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**Can gun Control work?**

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**This is an interview**

**“I consider myself a gun control skeptic. I do not believe at this point in our history with 300 million firearms in private hands, a constitutional right to keep and bear arms and a political situation in which a very very small number of politicians are willing to take a strong position on firearms, that there is any potential force, serious regulatory controls. I don’t think that will happen. There is no magic bullet to…, if you can excuse the phrase…, that will change American violence, but the good news is that it has been reduced substantially over the last 25 years, and we have had a tremendous reduction in violent crime, including gun crime, since 1990. Overall in the USA it’s about 35 to 40% fewer homicides now than in 1990, and in New York City 75% homicides now than in 1990. And so this current debate about what can be done about gun violence ought to consider the fact that gun violence has gone down.”**