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Guns in America

America has a long history of gun use, going back to colonial times, when the War of Independence was fought by the people of the country. As the expansion towards the west began in the early 19th century, pioneers faced multiple threats in the form of itinerant Native American tribes, big bears and other carnivorous animals. This led to the emergence of a deeply rooted gun culture in the western and southern parts of the country, where everyone, children and women included, were required to operate a firearm and protect one another.

Also, as farming and hunting were initially the only ways of subsistence, using a gun was like using a knife, a necessity rather than recreation. Famous frontiersmen like Daniel Boone or Davy Crockett were famous for their skill with guns and their legends.

Over the past 200 years, the need for weapons, especially firearms, for the purpose of self-defense from nature has drastically reduced. However, the gun has become a part of the national identity of America, a fact that is supported by evidence. In American politics, the topic of gun control has always been very controvesrial. It has always generated a social and political debate concerning the accessibility and restriction of firearms within the United States.

The gun control law determines whether ordinary citizens can possess a gun or not. A control or restriction is required to ensure that guns are owned by people who intend to use them only in specific cases of self-defense and not for crimes. The dilemma of the law is that it can be used both ways: it can make victims helpless and also make criminals out of ordinary individuals.