

The Human Cost of “Gun Control” Ideas

Government	Dates	Targets	Civilians Killed	“Gun Control” Laws	Features of Over-all “Gun Control” Scheme
Ottoman Turkey	1915-1917	Armenians (mostly Christians)	1 – 1.5 million	Art. 166, Pen. Code, 1866 & 1911 Proclamation, 1915	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permits required • Government list of owners • Ban on possession
Soviet Union	1929-1945	Political opponents; farming communities	20 million	Resolutions, 1918 Decree, July 12, 1920 Art. 59 & 182, Pen. code, 1926	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Licensing of owners • Ban on possession • Severe penalties
Nazi Germany & Occupied Europe	1933-1945	Political opponents; Jews; Gypsies; critics; “examples”	20 million	Law on Firearms & Ammun., 1928 Weapon Law, March 18, 1938 Regulations against Jews, 1938	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration & Licensing • Stricter handgun laws • Ban on possession
China, Nationalist	1927-1949	Political opponents; army conscripts; others	10 million	Art. 205, Crim. Code, 1914 Art. 186-87, Crim. Code, 1935	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government permit system • Ban on private ownership
China, Red	1949-52 1957-60 1966-76	Political opponents; Rural populations Enemies of the state	20 – 35 million	Act of Feb. 20, 1951 Act of Oct. 22, 1957	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prison or death to “counter-revolutionary criminals” and anyone resisting any government program • Death penalty for supplying guns to such “criminals”
Guatemala	1960-81	Mayans & other Indians; political enemies	100,000-200,000	Decree 36, 1871 • Act of 1932 Decree 386, 1947 Decree 283, 1964	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Register guns & owners • Licensing with high fees • Prohibit carrying guns • Bans on guns, sharp tools • Confiscation powers
Uganda	1971-79	Christians; political enemies	300,000	Firearms Ordinance, 1955 Firearms Act, 1970	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Register all guns & owners • Licenses for transactions • Warrantless searches • Confiscation powers
Cambodia (Khmer Rouge)	1975-79	Educated persons; political enemies	2 million	Art. 322-328, Penal Code Royal Ordinance 55, 1938	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Licenses for guns, owners, ammunition & transactions • Photo ID with fingerprints • License inspected quarterly
Rwanda	1994	Tutsi people	800,000	Decree-Law No. 12, 1979	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Register guns, owners, ammunition • Owners must justify need • Concealable guns illegal • Confiscating powers