

## Detroit Justifiable Homicides 25 times the National Average, Murders lowest in 50 years

In 2018, Detroit had 25 times the national average of reported justifiable homicides. The police chief of Detroit, James Craig, supports the residents' right to self-defense. He supports the issuance of concealed carry permits. From [detroitnews.com](http://detroitnews.com): The county's report shows there were 289 homicides in Detroit in 2018, although the county lists all homicides, whereas Detroit, like most cities, doesn't include justifiable homicides in its report because those aren't crimes.

Assistant Detroit Police Chief David LeValley said there were 18 justifiable homicides in the city last year. Including those in the city's count raises the number of homicides to 279 — 10 fewer than the county reported.

Detroit's population in 2018 was listed as 672,662. The number of murders in Detroit were listed as 261. This equates to a homicide rate of 38.8 per 100,000 population. It is the second-highest city in the nation. However, the number of murders is considerably lower than they were in 2012, just before Chief Craig took over. The numbers of murders are the lowest in 50 years. The population of Detroit has dropped; thus the rate of murders is still high. The rate was 55.2 per 100,000 in 2012. In 2012, the interim police chief, Chester Logan, blamed the homicide rate on guns.

The rate of reported justifiable homicide in Detroit in 2018, was 2.68 per 100,000. About 6.5% of the homicides in Detroit are reported as justified. Tucker Carlson noted, on his show, that many people in Detroit are exercising their Second Amendment right to bear arms.

Homicides in the United States in 2018, from the FBI UCR, 16,214. The number of justifiable homicides by private citizens was recorded at 353. The population in the United States was estimated at 327.2 million. The rate of reported justified homicides in the U.S.A. was .108 per 100,000 population. The murder rate in the United States in 2018 was 5.0 per 100,000 population.

The Detroit rate of recorded justifiable homicides is 25 times the recorded national rate of justified homicides. Detroit's murder rate is 7.76 times that of the United States. Using the murder rate as a scale, Detroit has recorded 3.2 times as many justifiable homicides per murder, as are recorded in the United States, on average.

The number of murders recorded by the FBI matches those recorded by the police in Detroit for 2018, at 261 murders.

Why are the recorded number of justified homicides in Detroit so far above the national average? The police chief in Detroit, James Craig, has served there since 2013, for seven years. He has embraced concealed carry and supports armed citizens and their right to self-defense. It is to his benefit, and to the benefit of his department, to accurately collect and identify justifiable homicides. Justifiable homicides are not recorded as murders in the FBI UCR. But, they are not necessarily counted as justifiable homicides either. The FBI UCR definition of a justifiable homicide is very restrictive. According to two different studies, the FBI UCR only catches about 20% of justifiable homicides.

Award-winning criminologist, Gary Kleck (page 111-114) estimates justifiable homicides are between 7.1 and 12.9 percent of total homicides. Detroit's figure of 6.5% approaches the lower end of that estimate. There are probably over 1,600 justifiable homicides a year. It is likely Detroit's police are still missing many justifiable homicides. Most of Detroit's homicides, about 50%, remain unsolved. While trust in the Detroit Police is starting to rebuild, there are decades of distrust to overcome. Many of Detroit's residents, if faced with the potential of walking away from a justifiable homicide, rather than reporting it to police, are likely to do so.

A convicted felon is more likely to be involved in a justifiable homicide than an upright citizen; and far more likely to be reluctant to report it to police.

The minimalist numbers of justifiable homicides are often reported by those who wish for a disarmed population, as evidence that self-defense is rare. It is evidence the reporting of justifiable homicides is low. Justifiable homicides, by themselves, are a poor indicator of defensive firearms use. A law-abiding gun owner's purpose is to prevent injury to himself or others, not to kill offenders.

Justifiable homicides are only those extreme cases where the offender makes such horrible judgments in the victim selection process, that they die as a result.

Justifiable homicides are a tiny percentage of defensive gun uses, probably less than one-tenth of one percent, as several surveys show national defensive gun uses at between 500,000 and three million per year.

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**The Day Before Christmas**

*A Poem  
By William R. Stoltzfus*

It was Christmas eve morning, but the night before  
Santa's insomnia and his wife's deafening snore  
kept Santa from sleeping, but even more,  
he woke up with a headache and felt kind of poor.

He went to the kitchen to make morning brew,  
dropped the pot on the floor and broke it in two.  
He went to the closet to fetch out the broom,  
he needed to use it to clean up the room.

Discovered the mice had eaten the straw.  
That made the broom worthless, it had such a flaw.  
Santa was not happy as he went through the day.  
He didn't know when he could load up his sleigh.

Two elves were not healthy,  
he was running behind  
to get all the presents ready, wrapped up and tied.

He went to the barn to ready the sleigh.  
Two reindeer were missing, not there where they stay.  
He just didn't know what he was going to do  
in order to get all the presents to you.

He went to the house to get him a drink,  
could not find the whiskey he kept under the sink.  
As he was looking, the doorbell rang.  
As he went to the door he exclaimed, "oh gal dang."

He didn't know how he would get everything done,  
as this day had not turned out to be fun.  
He answered the door and an angel there stood  
with a tree just for Santa that really looked good.

The angel said, "Oh what a beautiful day.  
I made the wrong turn. Almost lost my way. "  
I brought you a tree made especially for you  
with handmade decorations placed on it too."

The angel asked Santa, "where should I stick it for thee."  
Thus the tradition began that would always be  
for an angel to sit atop the Christmas tree.

Have a happy Christmas but remember that you see  
to follow the tradition and have an angel sitting on top of  
your Christmas tree.

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**'I want them to know how': Utah police training teachers for active shootings**

Police in Utah are training teachers on how to use guns to handle potential school shootings.

"If teachers are carrying guns, well, I want them to know how to use a gun," Utah County Sheriff Mike Smith told NBC on Monday. "Everybody hopes it never happens. But at the end of the day, hope is a terrible strategy for success."

The sheriff is holding the training after a recent lockdown at a local school where teachers without training left their guns in unsecured places. Utah allows teachers to carry weapons in school with the requirement that they conceal them and keep them secure.

The focus on training has come after a school shooting last week in Santa Clarita, California, that left two people dead and several others injured. The Utah County Sheriff's Teachers Academy now has a waitlist of teachers, custodians, librarians, and administrators for its next six-week course.

The sheriff's department teaches not only shooting drills but de-escalation tactics and first aid for gunshot wounds. Smith said he thinks the training will make sure the teachers have the tools necessary to defend students.

President Trump has voiced support for arming teachers nationally in the past. "A gun-free zone is, 'Let's go in, and let's attack because bullets aren't coming back at us,'" Trump said. He added that arming teachers would mean "you'd have a lot of people who would be armed, who would be ready."

**The 36 States That Honor Missouri's Concealed Handgun License**

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## LIBERTY NOTES

By Kevin L. Jamison

It is a good day for Liberty.

There is a problem with the beard growing contest. One of the judges refuses to use the metric system. He says the metric system came out of the French revolution. He disapproves of the French revolution. I pointed out that the French Revolution was over 200 years ago. He refused to support evil no matter how long ago. Another judge demands that we use a cubit. It appears in the Bible. He could not demonstrate how long a cubit was but it is divinely ordained and we must use it. A third judge refuses to use the English measurements; inch, foot, yard. We rebelled against the English and should not keep their measurements. Also, they were not very nice to his Irish ancestors. Another judge demands that we use an American system of membership, the diameter of the .45 ACP round. When I sort this out I will let you know.

A school District in High Point Missouri is authorizing teachers to carry guns. Missouri law allows for this. It is a complicated process. I think they made it a complicated process to make it difficult. We now know it is possible.

Researchers have found a way to inactivate the prions that cause chronic wasting disease in deer, elk and moose. Prions are "misfolded proteins." I have no idea how a protein is folded but then, I have little experience folding things in general. These prions stick to knives and saws used to butcher the meat. Experts found that soaking in a 40% solution of bleach for five minutes would kill the prions. This may prevent spreading the disease. Soaking deer in bleach does not work. I'm not sure how soaking knives in bleach helps. But, it is the product of an expert study who am I to question? Chronic wasting disease is a serious danger to our deer population. Every little bit helps.

Missouri has an expungement statute. Many non-violent crimes can be expunged. Under this statute eligible persons are restored to the status they were in before the crime was committed. This is as close to being washed in the blood of the lamb as the legislature is likely to get. Yet, since it was passed, I have heard rumors of expunged persons being denied a NICS check. Further investigation found that Missouri expunged persons have been denied on the basis a Federal case out of Wyoming; *Wyoming v United States*, 539 F.3d 1236 (10<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2008). Wyoming had passed an expungement law which only operated to expunge the firearm disability of a misdemeanor domestic violence conviction but specifically did not prevent the expunged crime from being considered for enhancement of penalties for subsequent conviction. This is much difference than our "washed in the blood of the lamb" statute. Federal law requires an expungement to be complete. Based on this law the federal court ruled that the Wyoming law was ineffective at expunging the conviction. Recent Missouri persons with expungement have received letters from ATF denying them the right to buy or possess firearms because of the (expunged) conviction. The excuse is that the Wyoming case applies. They do not say why it applies or how it applies. They just say that it does, and we have to prove it doesn't. To do so requires spending thousands of dollars to take it up on appeal. There is some thought that the legislature will ride to our rescue. I do not think so. Re-writing the statute will not solve the problem. They will just claim that the Wyoming decision applies to the new statute. We will have to take the case up to one of these new Trump judges who interpret the law does not imagine what it should be. The Attorney General of Missouri might sue to protect Missouri interests. He must be pressured to do so. The Missouri statute is nothing like Wyoming's. Missouri has a complete expungement.

Expunged persons can buy guns privately; but that is another problem. According to the ATF, because they view the expungement as ineffective, possession of guns is possession by a felon, which is another felony. The case probably could not be filed in state court. Missouri courts must respect actions of the legislature and of the court which issued the expungement. The feds, on the other hand, do not have to respect anything the state does. Federal anything trumps state anything. This means that expunged persons in possession of firearms can be arrested and tried in federal court; and convicted waiving their expungement all the way to prison. What to do? I intend to continue filing expungements for clients. There are other reasons to expunge a felony, jobs, public housing; women check such records before a date (sex offenses cannot be expunged). Once there are several expunged persons, there will be a greater demand for the expungement to be a reality. So far everyone I have consulted on expungements has wanted their gun rights back. I shall have to tell them this little story before I take their money.

A killer in California used a "ghost gun." This is essentially a homemade gun. He may have a purchased 80% receiver that is finished by the purchaser or a 3-d plastic printed receiver. The receiver is finished into a pistol with parts purchases on-line or in shops. Expect demands for restrictions on such receivers and parts. Every little bit they can take

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from us they will. They will never stop taking bits large and small. The killer killed two boys in a school parking lot in the middle of the night. It is not technically a mass killing, and not exactly a school killing. That will not stop the usual suspects.

I saw a comment on some part of the internet. A thief grabbed a \$400 chainsaw and ran. A clerk pulled a sawed-off shotgun and killed him. Legalities of the story were straight-forward. It was the comments that fascinated me. The first comment denounced unconstitutional laws against sawed-off shotguns. Another demanded to know what has become of the legal system that charges a man for shooting a robber. That is the law. It is not even new law. I remember reading Missouri statutes from 1855 which criminalized "excessive" self-defense. Practical comments such as this inspired virulent outrage. One commentator said that part of the owner's life was spent in earning the money to buy the chainsaw, so it was entirely just to take the thief's entire life in response. The argument went through variations and side topics. Finally, the culminating argument, "F--- YOU." This last in caps because it has a more withering effect. How can one respond to such golden argument? Why should one try? Such a commentator is not listening. In reality one could suffer the loss of a \$400 chainsaw, or the \$50,000 cost of defending a murder and some decades in prison. It doesn't have to be fair; it doesn't have to be just. It doesn't have to make sense, it's just the law.

The governor and attorney general have met with the mayors of Kansas City and St. Louis to discuss gun law. One of their top objectives is to repeal firearms preemption so that they can inflict any fool restrictions they want on their citizens. Write the governor and ask politely that pre-emption remain as it is.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We will check.

The US Concealed Carry Association, publishers of Concealed Carry Magazine, will have their annual concealed carry expo in Kansas City Missouri 20-22 March, 2020. It will be held at the KCI expo center where the RK gun show is held. There will be seminars, classes, exhibits of all manner of self-defense equipment and accessories.

Rally Day has been changed to 7 April, 2020 still in the Capital Building in Jefferson City.

We shall overcome.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

### ENOUGH!

*K. L. Jamison*

Seven years ago a psychopath killed his mother. He then broke into her gun cabinet and stole her AR. He used the AR to commit the Sandy Hook massacre. Relatives sued Remington which made the AR. Remington raised the defense of the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act which protects the firearms industry from lawsuits when criminals use their guns. The plaintiffs amended their petition. Now they claim that Remington violated a state law concerning advertising. They claim that Remington advertised the gun with military images and *that's* why the psychopath killed his mother and schoolchildren. The state supreme court bought that argument. Remington went to the U.S. Supreme Court. The US Supreme Court refused to hear the case. We thought we have the Court locked. We thought we had three solid votes and it only takes four to get the case on the Court's docket. It will now go back to the trial court to see if a jury has better sense.

The Mayor of Kansas City has introduced an ordinance prohibiting persons convicted of adult abuse or subject to a protective order from having guns. That is already federal law. It is not state law. Under Missouri's preemption law city ordinances cannot be more restrictive than state law. The ordinance is illegal. The Mayors theory is something to the effect that state law prohibits guns in federal buildings, so state law allows him to pass an ordinance concerning people. I say there is considerable difference between buildings and people. This sort of Rube Goldberg reasoning that makes bad law.

Show-Me Shooters in Claycomo is going out of business. It is still open. It is hoped that someone will buy the place and keep it going. It has a great indoor range and I will miss it.

Former Mayor Bloomberg has filed in presidential primaries. Hillary Clinton has hinted that she may file.

Virginia has suffered a Democratic sweep. The entire legislature and governorship is now in the hands of anti-rights politicians. This is a bad sign. National elections are in less than a year. Elections in our state are in less than a year. The usual suspects have organized against us.

Enough is enough. It is not hopeless. It is dangerous and difficult. If we wish to save our rights for our grandchildren, we have to organize and work harder. We have supporters in the Democratic Party. We have to work them in the kindest possible way to make them allies.

One day there will be an election in which our rights do not hang by a thread. Not this year. We will have to win this year to get there.

I thank-you for the honor of being your president.



## An outrageous comment better left untold

Politicians love manipulating language. Especially those who seek to run every aspect of our lives. Gun control fanatic Cory Booker went on MSNBC to declare that gun control will make people “free.” Talk about going full Orwell.....

He specifically believes that disarming people will make them free from the fear of gun violence. Here’s a news-flash for the New Jersey Senator: Criminals don’t care about people’s feelings or baseless assumptions. Nor do they care about laws. Regardless of what laws New Jersey, DC, or some municipality try to enact, criminals will find ways to get guns.

And guess who gets screwed in this entire process? *The law-abiding citizens who comply with this government overreach.* Don’t think for a second that government will be there to protect the disarmed from criminals. The Supreme Court decision *Warren v. District of Columbia* already established that police are not obligated to protect individuals. Being denied the right to defend yourself and your loved ones is as anti-freedom as it gets. It leaves you at the mercy of unscrupulous governments and criminals.

But don’t tell Cory Booker that! He’s already become the gun control poster boy for the 2020 presidential elections. For a politician like him, logic and facts are afterthoughts. Get more of my analysis of Booker’s Orwellian comments in my post for *The Advocates for Self-Government*.

Peace,  
José Niño

P.S. Gun control goes against the spirit of the Second Amendment. It’s one of the biggest fronts in the globalist Left’s war to destroy basic American civil liberties. Once you’re disarmed, you become nothing more than a plaything for the sociopathic gremlins that rule over us in Mordor. A miserable fate if you ask me.

But it can be prevented.

## When Americans give the media the middle finger

Despite the bobblehead media’s handwringing, Americans are still concealed carrying in record numbers. According to a report from the Crime Prevention Research Center, the number of concealed carry permits increased 304 percent since 2007. Gun ownership is as American as apple pie.

Good luck trying to shame Americans out of buying guns through some two minutes of hate on CNN or other programming on the Idiot Box.

But on the legislative front, the anti-gun gremlins can do a lot of damage. They’ve been able to gradually undermine gun rights at the federal level through legislation such as the National Firearms Act, 1968 Gun Control Act, and the Brady Act. However, Americans haven’t been completely fazed by these transgressions. Instead, they’ve focused their attention on state legislatures.

First, there was the concealed carry movement starting in the 1980s, which legalized concealed carry. Fast forward to the present, we’ve been seeing a number of states go the extra mile by passing Constitutional Carry, which gets rid of the licensing requirement for all law-abiding individuals. No begging the government for permission to carry. A solid step in restoring freedom at the state level. Many states still have work to do, but the cat is out of the bag on concealed carry.

José Niño

P.S. Concealed carry and its more radical cousin, Constitutional Carry, did not happen overnight. It took decades of hard work for these movements to take off. That means ups and downs, disappointments, and occasional defeats. Get used to it. The path to victory ain’t easy. But along the way you’ll become stronger, make new friends, and build new organizations. So long as you persevere. The Second Amendment movement is in a state of flux. Groups like the National Rifle Association are being persecuted, while simultaneously witnessing an internal decay due to their corruption. The anti-gun Left is getting stronger, whereas the “pro-gun” Right is weaker.

But you’re a winner. You recognize that in crisis there is always opportunity. All it takes is a few brave individuals that step up and fill in the void. Will you answer the call?

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"In totalitarian societies, cities change their names regularly. Statues go up and are torn down. Words, as the historian Thucydides warned 2,400 years ago, habitually change their meanings to reflect passing political orthodoxy — and thugs, commissars and brownshirts oversee the charade. For an antidote to these statue-smashers and name-changers, Americans seek just one honest public official who dares to say 'no more' — and arrests rather than appeases those who destroy public property, or shames those who ruin people through guilt by association."

—Victor Davis Hanson

"Our society — unlike most in the world — presupposes that freedom and liberty are in a frame of reference that makes the individual, not government, the keeper of his tastes, beliefs, and ideas; that is the philosophy of the First Amendment; and it is this article of faith that sets us apart from most nations in the world."

—William O. Douglas




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**SAVE REPUBLICANS FROM THEMSELVES & KNEE-JERK GUN CONTROL – ACT NOW!**

THE KNOX UPDATE

A couple of mentally defective losers decide they want to be famous as killers, and Republican politicians are once again responding by shooting themselves – *and their party* – in the foot. If they don't get themselves under control in a hurry, they are going to do irreparable damage to their chances in 2020.

President Trump is offering suggestions on how to pass gun control laws and particularly pushing deadly “red flag” laws. Republicans in the House and Senate are pledging to vote for various gun control laws if they are brought to a vote. Governor Ducey in Arizona has revived his “*pre-crime disarmament*,” STOP bill that helped kill the political aspirations of several promising Republicans in 2018, and the list goes on.

**Your action is needed now. Republicans, from Trump on down, need to hear from you immediately. They need to hear from you in email, phone calls, on their social media accounts.**

Don't wait. Contact them now. Remind them that only foolish politicians react to events, based on emotion and their immediate perception of public sentiment. Tell them that they should be sticking to the principles that brought them to the party. Appeasing people who aren't ever going to vote for them, regardless of what they do – short of switching parties – is just dumb.

Alienating a large segment of their base, that was going to vote for them, and work for their campaigns, and bring their families along, is even dumber.

Gun control laws didn't stop lunatics before, and they won't stop lunatics in the future. Criminalizing private sales and transfers of firearms was a bad idea last week and last year, and it's still a bad idea.

Taking guns away from someone because someone else said they were crazy and dangerous – rather than taking the crazy dangerous person away from all potentially harmful objects and getting them some professional help – was a dangerous, unconstitutional idea last week and last year, and it's still a dangerous, unconstitutional idea.

Banning scary-looking firearms that are safely owned by millions of Americans and which function the same as guns that have been readily available for 100 years, didn't work between 1994 and 2004, and it won't work in the future – and those millions of American gun owners aren't going to put up with attempts to take them away.

**Mass shootings and mass murders are terrible tragedies that make all sane people sad, angry, and frustrated. Passing unconstitutional laws that won't and can't prevent such tragedies, is no sort of rational response.**

Contact your elected servants today. Reach out to them via every means at your disposal, and let them know that you and your family recognize that they are under extreme pressure to “do something,” but that pushing gun control laws – expanded background checks, “red flag” laws, “assault weapons” bans, or any other infringement on the right to arms – will cost them and their party your votes. Remind them that many GunVoters were already suspicious of Republicans, but we're going to support the party as a blocking move against anti-rights Democrats, but Republicans rushing to gun control will kill that tenuous arrangement, resulting in many GunVoters foregoing the elections, and seriously hurting Republican chances.

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**The U.S. doesn't have a gun problem. The U.S. has a crazy problem. Gun laws won't fix that.**

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"In the '70s and '80s, many of these guns were as available as they are now, but we weren't having these mass shootings that we have today. So I think we need to really ask ourselves the question of what has socially brought us to this point in history, and what have we done, and what can we do differently to change society. That's certainly a question that needs to be continued to [be] ask[ed], because I don't know that taking everyone's guns, and buying everybody's guns back, is going to cure the national massacres that we've had in recent history."

—Democrat Rep. Vicente González

"Don't you see that the whole aim of Newspeak (*Politically Correct Speech*) is to narrow the range of thought? In the end we shall make thought crime literally impossible, because there will be no words in which to express it."

—George Orwell

"We shall soon be in a world in which a man may be howled down for saying that two and two make four, in which people will persecute the heresy of calling a triangle a three-sided figure, and hang a man for maddening a mob with the news that grass is green."

—G.K. Chesterton



### Lies, Damned Lies, and (Gun Control) Statistics

In *Chapters from My Autobiography*, beloved American humorist Mark Twain wrote, “There are three kinds of lies: lies, damned lies, and statistics.” And maybe nowhere in the spectrum of the American political debate are statistics used more deceptively than in the debate over gun control.

At first glance, there is one statistic that is particularly damning for opponents of gun control; namely, that most of the Top 10 states for highest rates of gun deaths are conservative, pro-Second Amendment “red” states. In other words, the states most determined to protect their gun rights are the states most likely to suffer from high mortality rates due to “gun violence.”

Furthermore, gun-control advocates claim that in “blue” cities/states like Chicago, where death rates from firearms are high, neighboring states like Indiana and Wisconsin (with more lenient gun laws) are to blame, allowing criminals to easily obtain firearms that are then transported across state lines.

As you might have already guessed, there’s more to the story. Logically, it makes no sense to blame Indiana and Wisconsin for Chicago’s high rate of violent crime. First, fewer guns used in Chicago crimes originate from Indiana and Wisconsin (less than 30%) than originate from Chicago (40%). And logic would dictate (if the pro-gun-control argument is to be believed) that the rate of violent crime would be highest where guns are most easily accessible and would drop with distance from the epicenter. Conversely, crime certainly should plummet in a place like Chicago, where guns are largely prohibited and strictly regulated.

Statistically, the argument is also too simplistic. Yes, the highest rates of gun deaths are in “red” states with more lenient gun laws, but that doesn’t tell the whole story. For example, in the state with the highest rate of gun deaths per capita, Alaska, suicide accounted for 80% of those deaths. In the state with the second-highest rate, Alabama, suicides accounted for 52% of gun deaths. Nationally, suicide accounts for nearly two-thirds of all gun deaths. Universal background checks would not do much to prevent someone from committing suicide who is determined to do so.

There is also the fact that, since 1968, federal law has declared anyone who “has been adjudicated as a mental defective or has been committed to any mental institution” is barred from possessing or acquiring firearms.

So what we should really be focused on is reducing the number of homicides in which guns are used. The question is, where are these homicides occurring?

According to an analysis of the FBI’s Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) statistics, 54% of all U.S. counties had ZERO homicides in 2014 (latest data available), and 70% of the counties had no more than one homicide. In fact, 68% of all homicides occurred in just 5% of U.S. counties, with over 50% of all homicides occurring in 2% of the counties.

So, in these Republican “red” states, the vast majority of homicides are concentrated in places like Atlanta, Birmingham, Memphis, New Orleans, Baton Rouge, etc. All of these cities have been controlled by Democrats for decades, and most have stringent gun laws. In fact, the U.S. cities that have far and away the highest murder rates are all Democrat-controlled — St. Louis, Baltimore, Detroit, New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Kansas City, Cleveland, Memphis, Newark, Chicago, etc.

Louisiana is a perfect example. It has the cities with the fourth- and fifth-highest murder rates in the country, with New Orleans (39.5 murders per 100,000) and Baton Rouge (38.3 murders per 100,000). Yet the average for the entire state plummets to 12.4 murders per 100,000, meaning that outside of those two cities, the state is actually pretty safe.

The murders tend to be highly concentrated even within counties. For example, the vast majority of murders in Los Angeles County are in the southeastern part of the county, with virtually none in the northwestern section. In Washington, DC, virtually all murders occur in the eastern part of the city.

The caricature of gun owners in general, and NRA members in particular, as gun-totin’, backwoods hillbillies looking for a reason to shoot someone is nothing more than intellectually lazy character assassination. One has only to look at concealed-carry weapons (CCW) permit holders to realize that.

CCW permit holders are even more law abiding than sworn law-enforcement officers. Criminal-justice statistics show that CCW permit holders commit crimes at roughly 1/8th the rate of law-enforcement officers, who themselves commit crimes at a fraction of the general population. CCW holders and NRA members are CCW holders and NRA members precisely because they have a deep respect for Rule of Law, the Constitution, and societal safety and order. Their driving desire in carrying a weapon is to protect their own lives, the lives of their families, and innocent people around them from violent criminals. Most hope to never have to draw their weapon but are ready if they must.

Yes, it’s easier to engage in the character assassination of gun owners than it is to deal with the reality that the vast majority of gun crimes are committed in the urban poverty plantations cultivated by Democrats for decades.

But that won’t save any lives.

### Welcome to New Sponsor Members

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## Dems' Impossible Dream: Gun-Confiscation

*The Patriot Post*

How would it work to use force to take away Americans' guns? It wouldn't.

Conservatives should thank Democrat presidential candidate Beto O'Rourke for exposing just how negative his party views Americans' Second Amendment rights. O'Rourke finally admitted publicly what leftists talk about only in secret — namely, how to achieve their goal of a disarmed America. O'Rourke has freely moved from “nobody wants to take your guns” to “hell yes, we're going to take your AR-15, your AK-47.”

Initially, O'Rourke dubiously claimed that if his gun “buyback” law was passed, no force would be necessary to enforce the law because he trusted that Americans would simply comply with the law. That raises the obvious question: If O'Rourke was so willing to trust his fellow citizens to follow the law, then why seek to confiscate their firearms in the first place? As he was pressed on the issue of citizen compliance, O'Rourke finally acknowledged that in order to enforce his mandatory firearm “buyback,” force would be required.

Clearly, O'Rourke is using his gun “buyback” policy as a political strategy to appeal to the emotional fears of those who see firearms rather than the criminals wielding them as the problem. What is ironic is that O'Rourke, who attacked law enforcement as “Jim Crow,” is now fine with law enforcement enforcing mandatory gun confiscation.

But that's assuming law enforcement would even do so.

The Washington Free Beacon reports that Jim Pasco, executive director of the largest police union in the country, the National Fraternal Order of Police, has different ideas. Pasco states, “Mr. O'Rourke may not be aware that state and local police officers (who compromise more than 90% of all police in the U.S.) receive their orders from their local jurisdictions — not from the Federal Government.”

Sheriff AJ Louderback of Jackson County, Texas, noted that many sheriffs across the nation simply would not comply: “I think [O'Rourke's] seriously misjudging the law enforcement response to what he wants to do. Many sheriffs would not comply with his plan.”

There's also the reality of how many firearms exist in the U.S. There are an estimated 16 million AR-15s in the country, which represents only 4% of the total number of firearms in the U.S. As the Washington Examiner observes, “The reality is that there are so many of these rifles that even an astronomical surrender rate would leave a massive stockpile in civilian hands. The surrender rate would probably be low, leaving tens of millions of rifles in circulation.”

Rifles of any type were involved in just 403, or 2%, of all murders in 2017. In fact, hands and feet were used to murder more people (692) than rifles. If O'Rourke's gun confiscation were to be “enforced,” deaths from firearms would likely increase exponentially. The truth is O'Rourke's gun confiscation is a plan for pitting the government against its own people.

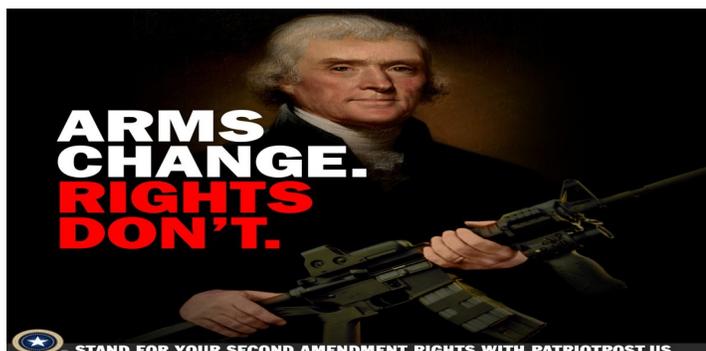
## Mayor of Pittsburg — Bloomberg Shill — Has His Gun Control Smacked Down by Judge

Somebody's Mama never taught him to keep his nose out of other peoples' business. At least, that seems to be the case with Mayor Bill Peduto and his gun control efforts. Peduto has spent the last year going from city to city trying to convince other mayors to violate the gun rights of their citizens like he has. But on Tuesday, October 29, an Allegheny County Judge struck down the new gun restrictions Peduto passed this spring.

In his ruling, Judge Joseph James said that the Pennsylvania Uniform Firearms Act would supersede the mayor or city council's passage of gun control legislation at the municipal level. Basically, he said that the city of Pittsburgh can't trump existing state law. “Stated simply, under the doctrine of field preemption, the UFA preempts any local regulation pertaining to the regulation of firearms,” James wrote. “The Uniform Firearms Act is a comprehensive statute that evidences an intent by the Legislature to preempt the entire field of firearms and ammunition across the state of Pennsylvania.”

Mayor Bill Peduto and his gang of Bloomberg-funded activists crowed in victory back in April when their bills passed. These bills included an assault weapons ban, a large-capacity magazine ban, and a local version of a ‘red flag’ bill. They had used the media circus following a synagogue shooting to give them cover from scrutiny and criticism.

But despite the media giving them the spotlight, their new laws were immediately challenged, and as such, were never enforced. Judge James went so far as to issue a stay on the laws until he had made his final ruling.



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