

Addressing Myth and Misinformation

By Larry "Lorenzo" Swickard
Part 1

"Imagine the deaths if the shooter [Las Vegas] had a silencer, which the NRA wants to make easier to get. Our grief isn't enough. We can and must put politics aside, stand up to the NRA, and work together to try to stop this from happening again."
Hillary Clinton¹

"Durn tootin', great shootin'. Cool dude sertain' he's 2nd Mendment rahts. Hell yeah! Every country has its psychopaths. In US they have guns." [Mocking misspellings in the original].²
Richard Dawkins, author and famous atheist.

*"The NRA, a vile organization with a sinister, deadly grip on America's lawmakers, bought Trump's silence when they backed him during the election campaign."*³
Piers Morgan

*"After Sandy Hook and Las Vegas, what is the rationale for any civilian owning an assault rifle and high capacity magazine?"*⁴
Barbara Streisand

*"How long do we let gun violence tear families apart? Enough. Congress & the WH should act now to save lives. There's no excuse for inaction."*⁵
Joe Biden, former Vice President

*"I'm not an ordained minister; I'm not a theologian, but these guys [NRA] are going to hell."*⁶
Lily Eskelsen Garcia, sixth grade teacher, Utah, and Vice President National Education Association [NEA] the nation's largest teacher's union.

Local television news reporters at times refer to semiautomatic rifles as "assault weapons," say guns "go off accidentally," infer AR15s are capable of full-automatic fire, use the phrase "gun violence," and/or display background screen icons (Browning High Power for example) in reports on violent assaults even when the weapon used was a knife. If journalists are going to bang on authoritatively about something, shouldn't they know what they're talking about? Shouldn't they use proper terminology? After all, for many people the news is their sole source of information. Improper use of terms can confuse and mislead the public with respect to laws, regulations, and the types of firearms owned by citizens. I've dropped notes to journalists apprising them of this and responses were cordial. One in particular, Chris, agreed news reports use biased terminology. He revealed incorrect terms with respect to firearms are actually provided through press releases by police Public Information Officers relative to a crime under investigation and in scripts written by producers. Journalists are also guided by playbooks listing approved vocabulary reflecting political bias. For example abortion supporters are called "Pro-Choice" even though the choice promoted is abortion and opponents, who call themselves Pro-Life, are instead labeled "Anti-Abortion" or "Anti-Choice" hardly neutral or objective. Chris was chastised by his boss for saying "illegal alien" instead of the approved term "undocumented immigrant." Job security forces compliance.⁷

Perhaps at no time in American history has the meaning of words mattered more. Consider how for the past 50+ years the Left's agenda driven political ideology has shaped America. Their control over public education is monolithic, they own pop-culture, the movie, music, and entertainment industries, dominate print and broadcast journalism, influence Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish denominations, and have invaded professional sports. They write the narrative and point of view allowed to be taught to such a degree, classrooms are little more than indoctrination centers. As a teacher I came up against the Liberal's hegemonic sway over what kids are taught and their 'Edstapo' goons on constant prowl for heretics and dissenters. There are ways of being burned at the stake without using fire. Spoon feeding a biased curriculum to an unknowing gullible captive audience is bad enough but what might be worse is what they leave out. Political Correctness, invented by Stalin,⁸ dictates

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

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- 1. Counter the designs of malicious legislators.
2. Confront the media's twisted portrayals of gun rights issues.
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what kids are taught on every issue from global warming, immigration, economics, the Constitution, and gender bending, to the meaning of the 2nd Amendment. Not taught the other side? They don't even know one exists!

For years I've warned regardless of how many 2nd Amendment victories are won, America is always a mass shooting and Supreme Court appointments away from losing everything. Fewer Americans than ever today grow up exposed to firearms whether through hunting, target practice, or competition. Their source for information on firearms comes from pop-culture, news and social media, and public education all dominated by liberals hostile to the 2nd Amendment. At some point in their life, an individual is responsible for searching out the truth on any issue. But it doesn't work that way. Americans are too intellectually lazy to bother. Rather than the rebuke so richly deserved for indolent self-inflicted ignorance, with patience and perseverance the great-unwashed must be educated. Hence this primer. Based on statements in the news and social media, to some degree non-gun owners seem to believe anyone can walk into a gun store, hand over cash, and walk out with a firearm. Is this true?

Only those legally eligible can purchase firearms and only in the state of their residence. Age requirements apply; 18 for rifles and shotguns, 21 for handguns, and they must present a valid drivers' license. If expired, suspended, revoked, or they moved without updating the address on their license, purchase is denied. So everything is in order, can they now buy a gun? No. They must complete federal form 4473 providing identifying information; name; date and place of birth, social security number, and so forth. Next they're required to answer a series of questions including who is the actual purchaser of the firearm. Buying it for someone else, a "straw-purchase," is prohibited. Additional questions include; are they a convicted felon, under felony indictment, a fugitive from justice, drug user, dishonorably discharged from the military, renounced their citizenship, in the country illegally, not a U.S. citizen, subject to a restraining order, or if they have been convicted of domestic violence (misdemeanor or not). A yes answer to these questions means they cannot buy a firearm. An untruthful answer is a felony punishable by federal prison, fines, and loss of the right to own firearms, vote, and hold state or federal jobs...forever. Suppose they lie?

Once form 4473 is completed and signed by a customer, gun stores must call the F.B.I.'s National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS). Police agencies, and the military provide information on prohibited individuals to the F.B.I. who, in turn, enter it into a centralized data base. Upon receiving a request for authorization to sell a gun from a Federal Firearms License (FFL) holder, the F.B.I. searches its data base determining if the intended purchaser is not legally prohibited. It's the F.B.I. who authorizes or denies sales. Suppose a buyer has no criminal record but is mentally unstable? Information on those adjudicated through a legal process as "mentally defective" or having been institutionalized, is also entered into the F.B.I.'s data base and they will be denied purchase. Can't an FFL just skip all this?

Commercial gun sales can only be made by FFLs. Information on each firearm they receive through purchase, trade, and so forth, must be entered into a logbook along with information as to whom it is ultimately sold. Logbooks are subject to random inspection by the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco, and Firearms [BATF]. Whether storefront or homebased, FFLs must be able to account for every gun. Data entry discrepancies may lead to revocation of the FFL and felony prosecution. If the business is sold or closes, logbooks and all 4473 forms are transferred to the BATF, a form of registration. If denied purchase at a gun store, can't prohibited persons buy firearms at gun shows through some kind of "loophole?"

Gun show promoters lease venues for their events in turn renting space to FFLs, often gun stores. All laws and requirements with respect to buying and selling guns apply at gun shows. Private sales may occur but typically comprise hunting rifles and shotguns and relics. Police officers and AFT Agents are often on hand supervising compliance. Only a miniscule number of criminals purchase firearms at gun shows. Typically they obtain them through burglary and theft. Background check or not, can't people walk in and out of gun stores with machine guns?

In 1934, Congress passed the National Firearms Act [NFA] regulating various firearms and devices commonly known as "silencers," but its main focus was submachine guns, those capable of firing continuously with one pull of the trigger. Submachine guns were not banned. Instead, owners paid a \$200 stamp tax and registered the firearm with the federal government.⁹ The Gun Control Act [GCA] of 1968 was interpreted by the BATF to prohibit the importation of fully automatic firearms by civilians. In 1986, the GCA was amended by the Hughes Amendment (Representative Charles Hughes, Democrat New Jersey) prohibiting civilian possession of full-automatic firearms manufactured after 19 May, 1986. To sell and or purchase firearms covered by the GCA, individuals apply for and obtain a special license from and register the firearm with the federal government paying required fees.¹⁰ Title I FFL's pay a Special Occupation Tax to sell full-automatic firearms. This elevates them to title III hence the common but inaccurate term "class III license." GCA applicants must meet all legal requirements for ownership, submit to a 6 to 12 month BATF criminal background investigation, provide finger print cards and passport sized photos, pay a \$200 stamp tax, and register the firearm with the BATF. Because no full-automatic guns produced after May of 1986 may be sold to civilians, their pool is extremely limited translating into stratospheric prices.¹¹ The idea, as my son says, that "some edgy teenager" can afford one is preposterous. Although not an edgy teenager, add me to the preposterous list.

Not every gun owner in America supports let alone belongs to the NRA, not even close. Nevertheless, when the Left attacks and besmirches them, they serve as a surrogate for all gun-owners and that means you. It's our job to educate family, friends, and neighbors.

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⁶ Todd Woodward, Editor, "Downrange: 'Teacher, Leave Gun Guys Alone,'" *Gun Tests* 8 (August, 2013), 2. Lily Eskelsen Garcia is the vice president of the National Education Association, America's largest teacher's union which is also a major donor and supporter of the Democrat Party. She was speaking before a Netroots Nation Conference attended by 3,000 "progressive activists" leaders in the drive to forge a Leftwing consensus in public education curriculum in the classroom and political activism without.

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¹¹ NFA Class II Weapons at <http://www.oldglorygunsandammo.com>. A brief online check found average prices for used pre1986 Colt M16s going for \$31,000 to \$39,000 thousand dollars. Others were Price On Request, Yeah, that's right. Only The Best Guns at <http://www.onlythebestfirearms.com/nfa1.html>

LIBERTY NOTES

By Kevin L. Jamison

It is a good day for Liberty.

A 'documentary' called *American Rifle* concerns the AR 15. Like many such "documentaries" it includes some comments for our side but the overall effect is heavily slanted. At one point it implies that AR 15's inflict more severe wounds than shotguns. This is a function of the cartridge, not the rifle. The cartridge makes different wounds than shotguns. The round tumbles in the wound, other rounds do as well. The 5.56mm/.223 bullet is about the width of a pencil. To say that it is more deadly than a shotgun slug nearly 3/4 of an inch in diameter, or a buckshot pattern the size of a fist is ballistic nonsense. Still, a lie told often enough becomes part of the popular culture. To this day J. Edgar Hoover pops up in TV references as a drag queen. The evidence for this is the claim of an unreliable witness who hated Hoover. She claimed that she saw him in a dress with street hustlers in a hotel. It is absurd to think that the intensely private Hoover would disport himself in a place where he could be seen; with company likely to blackmail him. None of his bodyguards has ever reported homosexual behavior. There would have been money in it for them if they had. The media would have welcomed any stories about Hoover that would have been denounced as homophobia in any other context.

A police officer carried an AR-15 with an ejection port cover with the slogan, "You're _____." This is a family newsletter and we cannot quote verbatim. The slogan was only visible after the weapon was fired but his superiors thought that it was inappropriate, and so do I. I have seen samples of these aftermarket ejection port covers. I would never use one. If I obtained a rifle with such an ejection port cover I would remove it. Even if the thing said "Peace on Earth Good Will Towards Men" it would be gone at the first opportunity. I know lawyers. They will spin meanings and not to your benefit. Yes, I can defend such things, but making my job harder is not a way to stay out of prison or bankruptcy. It is bad enough that gun companies name their products "Cobra," "Python," "Pitbull," and so forth. I have a Charter Arms "Bulldog." This is style of revolver which has been around since fixed ammunition. I could defend it as a traditional style. It would be harder to justify a "Punisher" skull logo or Confederate grips. I could give all the arguments about states' rights and a client's Confederate ancestors but a jury would not believe me.

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Names mean something. My father told me that as a boy he had a puppy called "Rolly-Polly." When it grew to a 60 pound bulldog they changed its name to "Butch."

I've seen graduates of Citizens Police Academies arrested for doing things they learned there.

I've seen an excellent video "Cartel Land." It is a documentary about Dr. Jose Mireles and his Mexican Autodefensas militia. It spends significant time on Tim "Nailer" Foley's Arizona Border Recon, which it treats fairly. The Autodefensas are a group of citizen militias determined to drive drug cartels out of their communities. They are opposed by the cartels and the Mexican government out of corruption and jealousy that they intrude on government power. The Autodefensa weapons include Mini 14s, AKs many obviously full auto, FAL, extended magazine pump shotguns, AR-15 or 16 rifles, some hunting rifles, .22's, an old Mauser, and pistols, primarily 1911s. The militia loots cartel homes which looks bad. It is very easy to slip from stealing back, to just stealing. It generates opposition from locals. In one sequence the Army disarms the militia. Then locals confront the Army with sticks and the Army retreats. The government offers to "legalize" them as Rural Forces but insists they must first disarm. The issue divides the militia. There are demonstrations with signs citing Mexico's Second Amendment. Mexico has one but it is casually ignored. The government issued the Rural Forces new registered rifles. This seems encouraging but it is not. In the documentary's last scene, a man in Rural Forces shirt makes meth. The Militia's founder is in a maximum-security prison on weapons charges.

The MVACA Gun Show will be at the KCI Expo Center on 28-29 July, 2018.

There was a non-massacre in a Wal Mart. The killer began shooting. Citizens pulled guns. The killer ran. The police complained they had to review security video for hours to determine which armed person was killer. It is much easier if the killer is last one standing.

Bob, WMSA treasurer, finds the Citizens Bank & Trust very gun friendly. Save up for that AR with them.

In an article about violence in Lawrence Kansas a woman is quoted, "You put a gun in someone's hand and you get angry." This is nonsense as well as ungrammatical. I carry on a daily basis and I'm not mad at anyone. Another person asks why a 20 year old has a gun. Claiming that the presence of a gun causes violence is the voodoo theory of crime; an inanimate object controls human behavior.

With the explosion of revelations of sexual abuse I am astounded to see an article stating women die of heart attacks more often than men because bystanders do not want to do CPR. It seems that there is a reluctance to touch a woman's breasts. CPR instructors advise that the procedure involves pushing BETWEEN the breasts. Experts say that a little sexual abuse is better than death. Although it must be noted that none of these experts has ever died, which puts their expertise in question. Lawyers advise that it is not sexual abuse unless done for sexual excitement. Common sense says that when there is a question; choose life. There is a great song to that effect in "Fiddler on the Roof."

Jay Anger from Springfield has joined Missourians for Personal Safety, the umbrella group for grass roots gun activists. I worked with Jay during an election. He was working with NRA-ILA. He asked for advice and I told him "Don't kill and eat people." He thought this was odd advice. It is really very simple. You can kill people under certain circumstances and it is the defense of justification. You can eat people under certain circumstances like the Donner Party and the soccer team that crashed in the Andes. It is when you do both that people get upset. Alfred Packer, one of Colorado's earliest and hungriest residents was snowed in with his partners. He was convicted of killing and eating them. A famous case involved survivors of a sunken ship starving in a lifeboat. They drew lots and the cabin boy lost big. When rescued they were arrested, tried and convicted. The case has always put me off gambling. The moral of the story is under extreme circumstances extreme behavior is forgiven. Extremely extreme behavior may not be. As a practical matter; advocate for the widespread possession of semi-automatic rifles. Don't wear a T-shirt with a skull on it when you do; that is going too far.

An Ax throwing business exists at 1101 Mulberry St in the West bottoms of Kansas City. It's called Blade and Timber. For \$20 an hour one can throw an ax at a target. Instructors exist to assist the novice. It is said to be popular in Canada. I bet the people in the Zombie shows wish they had patronized such a facility.

We shall overcome.

Leftists' ultimate goal: "Ultimately, if gun-control advocates really want to stanch the blood, there's no way around it: They'll have to persuade more people of the need to confiscate millions of those firearms, as radical as that idea may now seem." —The Boston Globe's David Scharfenberg in his piece, "Hand over your weapons"

"Perhaps the president should reissue his executive order and say that all immigrants and refugees coming into the country must undergo more severe background checks just in case they want to purchase a firearm. The Left would really be in a bind then!" —Gary Bauer

"Since when have we Americans been expected to bow submissively to authority and speak with awe and reverence to those who represent us?" —Justice William O. Douglas



RIGHTS AND RIFLES*K. L. Jamison*

On 6 November, 2017 MSNBC held a panel discussion on what they thought were our gun rights. Bret Stephens, a *Times* opinion writer, said: "I think it—there's a romantic notion that somehow if Leviathan comes to take everything you have, you're still going to have a gun with which to protect yourself. I'd like, I'd like conservatives to point to a single instance – what is it, the Whiskey Rebellion, was it the Brinks robbery, other acts of political violence in the United States, where conservatives who are saying they used their guns to protect their liberties? You won't find a single instance of that."

He is, of course, as wrong as he can possibly be. In the Mid-1830's Rhode Island confined voting rights to the wealthy. A small uprising caused the government to live up to the principles of the Revolution. Throughout the 19th century there were land disputes between settlers and more powerful interests. History records these disputes as wars of this or that county. On 29 December, 1890 a group of Sioux were rounded up at Wounded Knee to be returned to the reservation. It was thought best to disarm them. A warrior named Black Coyote declared "This is my rifle. It cost a great deal of money and I have done nothing wrong." There was a struggle, a shot, then many shots, then cannon fire, then massacre. It would be forbidden to sell guns on Indian Reservations until the 1970's.

In the twentieth century there were battles over the right to unionize. In one case the National Guard was called out to arrest leaders of a miner's union. The union lawyer brought a writ of habeas corpus which forced the National Guard to produce them in federal court. The judge ordered them released. The National Guard commander laughed at the judge and marched the union organizers back to prison. Someone said, "I guess we're not going by the constitution anymore." That is a stupid thing to tell men who make their living with dynamite. The miners began gathering guns. The state decided the rule of law was not so bad after all and backed down.

In 1922 a mob in Rosewood Florida began burning the homes of African-American residents and killing them as they fled. The mob came to the home of a Black man who was the best shot in the county. Suddenly it wasn't fun anymore. There is a reasonably accurate movie of the event called "Rosewood."

In 1925 Dr. Ossian Sweet (African American) bought a house in a white neighborhood of Detroit. A mob attacked the house, to the studied disinterest of local police. The Sweet family fired at the mob and suddenly keeping the peace became important.

In 1946 a Reform Party organized in Athens Tennessee to throw out the corrupt political machine. The machine responded by beating up poll watchers and seizing the ballot boxes. It is hard to intimidate men who had just returned from the Second World War. In the near documentary Hallmark movie "American Story" one of the machine members is alarmed to notice that farmers with shotguns were surrounding their headquarters. The machine candidates fled across the county line and justice was restored. Jews for the Preservation of Firearms Ownership has a wonderful account of this battle.

Condoleezza Rice recounts an episode of her youth when KKK riders terrorized her neighborhood. The neighborhood Fathers organized an NRA gun club which entitled them to get guns and ammunition from the (now) Civilian Marksmanship Program. The next time the klukkars tried to terrorize her neighborhood, it wasn't fun anymore.

In the 1960's Civil Rights workers routinely carried guns or someone carried them for the workers. When Reverend Martin Luther King came to organize or Thurgood Marshal to defend in court they often slept in churches while armed parishioners stood guard. In Louisiana the Deacons for Defense provided armed defense for the Civil Rights movement. They made no bones over their ability to make bones. It is said that some of the Deacons worked on the docks and some ships departed for Viet Nam short part of their cargo.

"Certainly one of the chief guarantees of freedom under any government, no matter how popular and respected, is the right of citizens to keep and bear arms. This is not to say that firearms should not be very carefully used, and that definite safety rules of precaution should not be taught and enforced. But the right of citizens to bear arms is just one more guarantee against arbitrary government, one more safeguard against tyranny which now appears remote in America, but which historically has proved to be always possible." Hubert H. Humphrey *Guns Magazine* ("Know Your Lawmakers," *Guns Magazine*, Feb. 1960).

Some of us remember that Vice President Humphrey was a pretty liberal Democrat.
I thank-you for the honor of being your president.



2018 Legislative Goals

On October 28th Board members from GCLA, WMSA and representative met in Columbia to discuss and set out legislative goals for next year.

At the meeting of October 28 the following items were selected to pursue in the 2018 legislative session:

Carry on public transport. This is our number one goal.

Get confiscated guns returned faster and institute penalty for confiscation. This can be accomplished by amending the law which will allow persons to sue for return of property in small claims court.

Concealed carry permits to replace NIC.

CCW renewals mandatory after maximum processing time. This will nullify the practice of sheriff offices delaying renewals until the last moment or later.

Outlaw employer discrimination for gun ownership. Parking lot protection. Forbid vehicle inspection as condition of employment.

Campus carry.

Gun safety class in public schools. It was recommended that we pursue this through our general membership action on an individual basis with each school board members. This is a news letter item.

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The meeting was called to order by President Kevin Jamison and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The prize in the next raffle was presented, a .22 caliber Ruger Mark IV Tactical pistol with a fake suppressor and 650 rounds of ammunition. The drawing for this will be at the R&K Gun Show in January, 2018.

Kevin introduced Mike Cierpiot as our guest speaker. Mike is running as a Republican for the 8th District seat in the Missouri Senate. Mike is running against Hillary Shields, a Democrat and Jacob Turk, an Independent. Mike has the endorsement of the National Rifle Association and is pro-life.

Kevin mentioned an article in Nation Magazine that says women cannot defend themselves with guns. Legitimate studies have proven this is not the case.

Kevin also reported that Uber fired one of its drivers for shooting a man that was firing a gun into a crowd, saving many would be victims.

Bob Hanson, Treasurer, reported that WMSA had \$5,121.06 in the bank and that we cleared about \$800 from the last raffle.

It was reported that the better location for our table at the R&K Gun Shows has helped us immensely as people leaving have to pass right by us. Also, we will have a table at Bass Pro October 14, 2017 from about 10:00 AM to 2:30 PM.

Kevin called for nominations to fill the 3 expiring seats on the Board of Directors. Board members whose term had expired were Kevin Jamison, Larry Swickard, and Bob Hanson. No nominations were forthcoming and a motion was made to re-elect the three members by acclamation. The motion was seconded, there was no discussion, and it was approved unanimously.

Kevin reported that some opposed to the Second Amendment are promoting Gun Violence Protective Orders. Oregon has passed a law allowing this and it is spreading. Anyone can file a suit against another claiming that person cannot possess a gun because they pose a threat to others. This is a civil action, which has a lower standard of proof than a criminal action and is much easier to make. This has little to no chance of becoming law in Missouri as long as Republicans hold majorities in both the Senate and the House. Kevin urged everyone to be vigilant and oppose any measure that diminishes the Second Amendment.

There was discussion regarding the Violence Policy Center. It was brought up that this is a bogus organization whose purpose is to oppose and attack the Second Amendment.

Carl Smart made a presentation on our support of an Amicus Brief filed in an effort to overturn a Maryland law banning semi-automatic rifles and high capacity magazines.

It was reported that Target Time gun range in Blue Springs rents fully automatic weapons and offers a half price promotion on Fridays.

Kevin reported that the meeting with GCLA to discuss the initiatives we want to push for in the Missouri Legislature is up in the air right now. Kevin wants to include Kerry Messer and it is a matter of coordinating schedules.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

William W. Bland
Recording Secretary



Gabby Giffords's Gun Control Group Releases Report Warning of Muzzleloaders, Other Firearms

'Cue the .50 caliber muzzleloader, which delivers a particularly lethal .50 caliber round'

BY: Stephen Gutowski

Former congresswoman Gabby Giffords's gun control group released a report on Wednesday warning of the dangers of muzzle loading rifles, a number of other firearms, and some firearms accessories and calling for new gun control measures targeting the devices.

The group, which recently changed its name from Americans for Responsible Solutions to Giffords, said in a release its report was intended to identify "extremely lethal firearms and devices" that it believes skirt current firearms laws. "Giffords—the gun violence organization founded by former Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords and her husband, combat veteran and retired NASA astronaut, Captain Mark Kelly—are calling on Congress to update federal gun laws so these accessories can't turn a firearm into a military-style weapon," the group said in a statement.

The report includes nine examples of firearms or firearms products the group feels are a danger to society. The list includes certain kinds of ammunition, trigger devices that increase the rate of fire of a semi-automatic rifle, what the group describes as "high capacity shotguns," AK and AR style pistols with stabilizing braces, and muzzleloaders. The group said the gun industry is attempting to circumvent the National Firearms Act (NFA) and other federal gun laws through the manufacture of each of the products.

Muzzleloaders, the group said, are dangerous because they are specifically exempted from the NFA and it accuses the gun industry of trying to exploit that exemption.

"These laws prohibit convicted felons and other dangerous people from possessing guns, require gun retailers to be licensed, and require licensed retailers to conduct background checks on purchasers," the report said. "There is one blanket exception to these laws, however: the exception for antique firearms, including muzzleloaders. The gun industry is determined to exploit this exception."

Muzzleloaders, which require gunpowder and a projectile to be manually loaded down barrel of the firearm before each shot, and other antique firearms are exempt from the NFA. The antique firearm exemption applies to "any firearm not intended or redesigned for using rim fire or conventional center fire ignition with fixed ammunition and manufactured in or before 1898 and also any firearm using fixed ammunition manufactured in or before 1898, for which ammunition is no longer manufactured in the United States and is not readily available in the ordinary channels of commercial trade," according to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives.

The group views the centuries-old firearms technology, which was rendered obsolete shortly after the Civil War due to advancements in self-contained ammunition cartridges and semi-automatic; self-loading firearms, as dangerous because a silencer can legally be attached to it without the paperwork or tax stamp associated with other firearms silencers.

"Cue the .50 caliber muzzleloader, which delivers a particularly lethal .50 caliber round," the report said. "This weapon is designed with a built-in device to suppress its sound. If any other firearm were built with such a device, it would be subject to the NFA as a silencer. But since this device is designed to suppress the sound of something that is exempt from federal firearms laws, it is not considered a silencer and not subject to the NFA. In fact, it is not subject to any laws at all and can be bought online."

The group called on Congress to take action and pass new laws restricting muzzleloaders and the other products outlined in the report.

"Before bump stocks were used to kill 58 people and maim hundreds of others enjoying an outdoor concert, most Americans had never heard of the device," David Chipman, a Giffords senior policy adviser, said in a statement. Congress has the responsibility to look forward not just backward. It's time for them to show courage and leadership by drawing a line in the sand and saying they will defend the safety of Americans over an industry trying to line its pockets."

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Campus carry law to be discussed at Missouri State forum

The event is being co-hosted by Missouri State University and took place the evening of Nov. 27.

Backers of the campus carry bill say they don't want to change the bill – but are willing to talk about it.

Firearms laws are the topic of a planned discussion at Missouri State University featuring two state lawmakers.

"Where should, and shouldn't, guns be allowed? What restrictions should be placed on gun ownership?" asks a news release. "These are questions that have been hotly debated in Missouri and across the nation."

Taylor carried a bill last session to allow people with permits for carrying concealed weapons to bring firearms into places now considered gun-free zones, such as colleges, bars, casinos, churches and hospitals. Taylor and others have said gun-free zones are dangerous because they create easy targets.

Taylor and Quade both said campus carry – which is part of Taylor's bill, and which Quade opposes – was one topic they expected to come up.

Missouri is one of 16 states that ban concealed weapons on campus, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Taylor's bill was passed by a committee last year but did not make it to the House floor. He said he planned to refile that bill with some small changes.

Elizabeth Dudash-Buskirk, a socio-political communication professor at MSU and the event organizer, said potential nuances up for debate include the level of control individual schools could have and the differences between college, high school and elementary school.

Other gun-related proposals from last session included bills that would:

Allow people who are authorized to carry firearms to sue businesses that prohibit guns on their premises if injured in a gun-free zone (Rep. Nick Schroer, R-O'Fallon)

Create a specific docket in a Kansas City-area court for people charged with weapons offenses (Rep. Kevin Corlew, R-Kansas City)

Require people who lose a gun to report the loss or theft of the firearm to local law enforcement within three days (Rep. Bruce Franks, D-St. Louis)

Criminalize the sale of guns to anyone on the fed-

eral No Fly List (Rep. Doug Beck, D-St. Louis County)

Require all firearm sales and transfers to be conducted through licensed firearm dealers (Rep. Stacey Newman, D-St. Louis County)

Prevent sales of firearm ammunition to minors (Newman)

Require people to obtain permits from their local sheriff before buying a gun (Newman)

Allow people who do not properly secure firearms to be charged with endangering the welfare of a child (Newman)

Put limits on firearms possession for people guilty of domestic violence offenses (Newman)

Require people who buy firearms to meet with people affected by gun violence and other provisions (Newman)

Allow federally-licensed firearms dealers to skip running a background check when selling to people with valid CCW permits (Rep. Andrew McDaniel, R-Deering)

Allow lawful gun-owners to store and transport firearms in private vehicles parked in garages or lots and exempt them from legal liability (Rep. Justin Hill, R-Lake St. Louis)

Bar people convicted of or subject to court orders related to domestic violence from owning guns (McCreery)

Create an income tax deduction up to \$500 for the cost of firearms education (Rep. Steven Roberts, D-St. Louis)

Decriminalize possession of a concealed firearm in certain locations (Moon)

Make it a crime to fail to prevent illegal gun possession or notify a school of firearm ownership (Sen. Maria Chappelle-Nadal, D-University City)

Make it a felony to sell a handgun without waiting a day or receiving the results of a criminal background

Editors Note: All the bills listed were from the 2017 Legislative session. Many will be refiled for 2018 and we will be watching them. We have not heard anything resulting from the forum.

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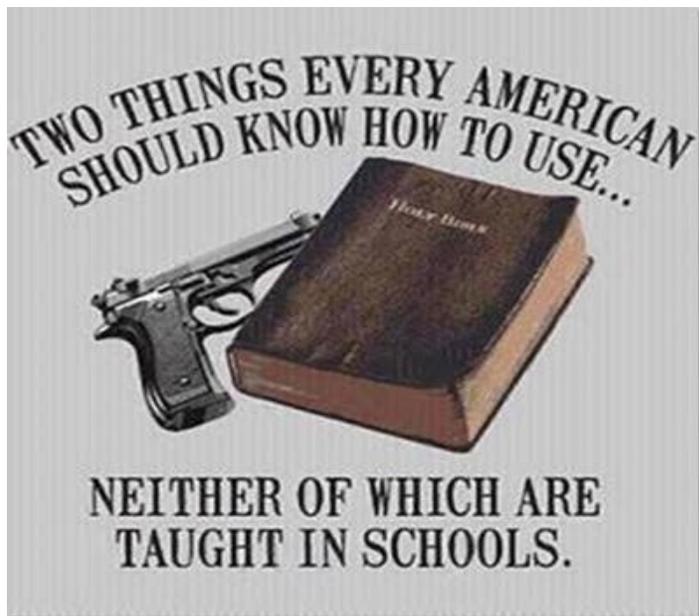
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