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Why They Fought
Personal Responsibility For One's Safety Cannot Be Delegated
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"I have heard it asserted by some, that as America hath flourished under her former connexion (sic) with Great Britain, that the same connexion (sic) is necessary toward her future happiness, and will always have the same effect. Nothing could be more fallacious that this kind of argument. We may as well assert that because a child has thrived upon milk, that it is never to have meat, or that the first twenty years of our lives is to become a precedent for the next twenty."¹
Thomas Paine, Common Sense

"Compromises with respect to liberty constitute a devil's stew of contradictions, self-delusions, lies, and sell-outs with a healthy dash of hypocrisy thrown in. Once served, its cooks congratulate one another on making democracy work."²
Author

Occasionally I encounter Millennials walking unleashed dogs (never when it's cold) on hiking trails. Canine ownership seems to be their larval stage preceding having a first child. At that point the female of the species compels the male to surrender his dream, a cherry red Corvette parked in the garage, for a minivan or SUV large enough to haul around several football teams. Naturally it's decked out with stick figure family graphics and *Child-On-Board* decals all the rage in California back in the 80s. As they approach invariably they yell their dogs won't hurt me. I manage a polite smile but this irks me. And why is that? Think about it. They are declaring my safety depends on their good intentions and those of the dogs (they always have two). I am at their mercy. Inherent in this assertion is the converse; if the dogs are ill-tempered, I'll be hurt. One cannot claim to be both free and safe if either is hostage to the benevolence of others, two-legged or otherwise, and you have no say in the matter. On the contrary, a free person's safety is dependent on no one's promise of good intentions. God-given rights, including life, depend on an individual's ability and willingness to defend them. One cannot delegate to others responsibility for their own safety, let alone freedom, and still claim to be a free citizen. Instead, they are subjects. America's founding fathers knew this well. They did not rely on the good graces of neighbors and governments to safeguard liberty and protect them. They took responsibility for both unwilling to relinquish it to others. They wouldn't understand calling 911, hiding, and waiting for the police to arrive, shelter-in-place, lock-downs, or schools training teachers to protect students from terrorists by throwing staplers and dictionaries at them. They looked to this themselves. Millennials have been raised by the *Do-Over Participation-Trophy Neosporin-Generation* teaching kids guns are bad and to hide cowering in terror from bad guys and bullies until the police, with grief-counselors in tow, finally arrive. As to promises someone's dog won't hurt me, I'm tempted to reply, "How fortunate for your dogs."³ What does this have to do with why Americans fought the War of Independence?

A recent *National Geographic* program (April, 2017) featured a reporter professing surprise at the number of guns owned by Americans especially possession of "military style" weapons (AR15). You mean the U.S. government trusts the average citizen to own AR15s? Was the reporter's reaction based on historical ignorance or stupidity? How would she react if informed Americans in 1776 not only were armed to the teeth, but owned the same weapons extant among the most modern armies on the planet? Instead of relying on a national standing army to defeat the British, men from all walks of life took it upon themselves to take care of the task themselves. They were successful.

As opposed to monarchs and emperors, people deciding for themselves if, who, when, and how to fight, is spelled L-I-B-E-R-T-Y. Don't they teach this history in school anymore? *Public Dis-education's* message of cower and cry, reinforced by Leftist pop-culture and *gonadophobic* Liberal politicians, helps explain why notions of self-reliance with respect to personal safety, instead of on neighbors, the police, or the military is so alien to shelter-in-place Millennials. How would liberals, especially Millennials have responded to the British military invasion of Boston? Locked down all schools, rounded up and confiscated privately owned firearms, and convened touchy-feely group-grope workshops where hand-wringing participants confessed collective guilt in provoking and deserving British violence. Rush

Limbaugh would be blamed, the NRA denounced, CO2 emitting torches banned, evidence of homo-phobia uncovered, and I'd be fired. Grief counselors would be on hand passing out primal-cry hankies and wild-caught free-range tofu burgers for lunch.

Time to sum up what has been learned so far; at the time of the Revolution, Americans were for the most part devoutly Christian, literate, accustomed to republican self-rule, and private ownership of firearms was so widespread as to be an unremarkable aspect of everyday life, urban or rural. From the early 1600s, colonists were

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

WHAT TIME'S THE UPRISING?

A tactical instructor declared that there would be a time to shoot the agents of a tyrannical government. When asked, he was unable to define the circumstances which justified gunfire. Neither can I and I think that must be a good thing. In the wake of the attack on Republican lawmakers and continued threats by leftist thugs, smug commentators and performers against the President the subject deserves some thought.

I recall some bumper stickers to the effect that the Founding Fathers would be shooting people by now. An examination of the Founders' justification for rebellion is in order. The Declaration of Independence lists twenty-seven categories of crimes against Americans. It objects to the King declaring Americans out of his protection and waging cruel war against them. No one has declared us out of the government's protection or waged war against us. There have been questionable police shootings and some politicians want a significant number of us in jail; but no general war. The other charges are revoking the charters that allow the colonies to govern themselves, denying fair trials, obstructing local government, making the military superior to civil power and quartering large bodies of troops, imposing taxes without our consent, and creating a multitude of new offices to be paid for by Americans. There is a charge that the King refuses to encourage people to immigrate to America; not a problem today.

Many of these complaints are echoed today in government bureaucracy and abuse of authority. But these are only echoes. These echoes are much different than arbitrary authority from a distant quarter and martial law to enforce it.

The Declaration states that Americans have complained and petitioned for redress of these grievances to no avail. Today we complain and petition. We do not always get our way, but we are heard and increasingly win.



LIBERTY NOTES

By Kevin L. Jamison

The Founders complained of taxation without representation and laws passed without their input. They would be horrified at the amount of taxes *with* representation but Franklin would have said something to the effect that we created a big government with a huge appetite. The last election has demonstrated that we have the power to alter our course and replace our leaders. Such tyranny as we have is taken to court and the legislature and we enjoy increasing success.

This does not mean that there are not local tyrannies by private gangs or government. The restraining influence of an armed population continues to be a valuable check on government on the later and a cure for the former. The time for the uprising need not be set. Persons whose watches run a little fast need to be restrained.

Our time is better spent at the Missouri Valley Arms Collectors gunshow on 28-30 July 2017 at the KCI Expo Center, 11730 N. Ambassador Dr. KCMo 64153, near the airport. This show is half museum and half the largest gun store in Missouri. There will be modern and antique guns you will see nowhere else. We will have the drawing for our AR-15 style pistol. I thank you for the honor of being your president.

"Everywhere you look, people are mistaking inconvenient facts for insults. Every single day, people are taking offense at disagreement and confusing rights (and presidential prerogatives) and science for moral authority. It's a hothouse where the air is thick with hypocrisy because arguments are downstream of feelings — and where facts are so much flair to don or discard depending on what lifestyle you want to adopt and what virtues you want to signal. In short, it's a very stupid time."

—Jonah Goldberg

It is a good day for Liberty.

In the medieval epic *Beowulf*, Grendal is a monster who terrorizes the countryside. He is killed by the hero Beowulf. But Grendal has a mother who loves him and is a monster in her own right. There are consequences. Even monsters have families and friends. They may not have talons and fangs but they can tell monstrous lies.

There has been rash of shootings in Kansas City. A leader of one of our local anti-violence groups blames the new law allowing concealed carry. She claims that everyone went out and bought a gun. This is contrary to the experience of retailers who have seen a slump in sales since the election. I suspect that she is assuming facts and then claiming that they are evidence.

A cure for sickle cell anemia has been reported. Sickle cell anemia, as I understand it, is a genetic linked illness and is a side effect of a resistance to malaria. In life one takes the bad with the good.

The last GI killed in WW I was a German-American. He was killed by a German shell. Family fights are the worst.

I spoke to a man who was in a store when he heard a shot. At first he thought that a pallet had fallen; but then there were more. He had left his gun in the car so took his wife's gun. I can see this leading to a struggle over a purse but she went with it. He took cover and waited. His wife was on the phone to 911. It was resolved without him. Taking the gun from his wife was legal, but should have been unnecessary and the fodder for a family dispute. If he had seen someone coming down the aisle he could not legally fire until he identified the bad guy and the bad guy was doing very bad things at the time the good guy fired.

Ruger Mk IV Pistol Recall: Ruger recently discovered that all Mark IV pistols (including 22/45 models) manufactured prior to June 1, 2017 have the potential to discharge unintentionally if the safety is not utilized correctly. In particular, if the trigger is pulled while the safety lever is midway between the "safe" and "fire" positions (that is, the safety is not fully engaged or fully disengaged), then the pistol may not fire when the trigger is pulled. However, if the trigger is released and the safety lever is then moved from the mid position to the "fire" position, the pistol may fire at that time... All Mark IV pistols produced prior to June 1, 2017 are potentially affected and therefore are being recalled. This includes Mark IV Target, Hunter, Competition, 22/45, 22/45 Lite and 22/45 Tactical models. These models bear serial numbers beginning with "401" (2017 models) or "WBR" (2016 models)... Anyone with such a pistol should contact Ruger for warranty work.

Update on the VCDL-Katie Couric Lawsuit. Katie Couric did a "documentary" on guns. In the course of this she interviewed members of the Virginia Citizens Defense League (VCDL) a grassroots gun owner organization. She asked member why they opposed background checks. The members responded with a number of objections. That is not what appeared in the documentary. Ms. Couric spliced in a segment of tape taken before interview began in which the members were silent. The implication being that they could articulate no opposition to background checks. VCDL sued but the judge granted summary judgement. The judge reviewed the taped answers given and decided they were not different than complete silence and dismissed the lawsuit. I believe that silence is quite different from a verbal answer. In an arson case I subpoenaed a witness and asked if he had set the fire. The witness invoked his right to remain silent. This was all the jury needed to know. If he had articulated a denial, no matter how implausible, it might have gone the other way. The VCDL Board of Directors has decided that "the recent ruling dismissing the VCDL case against Katie Couric, et al, CANNOT STAND! The lawsuit has far reaching implications for all Americans. If the media can be allowed to change a person's words to suit the media's own needs or beliefs, then a grievous blow will have been struck against the very core of the freedom that the United States

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 stands for! NO! We are going to fight this because too much is at stake. Today, I [Philip Van Cleave] have directed VCDL's attorneys to move forward with the appeal to the U.S. 4th Circuit Court of Appeals, where it will be heard by a three-judge panel "de novo" (which means the merits of the case will be heard anew with no consideration of the judge's ruling that recently dismissed the case). Unfortunately fighting this kind of battle in court is not cheap, including the appeals process, for which we now have to budget. But the nature of the ruling is so dangerous to our liberty that VCDL must stay in the fight and prevail!" I agree with them. They are taking donations to fund the appeal.

James Yeager, a tactical firearms instructor was asked when a citizen can shoot someone. He had no answer. I am concerned that an instructor cannot give some kind of answer to shooting in self-defense. In all fairness he may have been talking about when to shoot back when it comes to revolution. That is a much different question and requires considerable thought. A woman in Massachusetts has been convicted of involuntary manslaughter. The trial judge ruled that she is responsible for her high school boyfriend's suicide. It appears that she sent repeated text messages suggesting that he commit suicide. So sticks and stone may break your bones and it seems that words can hurt you.

I heard the term "Gaslighted" being used. I sort of understood the meaning but it is not in common use. After a little investigation I found that it means causing someone to doubt their own perceptions or sanity. This is what I thought. It comes from a play and two movies set in the 1880's all called "Gaslight." In the movies a husband tries to make his wife appear insane and even doubt her own sanity. In this way no one would believe her when she heard him searching the house for jewelry owned by the prior occupant. Whenever he lit the gaslight the gaslight in the wife's room would flicker. The plot seems unlikely to me. But the movies are very well done. As for "gaslighting" we have seen that it works. The media tells us that self-defense is impossible. People act in self-defense but we are emphatically told that it is not possible. We are told that the mere presence of a gun causes murder. If that was true, we would all be dead; some of us would be dead dozens of times. We are told not to believe the evidence of our own eyes, but only the claims of people who know what is good for us. It is called "fake news" today, but I like the term "gaslighting."

A crazed leftist opened fire on Republican congressmen practicing for a baseball game. He asked if they were Republicans. He was told that they were. Shortly

thereafter he opened fire with a rifle. The type of rifle is not disclosed nearly a week after the attack. It is said to be 7.62 x 39 mm. There was also a pistol, said to be 9mm. These are easy things to determine yet they are not disclosed. Perhaps the usual suspects want to blame it on all guns. The leftist, and we do know that, had a hit list of Republicans in his pocket. The media seemed to compete to mention Gabby Giffords, the last serving congressperson shot. They also mentioned that this was the anniversary of the Democratic sit down strike in congress demanding gun control. They did not give much attention to the fact that the only thing preventing this from becoming a massacre was the presence of two capital policemen (one a woman). A massacre was prevented by good guys with a gun. One of the congressmen who were targeted has declared that he never will be without his pistol in future.
 We shall overcome.

"Truth be known, the American Left, and that includes most of the MSM, has become quite morbid in its fascinations. The whole way it talks about poverty, the environment, immigration, race — practically any social problem — is morbid. I look at The New York Times and The Washington Post every morning. They sit there on my breakfast table. Rarely does their front page not feature what the political philosopher Kenneth Minogue called a 'suffering situation': several starving Africans; a corpse or two from some hellhole; an impoverished Appalachian family with at least one child, his head shaved because of cancer or some other horrible malady; a gay couple that has suffered a setback. I could go on, but you get my point. The MSM is obsessed with misery, social strife and — dare I say it — political correctness. As long as these values dominate and there is no mitigating alternative, the public had best be armed."

--R. Emmett Tyrrell



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essentially on their own in the New World. Facing threats from Indians, the French, and later the British who used them as pawns in the game of empire, they learned to look after their own defense and safety. Because freemen were equals, each was expected to shoulder responsibility for defense of their towns, cities, and colonies from threats internal and external. Hence they created militias consisting of free males able to bear arms. Some colonies attached age limits, typically between 14 and 50, and others specified female heads of household also possess arms and provide them for "sons and servants." The right to keep and bear arms, however, existed apart from and was not tied to eligibility to serve in a militia. This was the preferred method of self-defense against enemies because decisions on whether or not to go to war remained in the hands of the people.⁴ Americans knew throughout history standing armies, whether in the hands of tyrants, dictators, kings, or popularly elected assemblies, especially in peacetime, had been used to oppress the people.⁵

Colonial laws typically required colonists not only possess arms, but carry them at all times in public including to church. Colonists viewed this as a viable deterrent to the many threats facing settlements from Indians to bandits. Against larger threats to an entire colony, militias from towns and cities were expected to rally to its defense bringing their own firearms and supplies, bought, not issued. Once the threat was defeated, militias were disbanded every with every man returning to his normal life.⁶ Local and colonial governments could call out the militia but its members maintained control over its operations choosing their own officers. Maryland, and some other colonies, made a clear distinction between town, or publically, and privately owned firearms. The latter could not be requisitioned or commandeered by any government or militia. There were no separate rules for the arms private citizens and members of militias could own or where they could be carried. This made sense considering, when mustered out to militia duty, people typically brought their own arms. There was no distinction between or mystique over possessing "military" style arms at home alongside "civilian" arms, because they were one in the same.⁷ Liberals with whom I was afflicted for 23 years as a teacher argued self-defense advocate's interpretation of the 2nd Amendment (okay, not their label. They use: "extremist, fringe, kook, radical, insane) would allow everyone to own tanks and artillery pieces. Has anyone out there found a holster for a Bradley tank or Howitzer? Let me know.

Contemporary Liberals and *Confiscationists* will certainly argue there is no need for military-style let alone military weapons in the hands of citizens, after all, America is possessed of a professional army. In any event Indian attacks are an unlikely prospect. However true, it misses the point. Defenders of the 2nd Amendment could just as easily point out cities like Baltimore, Chicago, Detroit, Kansas City, Los Angeles, Newark, Oakland, Philadelphia, and St. Louis, among many others, are in feverish competition to overwork coroners and morticians. Gun-slinger, "meet-me-at-high-noon," shootouts predicted by liberals if concealed carry was passed are, in fact, occurring in the environments most hostile to gun and self-defense rights. It could be argued that American, and all modern societies for that matter, are less polite and more dangerous than times past which cries out even more for the need of citizens to take responsibility for their own safety. But this still misses the point. America's founding generation came to terms with the main reason for people to possess arms; as a deterrent to oppression by their own government and, as a last resort, to defend liberty from their political masters. America's masters in 1774 were dead set on crushing any means of opposition to its governing policies.

Parliament and the Crown had grown impatient with General Gage's progress bringing rebellion in Massachusetts to heel. Their orders to him and America's royal governors was to "halt the importation of arms and ammunition to the colonies." Ships arriving in the colonies from other nations were to be stopped, searched, and all contraband, (arms, powder,

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and ball ammunition), seized.⁸ Because Americans believed this violated their rights as Englishmen, merchants smuggled arms and powder out of Boston, a major supply hub for both. General Gage then ordered "searches and seizures" resulting in the capture of weapons and gunpowder. Wagons and carts traveling overland, barges and boats on rivers, and ships plying coastal waters were stopped and searched for contraband by British soldiers and marines. Firearms, ammunition, and powder were declared the property of the king and confiscated over protests of private ownership and denial of nefarious purposes. These actions by His Majesty's forces were as illegal in Britain's North American colonies as they were in England itself.⁹

Although General Gage was by then intercepting and seizing a great deal of weaponry and powder in transit, "The arms seized were only the tip of the iceberg. The patriots acquired, moved, and secreted many more firearms and ammunition than were ever detected and confiscated."¹⁰ By 1774, all of New England faced the possibility of coming under British military rule. Gage's forces conducted patrols and searches to prevent arms and powder from being exported to other colonies as well as into the Massachusetts countryside, considered the hotbed of rebellion. South Carolina's governing body, the General Committee, declared Britain's ban on the exportation of "arms and ammunition from England" a clear "design of disarming the people of America in order the more speedily to dragoon and enslave them." The Committee's recommendation to the people of Carolina was to lay their hand on as much powder and bullets as possible.¹¹

On 14 April 1775, Gage "received the ministry's directive" ordering him "to suppress the rebellion." This was to be done, in part, by utilizing "Tory Corps" against the rebellion. Parliament and the king's advisers were still convinced only a small vocal rabble opposed them in the colonies who would run when they came face to face with an armed Tory Corps supported by the British Army. There were those in the British government who warned it was otherwise. Americans would fight no matter what. Their voices were ignored. Britain's leaders had decided that, once "completely disarmed" and all means of resistance confiscated, Americans could be put in their place.¹²

The day had arrived. On 18 April 1775, General Gage ordered Lieutenant Colonel Francis Smith and

Major Pitcairn, commanding 900 soldiers, on an expedition to Concord, Massachusetts. They were to seize a large quantity of "Ammunition, provision, artillery, tents, and small arms the general's intelligence sources said were there." The operation was supposed to be secret but the patriots, who had their own spies and scouts, discovered what was afoot and activated their alert system; "one if by land, two if by sea" and so lanterns were hung in church steeples, two indicating that the British were crossing Boston Harbor by boat, headed to Cambridge. Paul Revere was one of several scouts who raised the alarm that the British were on the move.¹³ On the next day, Gage's forces set out toward Concord, not only to seize arms and anything useful for making war, but to arrest John Hancock and Samuel Adams, "two of the provocateurs" behind the rebellion. Both suspects were thought to be hiding in Lexington, some twelve miles northwest of Boston. Upon capture, Gage's forces were to push on to Concord five or six miles further west, "and destroy an arsenal that contained stocks of rebel weaponry and powder." Gage's plan was based on the quality of intelligence he was receiving which dictated he needed to move with stealth and alacrity or the weapons and prey would escape.¹⁴

Like clockwork, Gage's forces set out before midnight "marching to Boston's Back Bay where the navy was to transport them across the Charles River." Fortunately for the Americans, the British navy failed to bring enough boats badly stalling the operation's timetable and jeopardizing the element of surprise. Paul Revere and others sounded the alarm and Hancock and Adams, who were where British intelligence said they would be, escaped. Church bells sounded in the early morning hours in Concord and Lexington alerting the townspeople that the British were on the way. By 0430 hours, about 238 militia, most of whom were "dairy farmers" and "craftsmen," reached Lexington Common ahead of the British led by Major Pitcairn. As soon as he arrived, Pitcairn ordered the militia, led by Captain John Parker, to lay down their arms and disperse. Heavily outnumbered and not wanting to fire the first shot, Parker, ordered his men to stand aside but gave no order for his men to surrender their weapons. Armed men faced each other. No one wanted to back down. Tension mounted. Suddenly someone fired the fatal first shot. No one knows who it was nor does it matter. Once fired, both sides commenced shooting at each other. Soon the colonials were bested and forced to give way. Eight of them

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had died and another nine were wounded. The war was on.¹⁵ Rubbing more salt into their wounds of Americans, King George III paid Shawnee Indians to attack and raid American settlements along the frontier taking scalps to prove they had done so. His strategy was to use brutal Indian attacks to drive Americans and their militias toward the coast and into the arms of invading British armies.¹⁶

What is typically taught in American universities, and to some degree, public schools, is the American Revolution was about taxes and trade policies. Influential men of wealth, slave-holders and smugglers, were able to manipulate hot-heads and others into fomenting a rebellion leading to war. Victory dictated colonies, now states, be brought under one government with a constitution codifying and preserving the hierarchy of the rich and powerful. In addition to this false history, they completely censor the truth; it was the assault by decadent liberal British culture on the political and religious life of Americans, deeply grounded in their Judeo-Christian faith, which led to rebellion. And little, if any, mention is made that what finally pushed Americans to armed rebellion and then war; Britain halted the importation of arms and munitions into the colonies, confiscation of arms and powder belonging to cities and towns, and then confiscation of the same from private citizens. No doctrine or rationale had to be developed in support of armed resistance. Americans traced their rights to keep and bear arms back to the English Magna Carta (1215). When King George III refused any longer to accept Americans had such rights, colonists then expressed through the Declaration that this was a God-given right.

Americans did not rush to war driven by a few hot-heads as taught by some liberals. Resistance to British cultural contamination and political domination began more than a hundred years before the War of Independence. Attempts by the Crown to crush religious independence in Massachusetts (early 1600s), colonial chagrin over the British double-cross at the conclusion of the French and Indian War (1754-1763) was part of growing dissatisfaction and anger in the colonies over being used as a political and economic pawn in British empire building. Anger became protest in 1764 (Sugar Act), reignited with the Stamp (1765) and Townshend Acts (1767), was followed by the Boston Massacre (1770), Tea Act (1773), Boston Tea Party (1773), Coercive Acts (1774), seizure of arms and munitions belonging to towns, cities, and citizens (1774-75), and finally the British march on Concord and Lexington (1775). This was hardly a rush to war.¹⁷ It was the culmination of a political philosophy of self-rule and the right to keep and bear arms, undergirded by profound Judeo-Christian principles that led to one inescapable conclusion; independence was the only way Americans could protect what they had built, a free society with no king or ruler but God.

¹ Editors, The Essential Thomas Paine (New York, N.Y., A Mentor Book, New American Library, 1969), 38.

² In Washington, D.C., politicians, political commentators, special interests, lobbies, and journalists describe compromises, ending gridlock, and getting the two political parties to come

together with respect to this or that legislative agenda as making democracy work. Few if any appear to know or care that government has one responsibility, to protect the God-given rights of the people, also known as protecting liberty.

³ For dog lovers who might be aghast, relax. I've never felt threatened by a dog in the woods even those running straight toward me. I reason; dogs bark and maybe attack intruders because the dog is protecting its territory and that of their owner. The woods is a virtual no-man's land belonging to no one. As long as I pose no threat to their owner, and I don't, they are unconcerned with me. This has proven to be the case. Most run up to, sniff, and then lick me returning to their owners. The worst canine problem I've had is the ones who fall in behind and stay with me on trails as if adopting me. What do I do with them? Fortunately, their owners find them and I don't have another mouth to feed.

⁴ Clayton E. Cramer, Armed America: The Story of How and Why Guns Became as America as Apple Pie (Nashville, Tennessee, Nelson Current, Inc., 2006), 4.

⁵ Stephen P. Halbrook, The Founder's Second Amendment: Origins of the Right to Bear Arms (Chicago, Illinois, Ivan R. Dee, Publisher, 2008), 299-309.

⁶ Cramer, 4, 8.

⁷ IBID. 8, 11-12.

⁸ Halbrook, 59.

⁹ IBID. 68-69. ¹¹ IBID. 72.

¹⁰ IBID. 72.

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"The only reason — the only reason — why any of us walked out of this thing: By the grace of God, one of the folks here had a weapon to fire back and give us a moment to find cover."

—Rep. Mike Bishop on shooting targeting Republicans

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A Supreme Second Amendment Disgrace

By Paul Albaugh

The appointment several months ago of Neil Gorsuch to the Supreme Court was a huge victory for conservatives. But after SCOTUS declined to hear an important case from the Ninth Circuit regarding Second Amendment rights, it's clear that it will take several more conservative appointments to the High Court for right decisions to be made that protect individual freedom.

Yesterday, the Court declined to hear the appeal of the case *Peruta v. California*. The Ninth Circuit last year declared that for a person to lawfully conceal carry a firearm, they must show "good cause" to obtain a permit to do so. (Notably, that was a self-reversal — an *en banc* court reversed the ruling of a three-judge panel that had decided in favor of the Second Amendment.)

Good cause? How about the natural right to defend oneself and the fact that the Second Amendment to the Constitution clearly states that "the right of the people to keep *and bear* arms shall not be infringed." Apparently in California, that right doesn't exist, unless of course there is "good cause." But what exactly is defined as a good enough cause to carry?

San Diego County Sheriff William Gore *defended* California's egregious gun law last year and in an LA Times op-ed defined "good cause" as "a set of circumstances that distinguishes the applicant from other members of the general public and causes him or her to be placed in harm's way." Quite a flawed definition.

Who decides what circumstances distinguish one applicant from another? And what might those circumstances be? Where one lives? What profession an individual has? Would being robbed, raped, assaulted, shot at, or threatened previously be good cause to be able to apply for a conceal carry permit? Why on earth do the Ninth Circuit, Sheriff Gore and others think someone must prove that they have "good cause" to lawfully exercise a right found in the plain language of the United States Constitution?

Hence why we have the Supreme Court to step in when such violations of Liberty arise. Except that the High Court declined to step in and hear the case — which means that, for now, the Ninth Circuit ruling stands, infringing on the constitutional rights of Californians and others.

Justices Clarence Thomas and Neil Gorsuch were the only two justices who voted to hear the case, and the pair blasted their fellow justices for refusing to do so. In fact, they took the unusual step of writing a dissenting opinion despite no hearing.

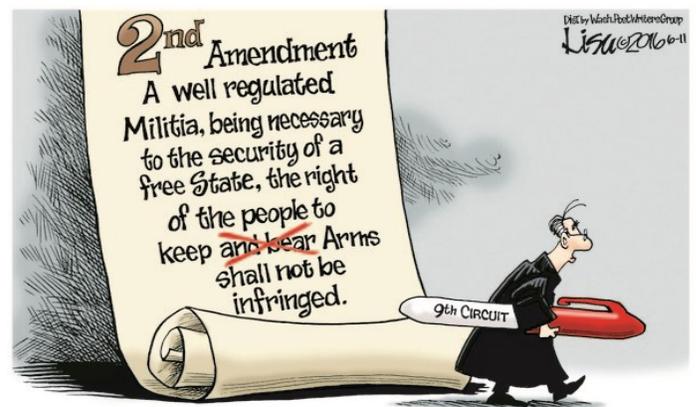
Justice Thomas had this to say: "The Framers made a clear choice: They reserved to all Americans the right to bear arms for self-defense. I do not think we should stand by idly while a State denies its citizens that right, particularly when their very lives may depend on it." Thomas continued, "Even if other Members of the Court do not agree that the Second Amendment likely protects a right to public carry, the time has come for the Court to answer this important question definitively."

Indeed, it has, especially since so many lower federal courts have reached different conclusions on the Second Amendment and where and to whom it applies.

Thomas added to his dissent, "This Court has already suggested that the Second Amendment protects the right to carry firearms in public in some fashion. As we explained in *Heller*, to 'bear arms' means to 'wear, bear, or carry upon the person or in the clothing or in a pocket, for the purpose of being armed and ready for offensive or defensive action in a case of conflict with another person.'" He further noted, "I find it extremely improbable that the Framers understood the Second Amendment to protect little more than carrying a gun from the bedroom to the kitchen."

Worse, Thomas argued, is that the Court has declined numerous Second Amendment cases in recent years. "The Court's decision to deny certiorari in this case reflects a distressing trend: the treatment of the Second Amendment as a disfavored right," Thomas wrote. "The Court has not heard argument in a Second Amendment case in over seven years — since March 2, 2010, in *McDonald v. Chicago*, 561 U. S. 742. Since that time, we have heard argument in, for example, roughly 35 cases where the question presented turned on the meaning of the First Amendment and 25 cases that turned on the meaning of the Fourth Amendment."

Gun grabbers of all stripes are ecstatic that SCOTUS did not hear this case. However, yesterday's decision should be a stark reminder that Liberty is still under attack by those who wish to control every aspect of citizens' lives. This battle in California has been lost, at least for now. But there are numerous victories being won for gun rights around the country, and it could be that the Court revisits this case or another like it at some point. Keep your powder dry.



"Far from failing in its intended task, our educational system is in fact succeeding magnificently, because its aim is to keep the American people thoughtless enough to go on supporting the system."

—Richard Mitchell

"Either the United States will return to a shared single language and allegiance to a common and singular culture, or it will eventually descend into clannish violence."

—Victor Davis Hanson

"High Capacity Freedom"*By Alan Korwin*

Legislators asked me to prepare this list.

The Crux

By focusing on magazine size instead of ways to stop active shooters you jeopardize everyone's safety.

Hoping to limit murderers by limiting magazines is irrational and hopophobic.

Why have people picked a ten-round limit? Why not two?

Are they saying it's OK to only kill ten people? That makes no sense.

Would you make police obey the same limit? Why not?

Parity with Police: The public faces the same criminals police do. Any restrictions for the public must match what police can use: The public is always first at the scene.

If you can't justify impeding the police with ammunition limits, you cannot legitimately justify impeding the public that way.

What's needed to stop rampages is not another law written on paper, but speedier law enforcement, or any armed people who can respond.

A criminal can't legally have a magazine of any size. A law restricting size adds nothing.

None of these arguments matter to the opposition. People who want to restrict magazines are on a roll, using the Tucson assassinations for momentum. They want any kind of gun bans they can get, regardless of crime fighting, public safety, logic or reason. They are emotionally compromised.

Limiting the amount of ammunition a person has for self defense is dangerous.

The only way to stop a lethal attack is with countervailing force.

The correct response to a mass murderer is not to restrict the public, but to empower the public and give us every advantage possible.

People are always the first responders. Police are second responders. We face the same criminals. We both need the best tools we can get.

We know laws banning murder and armed criminals don't stop criminals. Why would you want to do more of the same when you know it doesn't work? (Because it's a hopophobic response, not a rational one.)

Will magazine-size bans feel good, as if you're really doing something? Yes. Will they actually do something? No.

Infringing on the size of a magazine doesn't stop crazy people. Imagining that it somehow will, now that's crazy.

An infringed-capacity magazine violates your civil rights.

Reasoning

Will a magazine limit stop a murderer from carrying several guns? Of course not.

Will it prevent swapping out magazines? How do you propose controlling that?

Infringing on magazine size has no effect on the millions of magazines already out there.

Limiting the public doesn't limit criminals. It just limits the public.

Trying to stop crime or crazy people by limiting magazine size can't work. We tried that, for ten years under Clinton's size ban. It's a proven failure. The NY Times admitted this in no uncertain terms. The public should have at least as much ammunition as police can have.

Because people face the same criminals police do, we honestly need equal gear.

Attacking the right to an unfringed magazine because of one assassin is a political game, not a meaningful solution to homicidal rampages.

Using a tragic homicidal assault for leverage against civil rights is reprehensible.

Using tragedy to advance a political agenda aimed at incrementally disarming the public is the ugliest underbelly of politics. It's shameful.

Killing Is Fun! Someone has to say it—With constant Technicolor promotion of "the thrill of killing" from Hollywood and TV, we can expect another homicidal rampage. We must be ready to stop it when it inevitably occurs.

They're not deranged, they're imitating –

With Hollywood and the networks glorifying immoral behavior, portraying killers as heroes to be emulated, and mourned when put down, it's false to classify copy-cat crimes as mental disease.

The proper response to the recognition that people can go berserk and cause mayhem is to foster a culture of marksmanship.

From army posts to grocery stores, homicidal attacks take place in make-believe gun free zones. Paper signs do not deter murderers.

A phony gun-free zone made by posting a sign may feel good, but it has been repeatedly proven to be dangerous and negligent.

A person who posts a no-guns-allowed sign should be liable if it causes harm.

Murderous carnage has nothing to do with magazine size and everything to do with opportunity. Crowds of unarmed people offer murderers a field day.

If legislation really could stop criminals there wouldn't be any.

Laws do not stop crime.

Law enforcement stops crime.

It's time to broadly promote National Training Week from July 4 through 11, when all Americans are encouraged to go to the range and practice. Details at gun-laws.com.

It's time to consider a tax break or tax credit to encourage people to go to the range and improve their readiness and skills.

Millions of 30-round and larger magazines are not used for killing, they're used at ranges, which is where most legal gun use is conducted. Attacks on magazines are attacks on ranges, the home court for the Second Amendment, the bottom line on legal gun use. Attacks on magazines are attacks on the heart of the right to keep and bear arms.

Disarm criminals first.

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Politically Corrected Glossary

Always frame the debate as *pro rights vs. anti rights*, never as pro gun vs. anti gun, which yields ground to the antis.

This is a *civil-rights issue*, a question of *fundamental human rights*.

Always talk about *discreet carry*, a cultural and civilized norm, never about *concealed carry*, which sounds like you have something to hide.

Always refer to personal *sidearms*, a neutral and non-inflammatory term, never to *handguns*, a word that has been vilified beyond usefulness.

Remember that assault is a kind of behavior, not a kind of hardware. The media loves that word because it spins the debate to their liking, and makes firearms automatically bad, instead of true focus on bad actors.

Always ask a person who questions assault weapon possession what guns they're talking about exactly. They do not know.

Any weapon you can own is an ordinary household firearm, the type you might find in any American household.

Don't waste time and audience attention correcting ignorant reporters who talk about clips or bullets. Let them remain self-evidently ignorant. See the entire Glossary at gunlaws.com

We're the Good Guys. Let's Act Like It

You know how I say on the radio that we're the good guys and gals -- the ones you don't read about in the papers. We own, collect, and shoot guns safely and responsibly. So, how about acting like the good guys?

It's a point we visit regularly in our office as we see comments from some in the gun-owning community ... comments you wouldn't make in front of your mother, I expect. John Cyle recently wrote a good piece about this.

If the goal of a discussion (never an argument, because there is no benefit in arguing) is to persuade someone, we can all agree that calling someone names and yelling at them doesn't swing them to your side. Remaining calm, and "professional" sounding, and making your point without raising your voice (or using ALL CAPS!!!!!!) does at least two things. First, it just may get the person you are talking with (in person or online) to listen just a bit. But ... and this is the second point ... even if that person isn't buying it, others are listening and watching. Let the gun prohibitionists appear to be unhinged while you take the calm, quiet, informed track. The "audience" will figure out who seems to be the responsible party, and who is the nutbar.

"Stay informed — because stupid people are ruining America. God blessed me with a voice and a big mouth and I'm going to use it to try to wake people up and convert some of the stupid people."

—Herman Cain

"We believe that liberty can be measured by how much freedom Americans have to make their own decisions, even their own mistakes."

— Ronald Reagan

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California Homeowner Arms Herself, Successfully Ends Burglary

What's this? Women are capable of protecting themselves and their property with firearms in California?! Say it ain't so!!

Oh, it's so, yo.

This afternoon, the Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff's Station posted on its [Facebook page](#) that deputies had responded to a residence in the 36000 block of Ridge Route Road in Castaic, CA at approximately 2:08 a.m. this morning after receiving a call of a burglary in progress.

Apparently, a bumbling burglar woke the female homeowner when he breached a door at the back of her residence to gain entry to her home. The woman, fearing for her life, grabbed a handgun for self-defense.

Armed with the means to protect herself, the homeowner confronted the suspect who broke into her home and, following a brief confrontation, she pulled the trigger several times, hitting him at least once in the chest.

The Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff's Station stated when deputies arrived on scene, they found the man suffering from at least one gunshot wound and administered aid until paramedics arrived.

The suspect, a male Hispanic adult, was transported to a local hospital. He is listed in fair condition and is in Sheriff's custody on one charge of burglary.

The female homeowner has not been charged with anything in connection with this incident and the investigation is ongoing.

"Political correctness is not really about sensitivity and courtesy, which require *mutual* respect. Rather, political correctness entails intolerance for some prejudices but impunity for others."

—James Taranto



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