Would Victims Be Better Off Armed?

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Arms and ammunition can never be helpful in attaining peace and order in society (Kleck, 2017). Carrying guns regularly is not something healthy for everlasting social order. Keeping in inherent nature of weapons in context, it cannot bs suggested that victims would be better off armed. This is primarily of the following reasons. The first and foremost is that weapons perpetrate even more violence in society and this would be exacerbated with the concealed weapon permit laws. Even people with guns cannot stop cruelties as illustrated in El Paso, and Dayton shootings (Moore & Berman, 2019). Moreover, the evidence that guns relaxation laws by National Rifle Associations after the tragedy of Sandy Hook proved little in preventing mass shootings in American society. So, arming civilians against criminals is not a feasible solution (Pérez, 2017). Furthermore, a professor from Stanford Law school affirms that unless citizens are well-trained in using guns, arming people with concealed guns will be counterproductive in nature (Ayres & Donohue III, 2009).

This arming victims is not a realistic approach in dealing with criminal activities as the philosophy of “good guy with a gun” cannot prevent violence at all and this is the reason that shooting happens even till date (Bushman, 2018). Even this hypothesis of arming citizens or victims with adequate weaponry in states where Republicans had control failed in bringing any significant effect. In this context, the victims would not be any better off with arms. Arming people with guns and providing them guns even with a concealed permit law is not beneficial as a statistics by FBI in 2015 reveals that firearm assaults were 6.89 times more prevalent in states with more guns as compared to those states with the least available guns (Azrael, Hepburn, Hemenway, & Miller, 2017). Hence, only faint evidences suggest that arming victims is a good idea to prevent shootings. So, victims are better without secret arms as carrying arms easily bring more violence in society.

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