

WE ARE CELEBRATING

Western Missouri Shooters Alliance turns 30 years old

The Western Missouri Shooters Alliance was formed in September 1989. We are celebrating that at our September 24th, 2019 meeting at Bass Pro at our regular time of 7:00 PM.

We will be hosting a buffet dinner for members and spouses in the Hemingway Room (next door to our regular meeting room).

All food and drink (except alcoholic) will be provided by WMSA.

We must require anyone attending RSVP on or before September 13th of your attendance so we can provide a count for the caterer.

RSVP to: Bob.wmsa@gmail.com or call Bob Hanson at 816-628-3844.

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...dedicated to the restoration of the inalienable right to keep and bear arms as guaranteed by the 2nd Amendment

The Alliance is a regionally-based, grass-roots organization that seeks to:

1. **Counter the designs of malicious legislators.**
2. **Confront the media's twisted portrayals of gun rights issues.**
3. **Politicize and activate gun owners in defense of their rights.**
4. **Acquaint the public with the true nature of the Second Amendment.**
5. **Network with other pro-gun groups to coordinate local, state and national strategies.**
6. **Train people in basic firearm safety and handgun defense.**
7. **Sponsor and support pro-gun legislation**
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**LIBERTY NOTES***By Kevin L. Jamison*

It is a good day for Liberty.

The 30th Anniversary of WMSA's founding will be this September. There will be a dinner on 24 September, 2019 at Bass Pro. We expect to have a speaker. Anyone interested needs to call 816-628-3844 for a reservation. Free food (how bad can that be?). There will also be elections for the Board of Directors so if WMSA has any power-mad members out there this is your chance.

A few Democratic senators have filed a brief with the US Supreme Court in the City of New York case. They call it a brief, but it is more of a threat. It says that the court has been ruling wrong and if they don't get it right this time the court will be "modified." There have been calls from the left to increase the number of judges on the Court. This assumes, of course, that they can get a raving leftist elected president to appoint them.

I read "House to House" an account of the battle of Fallujah Iraq from the perspective of an Infantry squad leader. A couple of portions are of direct interest to us. One insurgent tried to climb the front of his Bradley fighting vehicle. The machine gunner kicked him off with a long burst; blowing off his legs and face and one arm. The squad emptied rifles into him until he stopped moving. The author checked the body, put two rounds in the stomach to be sure and marked the body for graves registration. When they carried him to the helicopter, he screamed at them. Some people are hard to kill and the enemy was taking amphetamines. The author recounts the best close quarter fight I have ever read. He threw a grenade in a room, but the insurgent was still alive. He started to shoot, but smelled propane leaking from canisters. He clubbed the enemy, smashed him into the armor plate on his body armor. He hit him with his helmet, stabbed him, strangled him. At one point the insurgent bit him. Ultimately, he prevailed.

A letter to the editor claimed to be written by a "registered" gun owner. He argues that the 4473 questions can be answered with lies. He demands that gun buyers must show ID. Of course, there is no such thing as registration in Missouri or Kansas. Buyers have been required to show ID since 1968, and their answers are checked by FBI computers. People tell these obvious lies and think we are stupid enough to believe them. Of course, we know they are lies, but the ignorant masses read these letters and believe that gun owners want gun control.

Shortly after two mass killings, one at a Walmart, a Springfield man put on body armor and web gear, slung an AR over his shoulder and went to a Walmart. He says that his intent was to see if his rights would be respected. If it had just been the rifle things might have been OK. He didn't threaten anyone; he didn't point the rifle at anyone. The military gear and body armor made it look like preparation for a gunfight. People saw him pushing a cart, mumbling into his phone (he was video recording the event) with an AR rifle over slung over his shoulder. There was panic; the manager pressed the fire alarm to let people flee. The man was held at gunpoint by a customer who was carrying concealed. He was arrested and charged with making a terrorist threat in the second degree. I doubt that they can make the charge stick. Unless there is a recording of him stating that he intends to terrify people I do not believe they have the evidence. He was perceived as a threat. In politics perception is often reality. During the fight for concealed carry we were often told that we don't need concealed carry because we can open carry. Now we see what can happen. Currently open carry is legal for the most part. Certain cities outlaw it unless the person has a license to carry concealed. I usually must repeat that: To carry openly, you must have a license to carry concealed. Shortly after the Springfield incident, two men openly carried handguns into a Kansas City area Walmart. They were buying ammunition. The police were called, determined that no law was broken, and everyone went on their way. One commentator said that is what we want. The police showing up and telling people that all is legal. People will then find that guns are good. If people act logically, that will happen. People have not acted logically. They have acted emotionally. That is what the usual suspects are counting on. Open carry sounds like a good idea but must be planned out to reach its goals and not the goals of the anti-gun crowd.

The open carry advocates believe that 1) it deters crime and 2) it makes people accustomed to guns. It may deter crime in some locations; it may also cause criminals to shoot the open carrier first. If it does deter crime it may be a matter of winning the battle and losing the war. People reacting emotionally to the sight of guns demand more restrictions which we must fight. We have enough on our plate. I am not sure that rubbing people's noses in openly carried guns will bring them over to our side. I have never heard of such a thing.

I am very concerned that the discussion over these incidents has become an exchange of insults between open carry advocates and concealed carry advocates. This helps the usual suspects not us. We need to discuss open carry as a tactic. Exchanging insults prevents this. We need to stick together.

Someone in Hollywood came out with a movie called "The Hunt." It concerns liberal elites who kidnap and hunt right wing "deplorables." After adverse reaction the producers pulled the movie from release. They say they are astonished that we did not get the joke. This is what they think of us.

Federal prosecutors in Kansas have been caught listening in on attorney-client privileged calls. I have found that this happened in other jurisdictions as well. Do NOT talk about your case on jail phones. This is a burden for defense lawyers. The federal district court in Kansas has found the prosecutor's office to be in contempt, not just for violating the privilege, but for destroying evidence the court wanted for its investigation.

A creature in Jackson County, we cannot call him a man, killed a woman and severely injured three others. One of the women had a pistol but did not use it. Instead she ran until the creature shot her. Then he returned to his car

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and picked up an AK and continued shooting. Just having a gun doesn't make one a gunfighter. The lady was not ready to kill. The killer was. To carry a gun, you have to consider what it is for. Having a gun is not enough you must have the will to use it.

An arsonist in Japan killed 33 people. Ban matches, especially assault lighters.

Coffee is the most important meal of the day.

A Minnesota man was prosecuted for murder. The probable cause statement listed the man's bumper sticker. It said, "GUN CONTROL IS HITTING YOUR TARGET." The most innocuous things trigger people who have power.

A Chinese (Red) factory is making devices which turn Glock handguns into machine guns. They are illegal, yet they get through customs.

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

We shall overcome.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

MEETING THE MAYOR

K. L. Jamison

We met the new mayor of Kansas City. Western Missouri Shooter's Alliance Vice President Carl Smart, National African American Gun Association Vice President Jeff Maple and I. The meeting was not to decide anything. At best it might decide if we would communicate on some future time.

The mayor is under pressure to do "something" about violence in Kansas City. Whenever I hear the demand to do "something" I am reminded of the movie "The Dresser". The movie concerns a troupe of actors attempting to put on a production of "King Lear" with a leading man who is going insane. Nearly every character at some point says; "We must do something." The title character then says; "No, we must do the *right* thing." The right thing is hard.

The mayor has introduced two ordinances. One makes it illegal to sell guns to persons less than 18 years of age. The other makes it illegal for persons less than 18 years of age to possess guns. Both these are already crimes. The ordinances point this out quoting Missouri and federal law at length. I told the mayor that someone is finally looking at existing law and he seemed pleased. The effect of these ordinances will be only that such offenses can be heard in Municipal Court. This seems like a small advantage, but some cases are better handled there.

The mayor has suggested that the city do a "gun buy-back." My first reaction was that there is a law against using tax money for such purposes. The city would have to pass an ordinance authorizing such a scheme. The guns "bought back" must then be offered for sale to an FFL, which sort of defeats the purpose of such schemes. When informed of this, the mayor is quoted as saying that he could get \$50,000 in private donations for a private party to do the "buy-back." If the mayor can get \$50,000 from private sources, it would have more impact on crime if used to process the vast number of rape kits which are currently backlogged. If DNA were extracted it might show a pattern or even match a criminal already in the system. On the other hand, I have been asked if such a "buy-back" was in the offing. Certain gun owners have junk they cannot sell otherwise. Personally, I don't care if they do a gun "buy back." It gives the usual suspects an all-day sucker to keep them occupied and out of our business.

Carl Smart argued in favor of reading "Bleeding Out." The book suggests going after the small group of "hot" persons who do most of the violence. I have not finished the book. The mayor promised to read it. Going after the really bad guys has worked before.

Jeff Maple spoke in favor of concealed carry training. This seemed to go over better than similar comments we have made in the past. It did not go over gangbusters, but every little bit helps.

I ended telling the mayor that we can be very good friends. Politicians need friends. I hope that this leads to more meetings.

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

"Racism is not dead, but it is on life support — kept alive by politicians, race hustlers and people who get a sense of superiority by denouncing others as 'racists.'"

—Thomas Sowell

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7 Reasons to Oppose Red Flag Guns Laws

Here are seven reasons red flag laws should be opposed, particularly at the federal level.

The Associated Press reports Congress is seriously considering red flag gun laws.

These laws, also called “extreme risk protection orders,” allow courts to issue orders allowing law enforcement to seize firearms from people who’ve committed no crime but are believed to be a danger to themselves or others.

President Trump has signaled his backing of bipartisan Senate legislation sponsored by Sens. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., and Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn.

We must make sure that those judged to pose a grave risk to public safety do not have access to firearms and that if they do those firearms can be taken through rapid due process, Trump said in a White House speech.

Red flag laws have garnered support from several conservative intellectuals, as well, including David French of National Review and Ben Shapiro.

Here are seven reasons red flag laws should be opposed, particularly at the federal level.

There’s No Evidence Red Flag Laws Reduce Gun Violence

Most people haven’t heard of red flag laws until recently—if they have at all—but they aren’t new.

Connecticut enacted the nation’s first red flag law in 1999, followed by Indiana (2005). This means social scientists have had decades to analyze the effectiveness of these laws. And what did they find?

“The evidence,” The New York Times recently reported, “for whether extreme risk protection orders work to prevent gun violence is inconclusive, according to a study by the RAND Corporation on the effectiveness of gun safety measures.”

The Washington Post reports that California’s red flag went basically unused for two years after its passage in 2016. Washington, D.C.’s law has gone entirely unused. Other states, such as Florida and Maryland, have gone the other direction, seizing hundreds of firearms from gun-owners. Yet it’s unclear if these actions stopped a shooting.

With additional states passing red flag laws, researchers will soon have much more data to analyze. But before passing expansive federal legislation that infringes on civil liberties, lawmakers should have clear and compelling empirical evidence that red flag laws actually do what they are intended to do.

Congress Lacks the Authority

The Founding Fathers clearly enumerated the powers of the federal government in the Constitution. Among the powers granted in Article I, Section 8 are “the power to coin money, to regulate commerce, to declare war, to raise and maintain armed forces, and to establish a Post Office.”

Regulating firearms is not among the powers listed in the Constitution (though this has not always stopped lawmakers from regulating them). In fact, the document expressly forbids the federal government from doing so, stating in the Second Amendment that “the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.”

We Have Federalism

Unlike the federal government, whose powers, James Madison noted, are “few and defined,” states possess powers that “are numerous and indefinite.”

Indeed, 17 states and the District of Columbia already have red flag laws, and many more states are in the process of adding them. This shows that the people and their representatives are fully capable of passing such laws if they choose. If red flag laws are deemed desirable, this is the appropriate place to pursue such laws, assuming they pass constitutional muster. But do they?

Red Flag Laws Violate Due Process

The Constitution mandates that no one shall be “deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law.”

Seizing the property of individuals who have been convicted of no crime violates this provision. Gun control advocates claim due process is not violated because people whose firearms are taken can appeal to courts to reclaim their property. However, as economist Raheem Williams has observed, “this backward process would imply that the Second Amendment is a privilege, not a right.”

Depriving individuals of a clearly established, constitutionally-guaranteed right in the absence of criminal charges or trial is an affront to civil liberties.

Red Flag Laws Could Lead to More Violence

In 2018, two Maryland police officers shot and killed 61-year-old Gary Willis in his own house after waking him at 5:17 a.m. The officers, who were not harmed during the shooting, had been ordered to remove guns from his home under the state’s red flag law, which had gone into effect one month prior to the shooting.

While red flag laws are designed to reduce violence, it’s possible they could do the opposite by creating confrontations between law enforcement and gun owners like Willis, especially as the enforcement of red flag laws expands.

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It's Not Just the "Mentally Ill" and Grave Threats Who Are Flagged

In theory, red flag laws are supposed to target individuals who pose a threat to themselves or others. In practice, they can work quite differently. In a 14-page analysis, the American Civil Liberties Union of Rhode Island explained that few people understand just how expansive the state's red flag law is.

"It is worth emphasizing that while a seeming urgent need for [the law] derives from recent egregious and deadly mass shootings, [the law's] reach goes far beyond any efforts to address such extraordinary incidents," the authors said as written a person could be subject to an extreme risk protective order (ERPO) without ever having committed, or even having threatened to commit, an act of violence with a firearm."

Though comprehensive information is thin, and laws differ from state to state, anecdotal evidence suggests Rhode Island's law is not unique. A University of Central Florida student, for example, was hauled into proceedings and received a year-long RPO (risk protection order) for saying "stupid" things on Reddit following a mass shooting, even though the student had no criminal history and didn't own a firearm. (The student also was falsely portrayed as a "ticking time bomb" by police, Jacob Sullum reports.) Another man, Reason reports, was slapped with an RPO for criticizing teenage gun control activists online and sharing a picture of an AR-15 rifle he had built.

Individuals who find themselves involved in these proceedings often have no clear constitutional right to counsel, civil libertarians point out.

They're Basically Pre-Crime

As I've previously observed, red flag laws are essentially a form of pre-crime, a theme explored in the 2002 Steven Spielberg movie *Minority Report*, based on a 1956 Philip K. Dick novel.

I'm not the only writer to make the connection. In an article that appeared in *Salon*, Travis Dunn linked red flag laws "to the science fiction scenario of *The Minority Report*, in which precognitive police try to stop crimes before they're committed."

If this sounds far-fetched, consider that the president recently called upon social media companies to collaborate with the Department of Justice to catch "red flags" using algorithmic technology.

The idea that governments can prevent crimes before they occur may sound like sci-fi fantasy (which it is), but the threat such ideas pose to civil liberties is quite real.

Compromising civil liberties and property rights to prevent acts of violence that have yet to occur are policies more suited for dystopian thrillers—and police states—than a free society.

It's clear that laws of this magnitude should not be passed as an emotional or political response to an event, even a tragic one.

Here's how gun rights activists killed gun control

By José Niño

Today was a big day for Virginia gun owners.

After the Virginia Beach massacre, all eyes were on the state as it headed into a Special Session of the General Assembly.

The Governor, Ralph Northam, was ready to join the anti-gun craze as he laid out a series of gun control proposals that he wanted to see passed.

Magazine bans.
Red flag gun confiscation laws.
Universal gun registration
Just to name a few.

As expected, some feckless Republicans offered up the typical Constructive Republican Alternative Proposal (C.R.A.P.). Republican Senate Majority Leader Tommy Norment filed a gun control bill at the last minute. Norment's bill would have made felons out of otherwise law-abiding Virginians who carried a firearm into public buildings — even with a permit. Crazy! So much for the "pro-gun" Republican side of the aisle. But an x-factor came into play during this special session. Grassroots gun owners. No Compromises organizations like the American Firearms Coalition and the National Association for Gun Rights came in clutch and directed grassroots pressure towards Norment and his ilk.

Eventually, the Republicans succumbed to pro-gun pressure and decided to scrap all gun control hearings during the session. Phew! This is the way it's done. Don't let anyone tell you that we can't beat the powers that be. You can learn more about this defensive victory in my post for Big League Politics.

Talk soon,

P.S. Battles like these are common in the political game. Yes, slapping the establishment around is great and it looks sexy as hell when you outclass them in the political arena. But I'd be lying to you if I told you that the path to political success is easy. In fact, it's quite hard. Most aren't cut out for it. In fact, if you like quick results, I suggest finding another field to get involved in. It's a jungle out there, and you better be ready to roll with big cats. Lest you want to get eaten alive...

But survival is possible. So, if you're ready to put in work and play the long game, school is always in session.



Self-Defense Doesn't Match The Fantasy

by ALAN KORWIN

It's not just newcomers. Folks who have been armed all their lives and some of us outspoken types who are in it quite deep have this quiet (sometimes not so quiet) wish that self-defense could be, how should we put this ... a little more robust?

A little more bumper-sticker logic and a little less legalese. Getting to *Dirty Harry* the vermin without squandering life savings on lawyers later. That would be more, shall we say, satisfying to a certain kind of woman or man. It would certainly seem more American than constantly watching bad guys skate while little people get trounced in courts.

Or would it? When you read about the trials and tribulations following a self-defense shooting, it makes your blood run cold. It's not fair. If you're really innocent and some vicious assailant just contracted lead poisoning instead of confiscating your precious life, that should be the end of it, right? You deserve a medal and a free pizza or something. Police have a name for when bad guys receive those hot rounds — the "good-riddance factor." That's true.

When it really is an open-and-shut, absolutely slam-dunk case of self-defense against a complete stranger who typically already has a violent history and you survive, you do get pizza and people do buy you drinks. (The handcuffed ride downtown could be optional.) But that kind of clarity in homicides isn't common.

It's unfair — and it can help if you're a lone woman at home at night minding your own business and you never met the dead perps. Sometimes. It could depend on your state or your state of mind. Which also isn't fair. Blind justice these days takes sides with "diverse" causes and groups unimaginable just a few years ago — down to how much courts decide you didn't like the deceased.

"Hate crime" effloresced from thin air in a novel, migrating into our culture and courtrooms. Shooting someone criminally, for example, or doing it with animosity, causes identical damage and should yield similar punishment, though political correctness rejects such logic. But I digress.

The legal wrangling afterward (and dire warnings from us about ever using lethal force) are just natural outcomes of the nature of life itself. Wrangling over a person, now dead, is the biggest wrangle there is, bigger than who dented your car or who's missing what amount of cash. Life, being irreplaceable, generates the great debate, the greatest crimes and the greatest consequences, forever, per incident. It's only natural. Get more used to that than tactical reloads.

Maybe we're too deeply steeped in the American sense of justice we get from TV and movies, especially old Westerns. Scenes and plot lines are carefully staged, emotions are played, morality runs its course, facts are established and every single person watching the picture — by the millions — arrives at the exact same conclusion. That never happens for real.

We imagine ourselves in similar pickles. Clear facts, an evil enemy who really is just that, perfect justification at the key moment, praise and a sense of victory on surviving, drinks on the house. It's not even that way in the movies if you start watching carefully. That ain't reality — and real cases are never even close. Start watching any screened gun activity for whether the shots were fired with justification or what crime the fired shots, or even the pointed gun, are attempting to stop.

Shots fired in public always represent a crime. Either shots are justifiable as defense against a crime or attempted crime, or the shots themselves are violations because there is no justification for them. Even (especially!) warning shots are criminal acts. You can't legally use a gun as an audible warning device; the law has no tolerance for this. It puts innocent people at risk, and unless you have a sound legal reason to use deadly force, you can't discharge a firearm out in public. In Westerns, they do it all the time without consequence — pure Hollywood nonsense.

Practically everyone you deal with after a self-defense incident has never met you before. You meet all these new people on whom your life depends, and most of what they have to go on is your story.

How good of a storyteller are you? How well can the best possible recitation of a story tell what actually happened when you discharged your sidearm? We're not even talking about truth or innocence any longer, or what actually happened; we're talking about defeating the system's attempt (and apparent desire, it would often seem) to nail you to the wall.

We've gone over this before: It's always impossible to establish "precisely what happened" because that doesn't exist. It's an existential problem: An observer to your north sees a 180-degree different picture than one to your south. Recall the cliché: two witnesses, four stories. Each time you (and they) recount the incident, it will change, and it will change again over time as human memory changes, all without leaving recordings.

An uninhibited manual decades ago recommended only carrying revolvers because they don't eject evidence. In a perfect self-defense shooting (determined by you apparently), just leave, it said, because justifiable homicide isn't criminal. Much blood, but no foul (it believed). If you're never found, there won't be any questions to answer (it posited).

Of course, leaving the scene that way could generate multiple problems and, depending on the jurisdiction, could be criminal. If you're caught and the trial finds you weren't justified, you fled a murder, and that's very not good for your status as a reluctant participant.

You might wish this were the Wild West, but it isn't. The best strategy remains Gunfighting Safety Rule No. 1: It's always better to avoid a gunfight than to win one.



What's The Cause

Today I received an Email titled, "Who's To Blame for These Mass Shootings?" I would add, and many of the other shootings around the country, along with much of the other violence. I guarantee you, there are many reasons which have never been brought up, but none are the fault of the guns or gun ownership.

I recently learned the statistics pertaining to mass shootings are very misleading, that in the last year there have been two hundred mass shootings. It is my belief, the progressive left has influence on the accumulation and outcome of these statistics, making them misleading in order to support their agenda. In the statistics, mass shootings are described as any shootings involving four or more people. Gang wars, shootouts with police, a psycho killing their family members are all included. Statistics for school shootings take into account any shooting within a few blocks of a school even if it occurred at two in the morning, they call it a School shooting. It could involve Robbery of a convenience store two blocks away, but the description leads people to believe it was on school grounds during school hours. That is not to say these shootings aren't horrendous and committed by undisciplined individuals with some perceived self-serving psychological problems. Which leads us to some reasons for these perceived self-serving actions.

In the nineteen fifties, people were allowed to discipline their children, teaching them right from wrong. Parents took their children to church every Sunday where they learned the teachings of the Lord, the golden rule, principals of leading a life of service, charity and ethics. Parents were allowed to discipline their children to instill and reinforce these teachings by bringing their little butts in contact with a flat hand or a green switch if necessary. I'm not at all talking about abuse but discipline. Today, parents would be arrested and charged with child abuse. Children know it and threaten to turn their parents in to avoid being disciplined. What's worse, the police would take the children's word, even if they only got a hand to the butt. In the fifties, parents taught their children respect for others. Children had two parents in the home to help bring them up properly. Many parents just aren't doing their job today or have other factors undermine their influence. In the fifties, these problems just didn't occur.

I don't care what anyone says, but in the fifties, children didn't play violent video games from dawn till dusk, the object of which was to kill as many of your opponent as possible to be a winner. In the fifties, you were a winner by getting good grades, playing on your schools' football, basketball or track team, being a leader in your school, having good friends and being a good friend. Today, if you get good grades, are a leader in your school or a good athlete, in many cases, you are looked down on, ridiculed, shunned and given no or little respect. Teachers and principals aren't allowed to take any kind of disciplinary action with disruptive, uncooperative students. These students are allowed to disrupt the learning process for other students, disrespect teachers, school employees, principal and disregard school rules with impunity. School employees, by taking any disciplinary action, are at risk of losing their job and or being sued by parents that don't discipline their children or want to take advantage of the situation.

In the fifties, we didn't have socialist, progressives insulting our President and disrespecting the office of the President as well as those who voted him into office. We didn't have socialist, progressives doing their best to divide our country, calling anyone who didn't agree with them racist and using other racial slurs. We didn't have socialist progressives with the intent of doing away with the first, second, fourth, fourteenth amendment to the constitution, our economic and political system. In the fifties, representatives of both parties went to Washington D.C. to representative those that elected them rather than representing their own selfish self-centered, power hungry interests. In the fifties, politicians and citizens accepted the results of an election without acting like a bunch of spoiled children and if they lost, setting a poor example for our children with their whining, name calling and doing whatever they could, to throw a monkey wrench in the political process, which is part of the problem under discussion. In the fifties, children had to learn the Constitution of the United States, how and why the U.S. came about and then, pass a Constitution test. This instills some respect for our country. Young adults and children of today don't know as much about the founding of America as an immigrant becoming an American citizen. There is not near the respect, gratitude and knowledge for and of our forefathers and what they went through to give us our Constitution and this free country. We didn't have one dissatisfied political party doing their best to divide the country (divide and conquer) for their own political agenda and control and then attempting to blame it on who they consider their adversary instead of their countryman.

Not all, but the large majority of gun violence shootings, robberies, drive by's and random acts of violence involving a gun, are committed with stolen or black-market guns. These acts are committed by criminals with no respect for others, with no principals, with no ethics, not law-abiding citizens. In U.S cities and other countries with the strictest gun laws, those with the intent to commit violent crimes will somehow get a gun, use a knife or ball bat, or some other weapon. Gun violence occurs more often in cities that have the strictest gun laws. Explain that fact if gun laws work. Criminals, in parts of the country with open carry and in areas that aren't gun free zones, don't know who might have a gun and they are cowards.

More gun laws are not the answer. Restricting guns, gun dealers, gun owners and gun shows are not the answer. To correct the problem, correct all those deficiencies mentioned above. Without those problems being corrected, without respect for other people, without the first amendment, without tolerance, without the ability and proper motivation for parents to discipline their children, without some sort of religious background, without learning about the founding of our country and the reason for it, without respect for our laws, including our immigration laws and why they were enacted by the "immigrants" or descendants of immigrants that made them, it will just be something other than guns. It's time to correct the real problems that cause violence and leave the Second Amendment alone!

I believe in the Constitution as it was written, for the reasons it was written, as it was written, not to be edited or changed for the political goals of a few. I also don't believe in political correctness. As the so called Progressives have

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shown those of us who have paid attention, there is no political correctness except that which serves their political whims. Instead, I believe in the Golden Rule, "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you". How many politicians follow this rule? I have not noticed even one, so called Progressives that seems to even know this rule or acts in an ethical manner, showing respect for others.

It's time our elected representatives, especially those describing themselves as Progressives, start respecting our laws, including our immigration laws that were developed by immigrants to this country and their descendants, for very sound and legitimate reasons, the same basic reasons other countries have and enforce their immigration laws, start respecting our founding fathers and the Constitution and stop setting a bad example with poor sportsmanship. It's time to get rid of the spoiled brats in congress, allow parents to discipline their children, bringing up men and women instead of spoiled little brats that never heard the word no. It's time little league baseball teams have winners and losers again, teaching kids to try harder, improve their game and stop expecting everything to be given to them in a silver platter. It's time parents and politicians grow up, act like responsible adults with ethics and principals while teaching children those same traits, setting a good example, along with respect for our laws and law enforcement. This is what will solve many of our societal problems and the root of the problem being discussed. Not new gun laws. Most assuredly, not free stuff for everyone. It's time politicians stop buying votes and start representing the citizenry as, they were elected to do.

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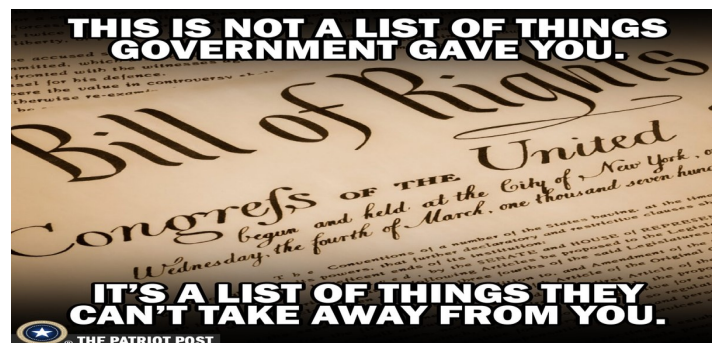
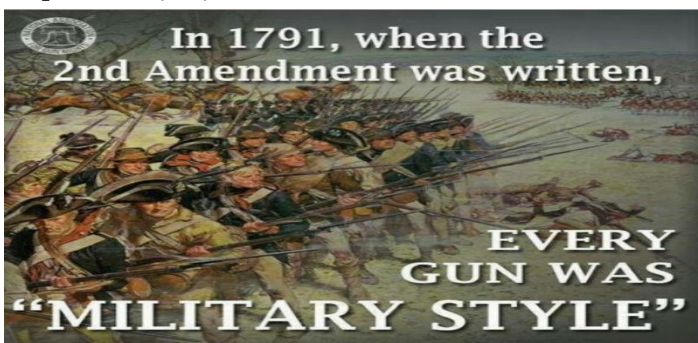
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