

## Dale Cameron's Testimony

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Most criminals, who use guns illegally in the commission of their crimes, whether it is drug related, gang related, or during a robbery, or home invasion, carry guns concealed. It is highly unlikely that they get training or practice with their weapon of choice.

The Second Amendment is a right. As a right it should not be licensed. Restrictions are the very definition of infringement stated in the amendment, which I might add is the only amendment of the ten which specifically says "shall not infringe".

The National Academies Institute of Medicine and National Research Council reported that, "Defensive use of guns by crime victims is a common occurrence": Almost all national survey estimates indicate that defensive gun uses by victims are at least as common as offensive uses by criminals, with estimates of annual uses ranging from about 500,000 to more than three million, in the context of violent crimes involving firearms. in the United States each year.

In addition, I would guess that the majority of citizens who carry a gun, either concealed or unconcealed, are very familiar with the

gun and how to use it. I for one have been handling guns, both pistols and rifles, for over 47 years. I shoot on average 35 to 50 times a year, belong to two gun clubs, reload my own ammunition, and practice safe handling at all times.

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