

Addressing Myth and Misinformation

Part 2

By Larry "Lorenzo" Swickard

"Can we discuss the loss of rights of people going to a concert because of the lack of assault rifle regulations?"¹

Singer Sheryl Crow

"It sickens me the ease in which a TERRORIST can be sold a GUN. Is the ease really worth all these lives?! This needs to stop"² [capitalization and punctuation in the original] tweeting about Las Vegas.

Gigi Hadid, top fashion models

"It would be wise to ban assault weapons, high-capacity magazines and silencers. None of which is excessive."³

Elizabeth Banks, Hollywood actress

"Gun control now. Enough already. Grow the f__k up. The average person doesn't need a f__cking maching gun.(sic). Enough already."⁴

Billy Eichner, Comedian, actor, writer, television personality.

"We love the traditions, the history, the technology of firearms, and we grew up with the sense of deep responsibility owning guns brings. We gun owners have a deeply held belief in gun safety, instilled by our parents and our grandparent. Owning a gun means living by a set of sternly ingrained rules. Those rules belong to us. We live by them. And when someone breaks those rules, we feel betrayed, appalled, and angry."⁵

Todd Woodward

Leftist singer Cheryl Crow, from Kennett, Missouri is worth approximately \$41 million dollars and doubtless she and the other entertainers cited earn enough to preclude rubbing shoulders with the hoi polloi. They probably have bodyguards as well. Armed bodyguards. If Crow knows anything about firearms and gun-laws, she keeps this secret well hidden. If model Hadid knew the Las Vegas mass murderer was a terrorist (no one else did) before he purchased firearms, then why didn't she speak up, maybe call the F.B.I.? Comedian Eichner demonstrates a psychosis peculiar to those on the left to wit; they believe anger, shouting, and profanity lend credence and strength to their argument. The more sanctimony they can work up, like a sweaty lather, the more correct they are. Grow up? Really Billy? I heard that. Someone in the room said, "Who cares. I don't go to the movies and never heard of these people anyway." Do you know how many followers they have on social media? Remember this is the USSA (United States of Shallow Americans) wherein if they like an actor

or entertainer, then what they say must be true. Affection determines truth. Mental exertion need not apply. Let's play a game. Let's pretend we're in a large room and seated at our feet are pop-culture actors, singers, and icons all eager to learn. They begin with questions like; aren't people running amuck in streets blasting each other left and right like in our movies and video

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games? Shouldn't the government ban guns before they hurt more people? Why is anyone allowed to buy military assault weapons? At that point they're all ears and no mouth. I know, but play along anyway.

With respect to actress Elizabeth Banks, there are no firearms classified "*assault weapons*." Anything that can be used to hurt another; a rolled up magazine, pencil, ashtray, rock, fishing hook, hayfork, Hillary's laugh (like a cross between a strangled goose and Bob Dylan singing), or a refrigerator hardened biscuit can be an "assault weapon." Okay, I get it, you meant "assault rifle" like AR15s, AK47s, Ruger Minis, FN SCARs, Tavor, Jard, and Steyr bullpups, Kahr's Thompsons, and so forth. Right? Wrong. For a rifle to be classified as an "*assault rifle*," it must possess specific characteristics including: (1) shoulder fired, (2) capable of full automatic fire, and (3) chambered in a cartridge "intermediate between pistol (or revolver) and rifle ammunition; i.e., carbine ammunition."⁶ Some are capable of selective fire meaning it can be switched from semi to full automatic and back again, (there's a switch). This excludes all semiautomatic rifles for which the trigger must be pulled, one at a time, for each round fired a system more than a century old. Other than caliber, similarities between military and civilian rifles are cosmetic. The latter are incapable of selective or full-automatic fire. Liberals invented the term "assault-rifle" to confuse and scare non-gun owners into believing AR15s are the same as M16s. Okay, but can't semiautomatics be modified to fire full-auto? In some cases, yes but it takes skill and proper tools to make alterations after which they typically are full-auto only. While a high school teacher, a colleague in the foreign language department told her students anyone could purchase the part(s) to convert semi to full-auto rifles at gun shows. Having attended shows and never seeing such parts, I contacted the BATF in Kansas City who said she was wrong. Possession of any part converting a firearm from semi to full-automatic is illegal and a felony even if one doesn't possess a firearm. Kiss loved ones goodbye because you're looking at up to 10 years in federal prison, up to a \$250,000 dollar fine, and permanent revocation of the right to possess firearms and vote as well. Suppose neighbors report to authorities hearing automatic fire coming from your property. Based on probable cause the BATF secures and executes a search warrant and finds the weapon(s). It gets very bad at that point. Altering firearms like this is something you should never have anything to do with. Run away, far away from it.⁷ Okay ask our glitterati, AR15s are not the same as M16s, but why does anyone need them anyway?

The right to keep and bear arms is recognized through the Declaration of Independence and Constitution as a God-given not man-created right from which individuals can't be alienated by government. It has nothing to do with hunting or membership in the Military or National Guard and more importantly, is not dependent on notions of a "need." Were this not so, those who rule, regardless of style of government from authoritarian to democratic, could define and redefine the "need" standard until it became an un-scalable wall. In response to several mass shootings in the latter half of the 20th century, Britain eliminated self-defense as a reason to "need" firearms essentially banning pistols, revolvers, rifles, and shotguns. Because registration had been implemented years before, the government knew who had what when confiscation began.⁸ An inalienable right cannot be altered, infringed upon, or abolished by a majority vote of one's neighbors or by government. Okay, says a pop-star, instead of banning guns couldn't we save lives by limiting magazine capacity? Who really needs "*high capacity*" magazines holding 15 to 30 rounds? High compared to what? The correct term is "*full capacity*." I have a question for you; how many rounds does it take to stop an attacker? A 2008 Rand Corporation study found the NYPD averaged an 18% hit rate in shootouts with armed criminals and a 30% rate when they didn't return fire⁹ translating into an approximate hit ratio of 1 to 3 rounds per 10 round magazine. Roughly the same percentage, sometimes worse, holds true for departments across America. Would you limit magazine capacity for the police? Okay maybe not cops but it's different with civilians, a movie-star shouts. Based on my experiences as a police officer, more than a few civilians are better trained and capable of higher hit ratios than the police. But toss into the mix an attacker full of murderous rage, under the influence of alcohol and or drugs, and running full speed at you with knife or gun in hand. Forget all this talk

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about one-stop shots and knock-down power, we're dealing with the real world, not Hollywood. Lethal hits or not, how many rounds will it take to stop the attacker from taking your life before he expires? No one knows. Further, criminals may attack in pairs or groups the first asking for the time or bus fare distracting the intended target. Considering victims, by virtue of their status, are first on the scene, why should they be limited by magazine capacity when the police, on the way if 911 is called, are not? Would felons, barred from possessing the firearms they acquire anyway, obey magazine capacity limits? They tend to keep shooting until victims are dead.

I see the hand up front. Didn't you sing at a Super Bowl halftime a few years back? What about gun registration to prevent violent crimes she asks. Wouldn't it keep them out of the hands of criminals? Does it now? I reply. Registration is record keeping on who owns what. Since criminals, who typically obtain firearms through theft and burglary are disinclined to register them, what difference would registration make? Consider automobile registration and driver's licensing requirements. License plates on stolen cars reveal who owns not who stole it. Same with guns. Like firearms, thousands of laws regulate the purchase and operation of automobiles but here the analogy breaks down. Monetary fines, restrictions on driving privileges, revocation of this privilege, and even prison used to compel compliance with traffic laws have failed. People continue to text, speed, run stop signs and red lights, and drive under the influence. Each year they kill thousands of people and hurt, maim, and cripple hundreds of thousands more yet no one calls for the elimination of automobiles even "if it will save one life." There is no analogue with firearm ownership. Considering approximately 124 million people own about 270 million guns,¹⁰ and there were 505 deaths due to "accidental or negligent discharge of a firearm" in 2013,¹¹ and of "2,596,993 deaths in the U.S. for the same year, 1% were related to firearms (most suicides),¹² gun owners have a remarkable record for safe handling and non-criminal use of firearms. This is not the result of registration or gun control laws but rather, the nature of firearm owners going back to America's founding. Gun registration schemes typically lead to confiscation as in the U.K., Australia, and California. Why not "reasonable" gun laws, can't you compromise?

Lewis Dovland notes regardless of rhetoric, gun controller's "ultimate goal" remains "confiscation of all guns in America." Each law passed moves closer to this goal. Imagine a line forming a continuum running from 'A' to 'Z.' Traditional marriage is 'A' with 'Z' being same-sex marriage. Proponents of same-sex marriage knew demanding 'Z' was too much to ask so demanded 'N' instead sparking debate and resistance. Attorneys challenged state laws against same-sex marriage in court with supporters fanned out across the land branding opponents bigots, haters, extremists, and "homophobes." Schools were pressured to adopt same-sex friendly curriculum under the rubrics; "tolerance" and "diversity." Hollywood films and television shows seeded positive depictions of same-sex marriage which were echoed by the liberal media. Although the demand for 'N' appeared a failure, (citizens in states voted against same-sex marriage) in actuality they achieved 'C,' greater acceptance of and crumbling resistance to their agenda. The effort began anew only now, 'C,' is the new 'A' and there is no way to go back to the original 'A.' 'N' is again demanded and 'C' is again settled for but 'C' is now really 'F.' By constant refining 'A' toward 'Z,' they ultimately got to 'Z.' In like manner,

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Confiscationists through so-called reasonable gun laws, hope to eliminate private possession of firearms in America.¹³

Gun control laws and regulations are predicated on the premise that the mere existence of firearms increases if not causes violent crime therefore, remove them from the equation and the problem is solved. But this premise has proven to be false by criminologists and researchers from Gary Keck, David Kopel, Joyce Lee Malcom, to John R. Lott, Jr. If the premise was valid, in states and cities where obtaining firearms is difficult to almost impossible for the law-abiding it would be even more so for criminals causing them to give up their life of crime becoming carpenters, waitresses, teachers, plumbers, nurses, doctors, and attorneys. But this is not the case. Admittedly anecdotal, as a policeman occasionally I transported criminals to court, jail, and prison. Recognizing some as return customers, I asked, seeing they were going back to the hoosegow, why didn't they turn away from their lives of crime. Answer; it's what they knew and liked. None sweated getting their hands on guns either. Fences (who deal in stolen property) and other criminals sell them or they could be acquired on the job during thefts and burglaries. Gun laws play no role in their calculations. One cannot escape the fact that no greater deterrent to criminal assault and mass shootings exists than a public at large possessed of and trained in arms.

¹ Kate Feldman, "Lady Gaga, Ariana Grande, Emmy Rossum and more call for gun control after Las Vegas shooting, October 3, 2017 at <http://www.nydailynews.com/amp/entertainment/celebrities-call-gun-control-las-vegas-shooting-article-1.3539734>.

² IBID.

³ IBID.

⁴ IBID.

⁵ Todd Woodward, editor, "Down Range: After Las Vegas," *Gun Tests* 11 (November 2017), 2.

⁶ Todd Woodward, "Down Range: Assault Weapons Hoo-Hah," *Gun Tests* 11 (November 2004), 2.

⁷ Students not only told me what she said, this teacher, who I didn't really know, launched an attack on me front of other teachers in the teacher's break room at lunch, when I came in to microwave my Cup-of-Soup. I asked how many gun shows she had attended and what was the part? No response. I to be apprised by my principal that among teachers, predominantly liberal, a conservative on staff was a scandal or grasp to what degree liberal teachers talked about me behind my back. Among students who asked questions about modifying firearms from semi to fully automatic, a few claimed to know about someone's dad or dad's friend altering semiautomatic rifles to fire full-automatic. After contacting the BATF, I explained to my classes this was illegal, a felony, they'd get caught, their lives would be wrecked, they'd loose the right to ever own firearms or vote once out of prison, and they should never have anything to do with this or anyone who was.

⁸ David B. Kopel, *The Samurai, The Mountie, And The Cowboy* (Buffalo, New York, Prometheus Books, 1992), 70-95

⁹ Nate Rawlings, "Ready, Fire, Aim: The Science Behind Police Shooting Bystanders," *Time*, at <http://nation.time.com/2013/09/16/ready-fire-aim-the-science-behind-police-shooting-bystanders/> A New York Times study put the NYPD officer's hit rate as high as 34%. See Al Baker, "11 Years of Police Gunfire, in Painstaking Detail," New York Times, at <http://www.newyorktimes.com>

¹⁰ John R. Lott, Jr., *More Guns Less Crime, Third Edition*, (Chicago, Illinois, University of Chicago Press, 2010), 1.

¹¹ http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/invsvr64/nvsr64_02.pdf. Page 84, table 18.

¹² IBID. 5.

¹³ Lewis Dovland, "Guns: The Left's True Aim and How to Thwart It," at <http://www.american-thinker.com/2013/04->



"It is clear that thought is not free if the profession of certain opinions make it impossible to earn a living." —Bertrand Russell



LIBERTY NOTES

By Kevin L. Jamison

It is a good day for Liberty.

Virginia elected Democrat Danica Roem to its legislature. She is the first transgendered state legislator. She ran against Robert Marshall who once declared himself Virginia's chief homophobe. Ms. Roem's victory was due to out of state money and a lack of limits on donations. Some would say a lack of limits is a good thing because the "right" person won. Some say it is a good thing because it is an expression of free speech. The rules are what they are and we must work with them. In general heavily regulated election donations, like a complex tax code, work to the benefit of incumbents, insiders, existing organization and campaigns with the assets to manipulate the system.

The MVACA Gun Show will be at the KCI Expo Center on 28-29 July, 2018. I've decided to move my birthday to coincide with the Show. It is easier than moving the show.

I've seen camouflage paint. It is apparently one type of paint suspended in another type that goes on with the appropriate spots and streaks. I've asked for pens with camouflage ink. No one seems to have any and they give me funny looks. If I wanted to be liked I wouldn't be a lawyer.

A mass killer in Tehama County, California made two AR-15s used in the murders. He also was subject to a restraining order which prohibited him from possessing guns. The killer killed four and wounded ten before being killed by deputy sheriffs.

I was reading a woman's account of service at Pearl Harbor during the attack. She was visiting her sister, a Navy wife. When the bombs fell they just naturally reported to assist survivors. Some of the sailors swam ashore and demanded pen and paper. They had been on watch and that required logging every significant act during their tour. They often couldn't get past the date. One started off "My ship, the USS Arizona . . ." He could not do more no matter how hard he tried. They called it shock in those days. We call it PTSD now. This was our greatest generation. They were not our last great generation. I have met young people carrying on their grandfather's standards.

A 5/15/01 Starbeams in the Kansas City Star suggests that guns be legal and ammunition outlawed. There have been some efforts in that direction. In some states one cannot buy ammunition without a firearm owners ID card.

The Gabby Gifford group has noticed that muzzle loading guns are not regulated under federal law. They want this "loophole" closed immediately. Some states already treat muzzle loaders the same as cartridge firearms. Missouri does not treat them like firearms. Not yet.

The US House has passed the concealed carry reciprocity bill. The Senate must now do the same. A columnist worries that congress does not have the authority to pass this law; he does not see how it affects interstate commerce. This is not a concern when they try to restrict guns. In general, congress can legislate on any matter if something somewhere is crossing state lines. With concealed carry reciprocity people are crossing state lines. People feel safe crossing state lines because they can bring their guns. Twenty years ago I spoke to a few Kansas police officers. They were afraid to visit Missouri because they could not bring their guns. We were assured that it would be the end of civilization as we knew it if police officers could carry their guns across state lines. The law changed and police officers have been carrying guns across state lines for many years and civilization has not ended.

The suppressor bill appears to have stalled. Appearances can be deceiving. We can only hope.

Kansas City has passed an ordinance to privatize sidewalks in Westport. The purpose is to reduce "gun violence" no other violence may apply. The plan is that weekends at 11 PM they chase everyone out of Westport, and then allow them back in through metal detectors. I see some problems. The plan assumes that Westport can be fenced off. It further assumes that they can chase everyone out, no one will hide a gun for retrieval and everyone will joyfully stand in line for the metal detectors and return. Perhaps all of these things will happen. I believe the criminals will retreat to the parking areas and ambush celebrants on the way home.

It has been a year since SB656 gave us permitless carry and other reforms. There are still claims that it allows adult abusers to carry concealed weapons, an obvious lie for anyone who read the bill. A contributor to the paper makes this claim. I wrote the paper to the effect that if she makes such a basically wrong claim then all of her allegations are in question. My letter was not printed. There is a continuing legal education class coming up on the bill. I smell a propaganda campaign.

In 2007 Missouri abolished the requirement for a sheriff's permission slip to buy a handgun. We are told that this reduced background checks and caused Missouri's murder rate to go up. I purchased handguns ten years ago. Most people did not know the requirement existed for private sales. I know of only two cases involving the old law. I defended one. On hearing the charge a potential juror blurted out, "That's not illegal." He started to speak about his own purchase but I asked that he be read his rights first. The defendant had left his handgun with a friend for safe-keeping. He was convicted because he really did it and that was a crime. It did not help that the defendant refused to speak to me throughout the case. I never understood what he thought he accomplished by this. Other states abolished similar laws at the same time and did not have a spike in murders. They saw that NICS did a more extensive background check and there was no reason to have the sheriff waste his time.

A letter to the editor referred to a murder with a living witness. Articles in the paper described the crime and the feelings of all concerned. The writer thought that it might be helpful to print a description of the killer instead of feelings. I tend to agree with practical solutions.

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President Trump has appointed a great many federal judges. Nearly all are trial judges but this is where justice begins. Appellate judges are appointed from trial judges and Supreme Court justices from appellate judges. There can be exceptions but the President has left a lasting stamp on the judiciary. Now if he can just appoint another Supreme Court justice.

We seem to have a government of investigations. One party investigates the other for any reason or no reason. God save you if you mentioned anything Russian in an e-mail.

New York insurance regulators are investigating the NRA self-defense insurance program; mostly because it is the NRA. Self-defense insurance is derogatorily referred to as "murder" insurance by the usual suspects. The prerequisite for the policy to apply is that the insured has not committed a crime. The usual suspects will not be distracted by facts.

We shall overcome.

HUNTING IN GENERAL

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

K. L. Jamison

An eight-point deer lay behind my office placidly chewing; tobacco or gum I could not tell. He was a healthy, husky fellow with no sign of the chronic wasting disease which has concerned the hunting community. I could have assassinated him from my window with my concealed carry pistol. It would have been an assassination. I do not have a hunting license and it is illegal to shoot in the city limits. The fellow had the right to lie on my grass and contemplate deer philosophy in perfect safety. Ten miles into the countryside would be another matter.

We have little pockets of deer in urban areas because we have little pockets of parks and woods and waterways to shelter them. When they bound across a road they give sheltered urban kids a quick look at the wild. This is not without cost. Every year there are auto accidents with deer. Insurance companies pay out on property claims and a handful of deaths. One of my client's drove his motorcycle into a deer one night and broke everything he had that was breakable, including his ability to pay me. There is always a cost. I would not give up these small wooded places or pockets of deer for the world.

We have real wild places in Missouri and wild animals to fill them because the Missouri Constitution creates a Department of Conservation to preserve wild animals. To have wild animals there must be wild places. The Department of Conservation professionally manages wild places so they will endure for our grandchildren. Hunters did this. We lobbied for a Department of Conservation. We lobbied for a tax on ammunition and fishing tackle to fund the Department. If one truly loves animals he should buy a hunting license. The money goes directly to the Department of Conservation. If a tree-hugger wants to hug a tree the Department of Conservation has provided many; assuming both parties are consenting adults. The tree-hugger may believe that the forest animals live in perfect Walt Disney harmony and our mountain lions eat tofu but perhaps one of the forest creatures will explain things to him in the wild forest way.

A columnist has written against trophy hunting. This typically means exotic animals, large antlers, tusks or hides. It can also mean an eight-point buck or the first rabbit taken by a new hunter. The columnist claims that trophy hunting destroys animal populations; but all of his examples are from poaching. Trophy hunting is controlled by professionals who sometimes target specific animals for the viability of the species. The columnist cannot believe that an African nation can be trusted to do so. He cannot believe that a hunter travels tens of thousands of miles and spends tens of thousands of dollars because he cares for the animal. His doubts may be true, they are also irrelevant. The money spent helps conservation regardless of the hunter's motivation.

I do not have to defend our motivation. "Teddy" Roosevelt was an enthusiastic trophy hunter and a great conservationist. Hunters provide the organization and money to preserve wildlife that will never be hunted. We do this because we want to hunt an animal that lives in the same wild place. We do this because we like to know there are still wild places.

There is an eight-point deer behind my office because of other deer being hunted in other places.



Delaware Supreme Court Sums Up Entire Gun Debate In Ruling

It's not often that a court captures a debate perfectly in a sentence or two. After all, most debates are complex things that require layers of discussion.

However, the Delaware State Supreme Court just lowered the boom on restrictions that kept lawfully owned and carried firearms out of state parks. In the process, they summed up what we've been saying for years regarding firearms and gun control laws.

The Superior Court earlier upheld the ban based on the "important governmental objective of keeping the public safe from the potential harm of firearms in state parks and forests," The Court did not believe the regulations violated any constitutional rights.

"But that conclusion is based on the questionable notion — unsupported by reference to any evidence — that outlawing possession of firearms in an area makes law-abiding citizens safer because criminals will, for some reason, obey the regulations," the Supreme Court majority found.

This is it in a nutshell. That's what we keep telling gun control zealots over and over, and they *still* persist in pretending that somehow gun laws will somehow keep criminals from using firearms.

It won't. We know this because of what transpires in places like New York City, where just this past weekend there was a **gunfight between groups of men**. No police involvement, just bad guys.

The criminals do not follow the rules, so as a result, gun laws only impact the law-abiding.

Some have argued that this line of reasoning could also be applied to any crime as only the criminals break those laws as well, which is sort of true. The difference is that guns allow the law-abiding to protect themselves. Laws against murder protect me. Laws against guns make me far more likely to be a victim.

That's the fundamental truth that led the Delaware Supreme Court to their ruling.

At no point will rules forbidding the carrying of firearms actually make anyone safer. The idea that they will betrays a fundamental ignorance in the gun grabbers' line of thinking. They don't and they never will.

It's part of why so many Second Amendment advocates refuse to visit establishments where their firearms aren't welcome. They know that if they comply with that rule, they may well be the only one who complies with it. The violent felon with anger management issues won't care. He'll ignore the law and we all know it.

That leaves me and mine disarmed except for the magical thinking of people who believe these rules actually accomplish anything.

For residents of Delaware, it seems clear that their supreme court has their back. It seems their court understands that rules only inhibit the lawful and does nothing to the criminal except, at best, add another charge they can have leveled against them. If that's the goal, so be it, but don't pretend it's a safety issue.

Rules like that make Americans less safe, and we all know it. If only the gun grabbers would learn that lesson rather than pontificating endlessly on just how superior they are simply because they want to disarm the average American.

Another Court Shoots Down DC's Anti-Gun Regulation

In a 2-1 decision, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit ruled against a District regulation that severely limited the ability of an individual to obtain a concealed carry permit. Judge Thomas Griffith wrote for the majority, "The good-reason law is necessarily a total ban on most D.C. residents' right to carry a gun in the face of ordinary self-defense needs. Bans on the ability of most citizens to exercise an enumerated right would have to flunk any judicial test."

John R. Lott of the Crime Prevention Research Center noted that just 124 DC residents currently have concealed carry permits. He said, "If DC were like the 42 right-to-carry states, they would have about 48,000 permits. Right now DC prevents the most vulnerable people, particularly poor blacks who live in high crime areas of DC, from having any hope of getting a permit for protection."

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This is a definite win for Americans' Second Amendment rights, but it may be short-lived. The District could appeal to the full DC Circuit Court of 11 judges, seven of whom are Democrat appointees. If the full court were to take on the appeal, it would most likely signal the other judges' desire to reverse the three-judge panel's ruling. With the Ninth Circuit Court's decision to uphold San Diego's limit on concealed carry permits and the Supreme Court's refusal hear that appeal, a reversal by the full DC circuit might mean that SCOTUS would again refuse to entertain an appeal. However, if the decision holds, it would provide the circuit court split necessary for SCOTUS to take up the issue of concealed carry limits. Of course, there are a lot of assumptions here.

But not to get lost in possible future scenarios, this ruling is good news. It restores gun rights to residents of our nation's capital, which is common sense especially in light of the targeted attack by a crazed leftist on congressional Republicans. Those living within the District have just as much of a right to self-defense as those who live in Texas.

HOUSE BILLS

HB 1242 - Brown, Richard - Creates an offense of knowingly possessing, manufacturing, transporting, repairing, or selling a bump stock or trigger crank (BAD)

HB 1256 - Schroer, Nick - Imposes restrictions on the use of firearm tracking technology

HB 1281 - Beck, Doug - Modifies the offenses of unlawful transfer of weapons and unlawful possession of a firearm

HB 1326 - Roberts, Steven - Authorizes a tax deduction for the costs of firearm training or firearm safety courses (GOOD)

HB 1339 - Newman, Stacey - Creates the offense of making a threat to the security of a public building or public school

HB 1340 - Newman, Stacey - Establishes extreme risk protection orders and gun violence seizure warrants, and prohibits certain persons involved in domestic violence from possessing a firearm (BAD)

HB 1341 - Newman, Stacey - Requires that all sales or transfers of firearms be processed through a licensed firearms dealer (BAD)

HB 1342 - Newman, Stacey - Prohibits persons from selling, delivering, or transferring to a person under 18 years of age firearm ammunition or accessories (BAD)

HB 1343 - Newman, Stacey - Specifies that a person commits the offense of endangering the welfare of a child if he or she fails to secure a firearm (BAD)

HB 1382 - Miller, Rocky - Eliminates the requirement that concealed carry permit holders get permission from the minister or persons representing such religious organization in order to carry concealed firearms in churches or places of worship (GOOD)

HB 1452 - May, Karla - Specifies procedure in officer-involved deaths and shootings by requiring the officer take a drug test and undergo a psychiatric evaluation

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HB 1469 - Davis, Charlie - Modifies provisions of the Missouri military code by changing the name of the "Missouri reserve military force" to the "Missouri state defense force"

HB 1497 - Dogan, Shamed - Requires law enforcement agencies to adopt a written investigation policy for officer-involved deaths

HB 1530 - Kelley, Mike - Modifies the standard for acting in self-defense or defense of another when asserting battered spouse syndrome

HB 1563 - Newman, Stacey - Establishes guidelines a person must follow to purchase a firearm in the state of Missouri and provides that certain entities selling firearms, ammunition, or accessories, or those who train individuals in firearm use, are ineligible to receive state funds or tax credits (BAD)

HB 1592 - Franks Jr., Bruce - Requires reporting of lost or stolen firearms (BAD)

SENATE BILLS

SB 635 - Chappelle-Nadal - Creates the crimes of failing to stop illegal firearm possession, negligent storage of a firearm, and failure to notify a school of firearm ownership (BAD)

SB 656 - Sifton - Applies the offense of unlawful possession of firearms to certain additional categories of individuals in possession of firearms

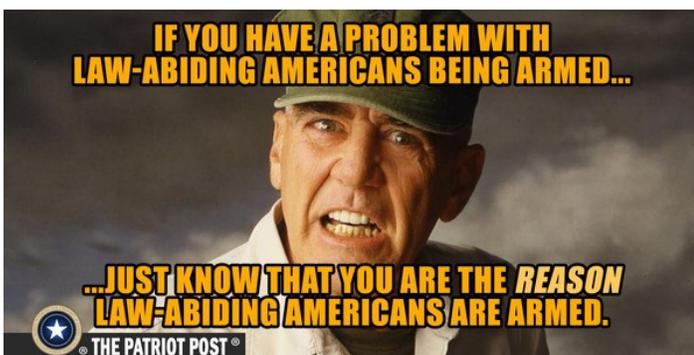
SB 711 - Schupp - Creates the offense of unlawful transfer of weapons for a licensed firearms dealer to deliver a handgun to a purchaser without waiting at least 24 hours (BAD)

SB 717 - Eigel - Designates the first day for firearms deer season as a holiday

SB 761 - Schatz - Provides that any person convicted of poaching a turkey, white-tailed deer, black bear, or elk illegally may be required to provide restitution to the state

Editor's Note: There are currently no bill summaries available as we go to press. All we know is the title/subject of the bill.

The drawing for the Ruger Mark 4 Tactical Pistol will be held on Sunday afternoon, January 14, 2018 at the RK Gun Show at KCI Expo Center. This show will be your last chance to purchase tickets prior to the drawing.





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