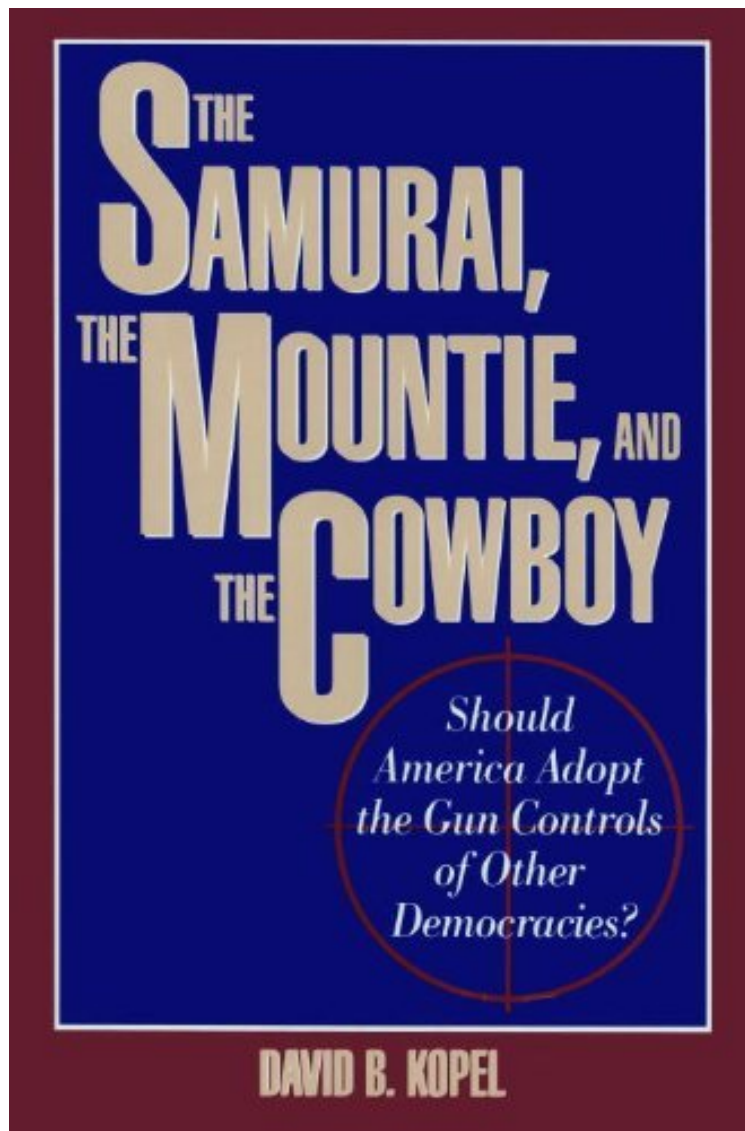


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Promised much - delivered little
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I started Mr Kopel's book with high hopes that I had finally found an objective work on this controversial topic. My hopes were dashed within a couple of chapters but I plugged on until the end anyway. The book attempts to convince and appear scholarly by the sheer quantity of information conveyed, but much of it is totally irrelevant to the real issues. (eg I do not believe that public opinion towards gun control in the UK is in any way influenced by King Henry VIII's statutes related to crossbow usage in the 16th century). In other cases, the information conveyed is misleading or just plain wrong. Mr Kopel's overriding thesis seems to be that the imposition of gun control in other countries can be directly correlated with erosion of civil liberties and loss of personal freedoms. For those of us who have lived in at least one of those other countries, this just doesn't wash. The conclusions of the author appear to be that America is so different from other countries that none of their measures to reduce gun related violence can work here. It is very apparent that Mr Kopel started this book with his mind already made up on this issue. What a pity he wasted the opportunity to deliver a truly open-minded opinion on the subject.

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Von Ein Kunde
The insight of gun control in the context of different cultures that Mr. Kopel exposes is very interesting. His argument that blind importation of gun controls is naive and dangerous is well defended, with footnotes supporting his declarations throughout the book. Kopel zig-zags through arguments as if he was representing both sides of the gun control debate, often trashing American anti-gun advocates; given his rational and objective approach, he had no choice. He concludes with suggestions of gun control policies that take the American culture into account. The book is bound to be loved by gun owners and hated by Ms. Brady and Co., an expected outcome for a work that puts emotions and politics aside and helps destroy the myth that criminality will be reduced by disarming the law abiding.

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This is an absolutely excellent resource for anyone interested in the gun-control debate. Mr. Kopel's thesis is that effective gun-control and culture are very tightly linked. Mr. Kopel describes the gun control policies of several countries, puts each in a historical perspective, and discusses why and how well those controls work in their respective countries. He goes on to describe what form of gun-control would be best suited for the United States.
Mr. Kopel's book is superbly researched, very readable, and includes copious references. This is by far the most informative book I've found on the gun-control debate. I recommend it highly.

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