled by laws about registration, by laws requiring waiting periods for purchasers, by laws making sellers check out the past of buyers. I now think the only way to control handgun use in this country is to prohibit the guns. And the only way to do that is to change the Constitution.

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[Jean Genet, Disarmament quote](#) :

Power may be at the end of a gun, but sometimes it's also at the end of the shadow or the image of a gun.

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[Elbridge Gerry, Disarmament quote](#) : ★★★★★

What, Sir, is the use of a militia? It is to prevent the establishment of a standing army, the bane of liberty. ...Whenever Governments mean to invade the rights and liberties of the people, they always attempt to destroy the militia, in order to raise an army upon their ruins.

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[Mikhail Gorbachev, Disarmament quote](#) : ★★★★★

Gentlemen, comrades, do not be concerned about all you hear about Glasnost and Perestroika and democracy in the coming years. They are primarily for outward consumption. There will be no significant internal changes in the Soviet Union, other than for cosmetic purposes. Our purpose is to disarm the Americans and let them fall asleep.

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[Judge Ron Greenburg, Disarmament quote](#) : ★★

The right just doesn't exist. Clearly, the states no longer need protection from the federal government disarming their "well-regulated" militia. The Second Amendment no longer speaks to us. The Second Amendment has no modern day application. The Second Amendment is dead.

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[Stephen P. Halbrook, Disarmament quote](#) : ★★★★★

Such questions have never been discussed in scholarly publications because the Nazi laws, policies, and practices have never been adequately documented. The record establishes that a well-meaning liberal republic would enact a gun control act that would later be highly useful to a dictatorship.

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[Alexander Hamilton, Disarmament quote](#) : ★★★★★

But if circumstances should at any time oblige the government to form an army of any magnitude, that army can never be formidable to the liberties of the people, while there is a large body of citizens, little if at all inferior to them in discipline and use of arms, who stand ready to defend their rights

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[Alexander Hamilton, Disarmament quote](#) : ★★★★★

The best we can hope for concerning the people at large is that they be properly armed.

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[Handgun Control, Inc., Disarmament quote](#) : 🗨️

The thought that average citizens will somehow be better able to successfully defend themselves more effectively than our nation's trained professionals is absurd.

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[Friedrich August von Hayek, Disarmament quote](#) : ★★★★★

I am certain that nothing has done so much to destroy the juridical safeguards of individual freedom as the striving after this mirage of social justice.

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[Friedrich August von Hayek, Disarmament quote](#) : ★★★★★

The ultimate decision about what is accepted as right and wrong will be made not by individual human wisdom but by the disappearance of the groups that have adhered to the "wrong" beliefs.

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[Dennis Hennigan, Disarmament quote](#) : ★★★★★

...The purpose of the 2nd Amendment is to guarantee the existence of state military forces that can serve as a counterweight to a standing federal army. Thus, it seems fair to say, the scope of any rights enjoyed by the states under the 2nd Amendment would be determined by the goal of preserving an independent military force not under direct federal control.

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[Patrick Henry, Disarmament quote](#) : ★★★★★

Are we at last brought to such a humiliating and debasing degradation, that we cannot be trusted with arms for our own defence? Where is the difference between having our arms in our own possession and under our own direction, and having them under the management of Congress? If our defence be the\_real\_object of having those arms, in whose hands can they be trusted with more propriety, or equal safety to us, as in our own hands?

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[Patrick Henry, Disarmament quote](#) : ★★★★★

The great object is that every man be armed. Everyone who is able may have a gun.

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[Adolf Hitler, Disarmament quote](#) : ★★★★★

The most foolish mistake we could possibly make would be to allow the subject races to possess arms. History shows that all conquerors who have allowed the subject races to carry arms have prepared their own downfall by so doing. Indeed, I would go so far as to say that the supply of arms to the underdogs is a sine qua non for the overthrow of any sovereignty.

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[Adolf Hitler, quotes about Disarmament \(False\)](#): ★★★★★

This year will go down in history. For the first time, a civilised nation has full gun registration! Our streets will be safer, our police more efficient, and the world will follow our lead into the future!

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[Adolf Hitler, quotes about Disarmament](#):

The most foolish mistake we could possibly make would be to permit the conquered Eastern peoples to have arms. History teaches that all conquerors who have allowed their subject races to carry arms have prepared their own downfall by doing so. Indeed I would go so far as to say that the underdog is a sine qua non for the overthrow of any sovereignty. So let's not have any native militia or police. German troops alone will bear the sole responsibility for the maintenance of law and order.

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[Hubert H. Humphrey, quotes about Disarmament](#): ★★★★★

Certainly one of the chief guarantees of freedom under any government, no matter how popular and respected, is the right of citizens to keep and bear arms. This is not to say that firearms should not be very carefully used and that definite safety rules of precaution should not be taught and enforced. But the right of citizens to bear arms is just one more guarantee against arbitrary government, and one more safeguard against tyranny which now appears remote in America, but which historically has proved to be always possible.

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[Tokugawa Ieyasu, quotes about Disarmament](#): ★★★★★

To come to know your enemy, first you must become his friend, and once you become his friend, all his defences come down. Then you can choose the most fitting method for his demise.

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[William Ralph Inge, quotes about Disarmament](#): ★★★★★

The enemies of freedom do not argue; they shout and they shoot.

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[Thomas Jefferson, quotes about Disarmament](#): ★★★★★

No freeman shall be debarred the use of arms [within his own lands].

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[Thomas Jefferson, quotes about Disarmament](#): ★★★★★

What country can preserve its liberties, if its rulers are not warned from time to time that this people preserve the spirit of resistance? Let them take arms.

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[Thomas Jefferson, quotes about Disarmament](#): ★★★★★

I have sworn upon the altar of God eternal hostility against every form of tyranny over the mind of man.

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[Thomas Jefferson, quotes about Disarmament:](#) ★★★★★

A strong body makes the mind strong. As to the species of exercises, I advise the gun. While this gives moderate exercise to the body, it gives boldness, enterprise and independence to the mind. Games played with the ball, and others of that nature, are too violent for the body and stamp no character on the mind. Let your gun therefore be the constant companion of your walks.

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[Thomas Jefferson, quotes about Disarmament \(False\):](#) ★★★★★

No free man shall ever be de-barred the use of arms. The strongest reason for the people to retain their right to keep and bear arms is as a last resort to protect themselves against tyranny in government.

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[Thomas Jefferson, quotes about Disarmament:](#) ★★★★★

Every citizen should be a soldier. This was the case with the Greeks and Romans, and must be that of every free state.

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[Zachariah Johnson, quotes about Disarmament:](#) ★★★★★

The people are not to be disarmed of their weapons. They are left in full possession of them.

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[George Jonas, quotes about Disarmament:](#) ★★★★★

The issue isn't gun control but state control -- obtuse and arbitrary state control, state control run amok. ... Forget guns. If Dr. Hudson, Mr. Turnbull, Dr. Gingrich and others end up in jail it won't be for their guns but our liberties.

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[Don B. Kates, Jr., quotes about Disarmament:](#) ★★★★★

Ironically, the only gun control in 19th century England was the policy forbidding police to have arms while on duty.

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[George F. Kennan, quotes about Disarmament:](#) ★★★★★

Popular revolt against a ruthless, experienced modern dictatorship, which enjoys a monopoly over weapons and communications, ... is simply not a possibility in the modern age.

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[Neal Knox, quotes about Disarmament:](#) ★★★★★

Certainly there are examples of countries where the people remain relatively free after the people have been disarmed, but there are no examples of a totalitarian state being created or existing where the people have personal arms.

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[Richard Henry Lee, quotes about Disarmament:](#) ★★★★★

To preserve liberty, it is essential that the whole body of the people always possess arms and be taught alike, especially when young, how to use them.

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[Vladimir Ilyich Lenin, quotes about Disarmament \(Questionable\):](#) ★★★★★

A system of licensing and registration is the perfect device to deny gun ownership to the bourgeoisie.

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[Vladimir Ilyich Lenin, quotes about Disarmament:](#) ★★★★★

Destroy the family, you destroy the country.

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[Vladimir Ilyich Lenin, quotes about Disarmament:](#) ★★★★★

Only an armed people can be the real bulwark of popular liberty.

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[Vladimir Ilyich Lenin, quotes about Disarmament:](#) ★★

One of the basic conditions for the victory of socialism is the arming of the workers (Communist) and the disarming of the bourgeoisie (the middle class).

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[John R. Lott, Jr., quotes about Disarmament:](#) ★★★★★

If the rest of the country had adopted right-to-carry concealed-handgun provisions in 1992, about 1,500 murders and 4,000 rapes would have been avoided.

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[Donald S. MacAlvaney, quotes about Disarmament:](#) ★★★★★

Tell the American people never to lose their guns. As long as they keep their guns in their hands, whatever happened here [China] will never happen there.

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[General Douglas MacArthur, quotes about Disarmament:](#) ★★★★★

Our government has kept us in a perpetual state of fear - kept us in a continuous stampede of patriotic fervour - with the cry of grave national emergency. Always, there has been some terrible evil at home, or some monstrous foreign power that was going to gobble us up if we did not blindly rally behind it by furnishing the exorbitant sums demanded. Yet, in retrospect, these disasters seem never to have happened, seem never to have been quite real.

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[General Douglas MacArthur, quotes about Disarmament:](#) ★★★

Wars are caused by undefended wealth.

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[Niccolo Machiavelli, quotes about Disarmament:](#) ★★★★★

When you disarm your subjects, however, you offend them by showing that either from cowardliness or lack of faith, you distrust them; and either conclusion will induce them to hate you.

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[Niccolo Machiavelli, quotes about Disarmament:](#) ★★★★★

Among other causes of misfortune which your not being armed brings upon you, it makes you despised....

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[James Madison, quotes about Disarmament:](#) ★★★★★

An efficient militia is authorized and contemplated by the Constitution and required by the spirit and safety of free government.

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[James Madison, quotes about Disarmament:](#) ★★★★★

Besides the advantage of being armed, which the Americans possess over the people of almost every other nation, the existence of subordinate governments, to which the people are attached, and by which the militia officers are appointed, forms a barrier against the enterprises of ambition, more insurmountable than any which a simple government of any form can admit of. Notwithstanding the military establishments in the several kingdoms of Europe, which are carried as far as the public resources will bear, the governments are afraid to trust the people with arms. And it is not certain, that with this aid alone they would not be able to shake off their yokes. But were the people to possess the additional advantages of local governments chosen by themselves, who could collect the national will and direct the national force, and of officers appointed out of the militia, by these governments, and attached both to them and to the militia, it may be affirmed with the greatest assurance, that the throne of every tyranny in Europe would be speedily overturned in spite of the legions which surround it.

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[James Madison, quotes about Disarmament:](#) ★★★★★

Americans need never fear their government because of the advantage of being armed, which the Americans possess over the people of almost every other nation.

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[George Mason, quotes about Disarmament:](#) ★★★★★

[W]hen the resolution of enslaving America was formed in Great Britain, the British Parliament was advised by an artful man, who was governor of Pennsylvania, to disarm the people; that it was the best and most effectual way to enslave them; but that they should not do it openly, but weaken them, and let them sink gradually, by totally disusing and neglecting the militia.

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[George Mason, quotes about Disarmament:](#) ★★★★★

Who are the militia, if they be not the people of this country...? I ask, who are the militia? They consist of now of the whole people, except a few public officers.

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[George Mason, quotes about Disarmament:](#) ★★★★★

To disarm the people is the best and most effectual way to enslave them.

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[Howard Metzenbaum, quotes about Disarmament:](#) 🗨️

What good does it do to ban some guns. All guns should be banned.

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[Prof. Dean Morris, quotes about Disarmament:](#) 🗣️

I am one who believes that as a first step the U.S. should move expeditiously to disarm the civilian population, other than police and security officers, of all handguns, pistols and revolvers ...no one should have a right to anonymous ownership or use of a gun.

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[Benito Mussolini, quotes about Disarmament:](#) ★

The measures adopted to restore public order are: First of all, the elimination of the so-called subversive elements. [...] They were elements of disorder and subversion. On the morrow of each conflict I gave the categorical order to confiscate the largest possible number of weapons of every sort and kind. This confiscation, which continues with the utmost energy, has given satisfactory results.

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[Huey P. Newton, quotes about Disarmament:](#) ★★★★★

Any unarmed people are slaves, or are subject to slavery at any given moment. If the guns are taken out of the hands of the people and only the pigs have guns, then it's off to the concentration camps, the gas chambers, or whatever the fascists in America come up with. One of the democratic rights of the United States, the Second Amendment to the Constitution, gives the people the right to bear arms. However, there is a greater right; the right of human dignity that gives all men the right to defend themselves.

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[Huey P. Newton, quotes about Disarmament:](#) ★★★★★

Sometimes if you want to get rid of the gun, you have to pick the gun up.

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[James Paterson, quotes about Disarmament:](#) ★★★★★

... in all countries where personal freedom is valued, however much each individual may rely on legal redress, the right of each to carry arms -- and these the best and the sharpest -- for his own protection in case of extremity, is a right of nature indelible and irrepressible, and the more it is sought to be repressed the more it will recur.

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[General George S. Patton, Jr., quotes about Disarmament:](#) ★★★★★

It is certain that the two World Wars in which I have participated would not have occurred had we been prepared. It is my belief that adequate preparation on our part would have prevented or materially shortened all our other wars beginning with that of 1812. Yet, after each of our wars, there has always been a great hue and cry to the effect that there will be no more wars, that disarmament is the sure road to health, happiness, and peace; and that by removing the fire department, we will remove fires. These ideas spring from wishful thinking and from the erroneous belief that wars result from logical processes. There is no logic in wars. They are produced by madmen. No man can say when future madmen will reappear. I do not say that there will be no more wars; I devoutly hope that there will not, but I do say that the chances of avoiding future wars will be greatly enhanced if we are ready.

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[Plato, quotes about Disarmament:](#) ★★★★★

Do not expect justice where might is right.

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[John Norton Pomeroy, quotes about Disarmament:](#) ★★★★★

The object of this clause [the right of the people to keep and bear arms] is to secure a well-armed militia.... But a militia would be useless unless the citizens were enabled to exercise themselves in the use of warlike weapons. To preserve this privilege, and to secure to the people the ability to oppose themselves in military force against the usurpations of government, as well as against enemies from without, that government is forbidden by any law or proceeding to invade or destroy the right to keep and bear arms.

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[Sir Walter Raleigh, quotes about Disarmament:](#) ★★★★★

[It is a basic principle of a tyrant] to unarm his people of weapons, money, and all means whereby they resist his power.

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[Ronald Reagan, quotes about Disarmament:](#)

Common sense told us that to preserve the peace, we'd have to become strong again after years of weakness and confusion. So, we rebuilt our defenses, and this New Year we toasted the new peacefulness around the globe. Not only have the superpowers actually begun to reduce their stockpiles of nuclear weapons...but the regional conflicts that rack the globe are also beginning to cease.

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[Janet Reno, quotes about Disarmament:](#) ★★

Gun registration is not enough.

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[Janet Reno, quotes about Disarmament:](#) ★★

Waiting periods are only a step. Registration is only a step. The prohibition of private firearms is the goal.

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[Paul Craig Roberts, quotes about Disarmament:](#) ★★★★★

I don't know why liberals want to disarm the law-abiding population, but I do know that not a single argument proffered stands the light of facts. Armed citizens deter far more crimes than the police, and far more lives are saved by the intended victim being armed than are lost in firearm accidents.

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[Will Rogers, quotes about Disarmament:](#) ★★★★★

Ammunition beats persuasion when you are looking for freedom.

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[George L. Roman, quotes about Disarmament:](#) ★★★★★

I am convinced that we can do to guns what we've done to drugs: create a multi-billion dollar underground market over which we have absolutely no control.

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[SA Oberfuhrer of Bad Tolz, quotes about Disarmament:](#)

All military type firearms are to be handed in immediately ... The SS, SA and Stahlhelm give every respectable German man the opportunity of campaigning with them. Therefore anyone who does not belong to one of the above named organizations and who unjustifiably nevertheless keeps his weapon ... must be regarded as an enemy of the national government.

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[Eric Schaub, quotes about Disarmament:](#) ★★★★★

The 'strength' of the People becomes weak when we don't 'exercise' our rights.

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[J. Neil Schulman, quotes about Disarmament:](#) ★★★★★

Gun control advocates need to realize that passing laws that honest gun owners will not obey is a self-defeating strategy.

Gun owners are not about to surrender their rights, and only the most foolish of politicians would risk the stability of the government by trying to use the force of the state to disarm the people.

[more J. Neil Schulman quotes](#)

[Rick Scott, quotes about Disarmament:](#) ★★★★★

It is unclear how disarming law-abiding citizens would better protect them from the dangers and threats posed by those who would flout the law. It is at just such times that the constitutional right to self-defense is most precious and must be protected from government overreach.

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[John Shattuck, quotes about Disarmament:](#) ★★★★★

In the twentieth century the number of people killed by their own governments under authoritarian regimes is four times the number killed in all this century's wars combined.

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[Nelson Shields, quotes about Disarmament:](#) 🗨️

Our ultimate goal -- total control of handguns in the United States -- is going to take time... The first problem is to slow down the increasing number of handguns being produced... The second problem is to get handguns registered. And the final problem is to make the possession of handguns and all handgun ammunition -- except for the military, policemen, licensed security guards, licensed sporting clubs, and licensed gun collectors -- totally illegal.

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[Nelson Shields, quotes about Disarmament:](#)

I'm convinced that we have to have federal legislation to build on. We're going to have to take one step at a time, and the first step is necessarily -- given the political realities -- going to be very modest. Of course, it's true that politicians will then go home and say, 'This is a great law. The problem is solved.' And it's also true that such statements will tend to defuse the gun-control issue for a time. So then we'll have to strengthen that law, and then again to strengthen that law, and maybe again and again. Right now, though, we'd be satisfied not with half a loaf but with a slice. Our ultimate goal -- total control of handguns in the United States -- is going to take time. My estimate is from seven to ten years. The problem is to slow down the increasing number of handguns sold in this country. The second problem is to get them all registered. And the final problem is to make the possession of all handguns and all handgun ammunition -- except for the military, policemen, licensed security guards, licensed sporting clubs, and licensed gun collectors -- totally illegal.

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[Algernon Sidney, quotes about Disarmament:](#) ★★★★★

Nay, all laws must fall, human societies that subsist by them be dissolved, and all innocent persons be exposed to the violence of the most wicked, if men might not justly defend themselves against injustice by their own natural right, when the ways prescribed by publick authority cannot be taken.

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[L. Neil Smith, quotes about Disarmament:](#) ★★★★★

People who object to weapons aren't abolishing violence, they're begging for rule by brute force, when the biggest, strongest animals among men were always automatically 'right.' Guns ended that, and social democracy is a hollow farce without an armed populace to make it work.

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[Jeffrey R. Snyder, quotes about Disarmament:](#) ★★★★★

As the Founding Fathers knew well, a government that does not trust its honest, law-abiding, taxpaying citizens with the means of self-defense is not itself worthy of trust. Laws disarming honest citizens proclaim that the government is the master, not the servant of the people... The Bill of Rights does not grant rights to the people, such that its repeal would legitimately confer upon government the powers otherwise proscribed. The Bill of Rights is the list of the fundamental, inalienable rights, endowed in man by his Creator, that define what it means to be a free and independent people, the rights which must exist to ensure that government governs only with the consent of the people.

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[Alexander Solzhenitsyn, quotes about Disarmament:](#) ★★★★★

I would like to call upon America to be more careful with its trust ... and prevent those ... because of short-sightedness and still others out of self-interest, from falsely using the struggle for peace and for social justice to lead you down a false road. Because they are trying to weaken you; they are trying to disarm your strong and magnificent country in the face of this fearful threat. ... I call upon you: ordinary working men of America ... do not let yourselves become weak.

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[Josef Stalin, quotes about Disarmament:](#) ★★

If the opposition (citizen) disarms, well and good. If it refuses to disarm, we shall disarm it ourselves.

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[State Department Paper 7277, quotes about Disarmament:](#) ★★★★★

The United States Program for General and Complete Disarmament...

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[Vin Suprynowicz, quotes about Disarmament:](#) ★★★★★

[T]his is why the tyrants are moving so quickly to take away our guns. Because they know in their hearts that if they continue the way they've been going, boxing Americans into smaller and smaller corners, leaving us no freedom to decide how to raise and school and discipline our kids, no freedom to purchase (or do without) the medical care we want on the open market, no freedom to withdraw \$2,500 from our own bank accounts (let alone move it out of the country) without federal permission, no freedom even to arrange the dirt and trees on our own property to please ourselves ... if they keep going down this road, there are going to be a lot more Carl Dregas, hundreds of them, thousands of them, fed up and not taking it any more, a lot more pools of blood drawing flies in the municipal parking lots, a lot more self-righteous government weasels who were "only doing their jobs" twitching their death-dances in the warm afternoon sun ... and soon.

[more Vin Suprynowicz quotes](#)

[Vin Suprynowicz, quotes about Disarmament:](#) ★★★★★

Nut cases only succeed in multiple killings when they can be confident their prospective victims are disarmed.

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[A. J. P. Taylor, quotes about Disarmament:](#) ★★★★★

Freedom does not always win. This is one of the bitterest lessons of history.

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[The Washington Times, quotes about Disarmament:](#) 🗨️

[President Clinton] ... ordered the Justice Department to begin studying gun licensing, registration, and collection proposals.

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[Leo Nikolaevich Tolstoi, quotes about Disarmament:](#) ★★★★★

Governments need armies to protect them against their enslaved and oppressed subjects.

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[United Nations' World Constitution, quotes about Disarmament \(False\):](#) 🗨️

The age of nations must end... The governments of the nations have decided to order their separate sovereignties into one government to which they surrender their arms.

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[General Sir Walter Walker, quotes about Disarmament:](#)

I consider it my duty to tell you of the extremely dangerous threats that lie ahead. I know for certain that we are now in a period of the greatest strategic deception, perhaps in all history ...The Cold War is NOT over, only in the state of remission ...The Soviet Union is not truly 'on the verge of collapse'. Western defense, on the other hand, is.

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[James Paul Warburg, quotes about Disarmament:](#) ★★★★★

We shall have World Government, whether or not we like it. The only question is whether World Government will be achieved by conquest or consent.

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[Rear Admiral Chester Ward, quotes about Disarmament:](#) ★★★★★

The main purpose of the Council on Foreign Relations is promoting the disarmament of U.S. sovereignty and national independence and submergence into an all powerful, one world government.

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[George Washington, quotes about Disarmament:](#) ★★★★★

The time is now near at hand which must probably determine whether Americans are to be freemen or slaves; whether they are to have any property they can call their own; whether their houses and farms are to be pillaged and destroyed, and themselves consigned to a state of wretchedness from which no human efforts will deliver them. The fate of unborn millions will now depend on God, on the courage and conduct of this army. Our cruel and unrelenting enemy leaves us only the choice of brave resistance, or the most abject submission. We have, therefore, to resolve to conquer or die.

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[Noah Webster, quotes about Disarmament:](#) ★★★★★

Another source of power in government is a military force. But this, to be efficient, must be superior to any force that exists among the people, or which they can command; for otherwise this force would be annihilated, on the first exercise of acts of oppression. Before a standing army can rule, the people must be disarmed; as they are in almost every kingdom in Europe. The supreme power in America cannot enforce unjust laws by the sword; because the whole body of the people are armed, and constitute a force superior to any band of regular troops that can be, on any pretense, raised in the United States. A military force, at the command of Congress, can execute no laws, but such as the people perceive to be just and constitutional; for they will possess the power, and jealousy will instantly inspire the inclination, to resist the execution of a law which appears to them unjust and oppressive.

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[Noah Webster, quotes about Disarmament:](#) ★★★★★

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[Jarret Wollstein, quotes about Disarmament:](#)

When you disarm peaceful citizens, crime and violence explode..

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[WTO Charter, quotes about Disarmament:](#)

[Each member government]...shall ensure the conformity of its laws, regulations, and administrative procedures with its obligations [to the World Trade Organization].

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