

“Human-Made Weapons”

I recently saw an anti-gun bigot on Quora make the desperate claim that there can be no right to human-made weapons because those weapons didn't even exist until a few hundred years ago. He doesn't believe anyone has the right to own and to carry a gun, and is apparently ignorant of human prehistory, as well.

What is so different about a human-made weapon or any other human-made artifact? How does its history bear on this issue?

And does he mean *all* human-made weapons, or only guns? Does the fact that it is *carried* instead of being a physical part of the body make the difference?

Does a rock count since it can be used as a weapon without being altered? What of pointy sticks? Or fire? What if I carry an antler with me all the time?— it's a deer's weapon.

Humans don't (generally) grow horns, antlers, claws, hooves, or fangs. People of his sort believe we should be punished for “only” having a brain, instead. A brain that allows us to design, make, and use weapons which don't grow on our bodies. He's insane.

Want to bet he still believes there's a right to health care or justice? Both of those only exist because humans created them— just like guns.

Does he believe you have the right to not be a slave? The recognition of the right to not be enslaved is a relatively recent discovery. Would he toss that one, too, because it's not “old enough”?

You know he'd whine it's not the same thing.

And, the fact remains, the real issue is that there is no right to forbid weapons to anyone under any pretext. That “right” doesn't exist and can't be created. Not by legislation or majority opinion.

You just can't reason with bigots. They hate what they hate because they hate it. Politics makes people stupid.