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The evidence is clear: Only criminals oppose concealed-carry gun laws, say Libertarians

New study proves that concealed-carry laws cause crime to plummet

WASHINGTON, DC — If you want to reduce crime, allow *more* people to carry *more* concealed guns, the Libertarian Party said today.

And that opinion is confirmed by a new Cato Institute study, which found that violent crime rates *dropped* dramatically in the 24 states that have passed “concealed-carry” laws — which allow ordinary citizens to carry concealed weapons.

“At this point, the *only* people who don’t support concealed-carry laws are criminals,” said Steve Dasbach, the party’s national chairman.

“For years, gun-control advocates claimed that laws allowing concealed weapons would lead to murder and mayhem,” he said. “But the exact *opposite* turns out to be true: Concealed weapons actually *save* lives.”

The Cato Institute study found that in the 24 states with concealed-carry laws, murders dropped by 7.7%, rapes fell by 5.2%, robberies decreased by 2.2%, and aggravated assaults were reduced by 7.7%.

And in states where politicians continue to *outlaw* concealed weapons?

“There’s blood in the streets,” Dasbach said. “After accounting for all other factors, the study calculated that in 1992 alone, 1,414 more people were murdered than would have been if concealed-carry laws were in effect.”

And the carnage doesn’t end there: An additional 4,177 people were raped, 11,898 more were robbed, and 60,363 more assaulted solely as a result of the increased criminal activity that apparently comes with concealed weapons bans, the study found.

In fact, Dasbach said, the findings of the study are so clear and unambiguous that the case can be made that politicians in the states that *don’t* allow concealed weapons are, in effect, sentencing innocent people to death.

“Denying terrified Americans the right to carry a gun is like putting them at the front of the line on Death Row,” he said. “At they very least, politicians should have the decency to stop disarming America’s most vulnerable citizens: Crime victims.”

**Is your state a “concealed-carry” state?
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