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It's Chicago Gangs -- NOT Gun Owners

Recently, anti-gun groups have tried to demonize gun owners and blame them for the recent shootings in Chicago. As the news accounts below attest, the shootings are not law abiding FOID card holders, but gang members who are already prohibited from owning or possessing firearms LEGALLY. They are already engaged in criminal activity – drugs and murder.

CNN.com “Nine people were killed in 36 shootings over the weekend in Chicago, reflecting what some community leaders say is a deadly breakdown in discipline among gang members after a crackdown over the past few years put many of their leaders behind bars.... At least 14 of the shootings were gang-related, according to police. **As for the rest, the only thing they can say for sure is that three had nothing to do with gangs.**” -- CNN/AP 4-22

Daily Herald “According to police records, about 80 percent of the murders in Chicago so far this year were part of **street gang warfare**. At least half of the most recent shootings are attributed to gang violence, according to police.

Usually the victim was hunted down like a breed of urban prey. They were executed by someone who considered them an enemy in an **ongoing gang drug war.**” -- Daily Herald 4-28

CHICAGO SUN-TIMES “One law enforcement source said a **new faction of Gangster Disciples** that moved into the area’s Englewood neighborhood is **vying for control against longer-established members of the gang.**

On Monday, sources said the Englewood **gang dispute was simmering for several months** and the warm weather likely sparked the violence.

About 10 of the shootings occurred in Gangster Disciples-controlled areas of the Englewood police district and on the east side of the adjacent Chicago Lawn police district, also in the Wentworth Area.

None of the proposed laws restricting law abiding citizens outside the City of Chicago from owning, buying or using firearms would have any impact on the on going gang war in Chicago. Like we continue to say -- enforce the laws on the books. It’s the gangs, NOT Illinois’ gun owners.