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More Guns, Less Violent Crime

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For the Democratic Party, whose convention this week is showcasing gun-control advocates, the solution to violent crime is clear--more regulation of guns. Monday's convention speeches by James and Sarah Brady were filled with moving stories of their personal suffering.

While the impacts described on both sides of the issue do exist, the crucial question underlying all gun-control laws is: What is their net effect? Are more lives lost or saved? Do they deter crime or encourage it? Anecdotal evidence obviously cannot resolve...

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