

Comcast Shareholder Meeting Question
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My name is Justin Danhof, and I am representing the National Center for Public Policy Research – a conservative, free-market think-tank, and a company shareholder. Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you today.

Mr. Roberts, in March, *USA Today* and many other media outlets reported that Comcast would no longer run commercials for guns or ammunition. This decision is hypocritical, because Comcast makes a substantial amount of money sending violent programming into the homes of Comcast customers.

In 2008, the U.S. Supreme Court decisively ruled that the Second Amendment protects the rights of American citizens to keep and bear arms. The National Rifle Association has 5 million members and is growing in numbers and influence. And according to a Rasmussen Poll, “[t]wo-out-of-three Americans recognize that their constitutional right to own a gun was intended to ensure their freedom,” against tyranny. Why would the company align itself against the U.S. Constitution, the U.S. Supreme Court and the majority of American citizens that support and respect gun rights?

Gun crime, by the way, is way down with gun killings plunging 39 percent, and non-lethal gun crimes dropping 69 percent between 1993 and 2011. However, a Pew Research poll found that most Americans think gun crimes are on the rise. These folks can be forgiven for their misperception because of the way shooting tragedies such as the Sandy Hook massacre are exploited by your cable TV activists, such as Mika Brzezinski and Rachel Maddow, who masquerade as journalists while they work to strip Americans of their gun rights.

Americans can also be forgiven for their misperceptions of gun crimes because of the gratuitous violence that can be witnessed at all hours of the day on Comcast’s cable and broadcast offerings.

Why does Comcast’s management believe it is appropriate for Comcast to profit from the excessive glorification of gun violence, but not appropriate for gun shops to advertise legal firearms and ammunition to people who overwhelmingly use firearms in a lawful and safe manner, including in self-defense?

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