

**TABLE 15.6**

## The Pro and Con Arguments on Gun Control

PRO	CON
The Second Amendment is not an unlimited right to own guns.	The Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution protects individual gun ownership.
More gun control laws would reduce gun deaths.	Gun control laws do not deter crime; gun ownership deters crime.
High-capacity magazines should be banned because they too often turn murder into mass murder.	Gun control laws infringe upon the right to self-defense and deny people a sense of safety.
More gun control laws are needed to protect women from domestic abusers and stalkers.	Gun control laws, especially those that try to ban "assault weapons," infringe upon the right to own guns for hunting and sport.
Guns are rarely used in self-defense.	Gun control laws will not prevent criminals from obtaining guns or breaking laws.
Legally owned guns are frequently stolen and used by criminals.	Gun control laws give too much power to the government and may result in government tyranny and the government taking away all guns from citizens.
Gun control laws would reduce the societal costs associated with gun violence.	Gun control laws such as background checks and micro-stamping are an invasion of privacy.
A majority of adults, including gun owners, support commonsense gun control such as background checks, bans on assault weapons, and bans on high-capacity magazines.	More gun control is unnecessary because relatively few people are killed by guns.