



Run, Don't Walk

By Larry "Lorenzo" Swickard

*"Similar to animals that attack, human attackers don't typically feel bad for their for their targets, and, in fact, they usually feel justified in their minds, seeing what they are doing as either okay as long as they don't get caught, or it's okay because it is for the greater good of their ideological belief or mood at the time of the attack. Attacking another human being is the closest a person can get to exiting the human existence and stepping into the animalistic world, where life is based on survival of the fittest."*¹

Rumor has it the Missouri Department of Motor Vehicles will soon begin accepting a Ford F150 (ball cap optional) as valid ID because, after all, not everyone has a drivers' license.

They bought the tickets so I had no choice but to go. The fact I was meeting my (now former) in-laws, West-Coast Lefties taking time from busy schedules patronizing the San Francisco Opera and whale-watching in Monterrey, California, to vacation in this town, augured poorly for future experiences. It's climate is brutally hot, its topography a dazzling array of stark stone, asphalt, sand, cement, and did I mention sand? At the hotel, stepping over people passed out in hallways, around some vomiting on bathroom floors, even in urinals, and squeezing past prostitutes in the lobby, (trying not to get "anything" on me), begged the question; what is Las Vegas' attraction? That was back in 1993. Had it changed?

September, 2017, found me driving west taking an offspring to college out in Babylon where "mummy-wrapping" and homosexual rape of child actors appears to be fashionable. From Grand Junction, Colorado, through Utah, Nevada, Arizona, and on into Southern California, the landscape [wastescape?] turned into a hot barren rock quarry. Its wind-blasted canyons, appearing like melted layer cake, were desolate with only a scant few trees thrown in because God, after all, is merciful. With a fervor bordering on desperation, I sought for a route skirting Las Vegas but Highway 15 was having none of it. Diabetes means finding bathrooms on 'bad' days, a challenge traveling in the U.S., a nightmare outside. Clean uncrowded rest stops across this forsaken land are few and far between. Imagine standing at urinals (stalls are always taken) with tourists lined up two and three deep behind you well within your "personal" space. Less crowded rest stops, those with no tourist shops or gasoline, consisted of outhouses and portly Indian women hawking tribal jewelry. Opting for nature's bathroom, I moved past signs warning of rattlesnakes and scorpions to trees with leaves looking like you'd need stitches if you touched them. So alien and deep were the canyons, their sheer sides dropping more than a thousand feet, pictures were in order. From atop a picnic table, better angle, where wind gusts threatened to carry me off into a canyon, I wondered, had the U.S. government killed Indians to get their hands on this land? They should have paid them to keep it. To all remaining Indian tribes, on behalf of the United States, I offer my sincerest apologies. You can have it back. It was also on this trip I learned why people loathe RVs.

Reading the map, yes, a paper-one, I calculated if I made one last bathroom and gasoline stop, I wouldn't have to stop in Las Vegas. But casino officials and their politicians figured this out too. Still miles from Vegas, all gas stations and rest stops suddenly disappeared as if a giant octopus had snatched them from the highway. Continuing south on Highway 15, I didn't spy a gasoline station until I was in Las Vegas proper. There, on the right. I dove for the off ramp. Drats. It was on the south side of an east-west expressway, opposing lanes separated by a cement divider. There was no way to get to it. It soon became apparent Vegas motorists drive fast and angry. Reaching an intersection I jumped into the left turn lane to make a U-turn. Not permitted. Now I was on another expressway headed south further from Highway 15 and closer to downtown. How was I going to get back to that gas station? Continuing on for several miles, I spied an expressway on my left with no center divider and a vacant lot on the right where I could turn around. The signal light changed to green and I turned left only to find I was going the wrong way into the teeth of cars hurtling at us in all three lanes. It was too late to stop, back-up, or turn around. To my right was the vacant lot, its entrance at the apex of a counterclockwise turn and its curb jutting out like an iceberg waiting for another Titanic to come along. There was no way to simply turn into the lot without crashing in to that curb. There was one option; race past the entrance, avoid the curb, stand on the brakes, hit the gas again, and turn right into the lot before cars, displaying no inclination to slow down, preferring honking and profanity instead, reached me. Stomping the accelerator, I raced at the oncoming traffic, whipped the wheel hard right, and centrifugal force rotated the car around the weight of the engine swinging it into the lot with onrushing cars missing me by hair. Someone may have screamed. Still too busy venting their spleen, cars racing in excess of 50 in a 35 mph zone, had made no attempt to slow down or avoid me.

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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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Forced to drive further into Vegas, I was surprised by how dirty it was. Trash, debris, and filth were everywhere. Even worse were the number of raggedly bums who apparently shopped at the local Army surplus jacket and burlap bag emporium. Sleeping at bus stops, sandy vacant lots, between buildings, under bridges, and even along roadsides, they were everywhere. All that glitters...Finding another gasoline station along a busy street I pulled up to the pump and made a bladder busting run for the bathroom. Jumping Jehoshaphat, a convention of bums were using the sinks and urinals to bathe and wash their clothes. Stalls were all taken. At least I could gas up. No dice. The pump refused my fully loaded debit card. I felt them before I saw them. Like Zombies shambling out of the shadows, bums, pan-handlers, and one skinny twaker² with long stringy blonde hair, were converging on me. Without looking at them, concealed firearm between me and the Maxima, I said in a low anger-gilded voice; "I know what you want and you're not getting it" adding they better get (expletive deleted) away from me. Having put up with human flotsam for years when I was a cop, I was no longer in the mood to do so and knew better than to let them get close. As if wind-up toys whose springs ran down, the bums froze in their steps recognizing the promise in my tone, backed up, and disappeared. All but the *Twaker* who was still approaching mumbling something unintelligible. Although young, I don't believe she had any teeth. Unafraid, she drew too close. Turning, facing this skeleton, I told her to get away from me and, while she was at it, pack up her things and get the h*** out of Vegas too. My daughter said it was worded more harshly but I don't think so. Liberals would denounce me as callous but cops would understand. Her lips still moving, the *Twaker* backed away. Driving off, I found another gasoline station. The pump was copacetic with my debit card. A few Zombie-bums began approaching, saw the look on my face, and backed away. Gassed up, it was time to find a bathroom. For Pete's sake, again? Bums were using the sinks and urinals for their shower and laundromat. Stalls were all taken. Back to desert roadside bathrooms.

For my return trip home from Babylon, I was careful to gas and potty-up before reaching the city I'd taken to calling *Las Dungas*. Speeding north on US 15, (28 September, 2017), a mahoosive mustard-yellow hotel loomed above me on the right. Mandalay Bay? What moron gives a tropical name to a hotel ensconced in a desert wasteland? Could *Las Dungas* be any more plastic and phony? I may have shaken my fist in mockery at this ugly edifice. Little did I know, several days later, a mass murderer would open fire from his 32nd floor room on concert goers down below. North of *Dungas* is a race track providing mere mortals, with the cash, an opportunity to drive sports and supercars; *Porsches*, *Lamborghinis*, *Nissan Skylines GTRs*, *Audis*, *Astons*, *Ferraris*, and my favorite, *McLaren*. The track is close to the highway and because several supercars were parallel to me on a straightaway, it was only natural I try to match their speed. They disappeared as if I was standing still. My guess is they were going way faster than 130 mph. I ain't saying nothing more. Stopping in Cedar City, Utah, I stayed at a cheap hotel that allowed pets. My room was on the first floor next to the back door. Big mistake. People went in and out all night rudely banging the door as loudly as possible. I could hear barking and the toenails of dogs going up and down the hallway as well. Walls and floors were so thin, the flush of every toilet, the turn of every faucet, could be heard in my room. Sometime during the night, on the floor above, I heard what sounded like hooves and maybe, sheep or goats. While tossing and turning I wondered if this region was host to some sort of cult involving livestock. Back to why discuss Vegas.

Suppose your company, organization, club, high-school reunion, or wedding, hosts their event in *Sin City* or similar place where a third Martini or plastic glass of bubbly is in everyone's hand, boozy smiles on their faces, and they're trying not to flip over velvet ropes protecting an expensive collection of cars from Maranello, Italy. And then it happens. Beginning like a cacophony of champagne corks bursting at once, you realize, no, it's not libations, but rather someone above, on the spiral staircase, balcony, maybe from a room, is shooting down on you. Several off and on-duty police officers, supplementing the hotel's security staff, yell for everyone to get down and seek cover. Don't move! Former Navy Seal and FBI Special Agent Johnathan Gilliam says that may be bad advice. Instead they should attempt to ascertain from where the firing originates, keeping in mind acoustics and proximity to the gun play havoc on directional sense. If this can be done, an escape plan must be developed and implemented on the spot that takes people away from the killer being mindful in numerous cases of mass terrorist attack, killers moved in from divergent directions and fleeing victims ran smack into them. Forming "what-if" scenarios in advance of visiting public places gives people the best chance for survival.³ Why not hunker down where you are? Isn't that safer and what "officials" tell you to do?

Chairs, overturned tables, and sheetrock walls typically won't stop bullets whether fired from pistols, rifles, or shotguns. In addition, Gilliam writes; "Consciously hiding in an attacker situation such as an active shooter scenario is, basically, one step away from putting your destiny in the hands of the very person seeking to kill you."⁴ Concealment is a form of camouflage and cover is hiding behind or under objects that may not protect you from bullets. And, while hiding, the attackers may be hunting down and killing everyone they find. Hiding is used only until escape routes offering the best chance of survival becomes apparent. When the violent Islamic group al-Shabab attacked the Westgate Shopping Mall in Nairobi, Kenya, (21 September, 2012), only four, maybe five terrorists using explosives, grenades, and AK-47s, killed 71 people and wounded more than 175 others within the first two hours.⁵ Let that sink in.

If it took four Islamic killers two hours to find and shoot more than 246 people in a large mall, what on earth were the intended victims doing during those 120 minutes? Video evidence reveals none who ran and escaped the mall was shot. Instead, after an opening volley, the murderers hunted, found, and killed their victims. While this was occurring, others "sheltered-in-place," down on the floor, behind cover, and hiding where they thought it was safe. Some hid so well they survived but it was days before rescuers found them. Even when the shooting stopped after 2 hours, they

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refused to consider escaping...for days? It's a gamble. The longer you're hidden, either the less likely you'll be discovered by the bad guys or, they're eliminating and narrowing down all hiding places on the way to finding you. What about escaping during the initial chaos when the bombs and bullets begin to fly? Everyone is taught to get down and don't move.⁶

The worst-case scenario happens. Law enforcement is telling everyone to get down or, you're in Europe where the sheep are taught, if you lay down on the floor, maybe the killers won't hurt you. In one minute and twenty seconds, a killer in the Fort Lauderdale, Florida, airport, (6 January, 2017), unleashed a hail of bullets on travelers. Eleven were shot, five died, and thirty-nine were injured in the subsequent chaos. "Many people not only lay down, several literally jumped, spread-eagle, onto the ground, in the middle of the floor...Others hid behind luggage carts that provided no cover or concealment. Only one person moved toward the door to escape. Everyone else pushed inward toward the middle of the room instead of seeking escape routes,"⁷ a recourse taught and beat into the heads of people and one guaranteed to greatly increase casualties.

Gilliam argues people need to reprogram out learned sheep-like behavior. Have a plan of escape and resistance before even leaving the house and purpose to execute it. It's not paranoia, it's a "what-if" mentality. In some situations on scene improvisation might work or it might prove too late ending in disaster. Ask yourself, if you were an attacker, from what direction and entrance points would you most likely come? Where would you position yourself to shoot the most people? Where would you plant explosives and booby traps to get those fleeing and how would you hunt down those hiding? By asking these questions one can plan for worst case scenarios at vacation spots, concerts, hotels, markets, or even on your own driveway. Plan like you are the bad guy and then plan counter-actions. Lay down and hide? Not a strategy for survival.⁸ Now, imagine how much greater your chances of survival if armed.

Pop culture, movies, and schools teach that guns are evil, self-defense futile and, if attacked, the best course of action is submission to prevent worse harm. This is the Beta-male suicidal doctrine of sheep and cowards. Bad guys, whether young bullies or mass-murderers, are not like you. Their blood lust, rage, and excitement over hurting others is only incited and inflamed even more by submissive terrified reaction. You breed what you seed.

¹ Johnathan T. Gilliam, *Sheep No More* (Nashville, Tennessee, Post Hill Press, 2017), 5.

² "Tweaker," or tweeker, is the common street name for a person, most often female, who is addicted to methamphetamines, amphetamines, crystal meth, and so forth. Methies, often having no appetite, forgo food in favor of being high and tend to be very skinny. In between highs, some will shake and twitch. They will trade their bodies and do anything else for their fix.

³ Gilliam, 122-123.

⁴ IBID. 129.

⁵ IBID. 130.

⁶ IBID. 131.

⁷ IBID. 132-133.

⁸ IBID. 134-144.

House passes bill allowing concealed carry across state lines

The House of Representatives passed a controversial measure that would allow gun owners with concealed carry permits from one state to carry them in other jurisdictions.

The Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act, one of the National Rifle Association's top legislative priorities, passed in a largely party-line vote, 231-198, sending the measure to the Senate.

Gun control advocates argue that the proposal would effectively loosen gun control laws in tightly restricted locations such as New York City.

The bill also contained measures requiring the Department of Justice to produce to Congress a report about bump stock modifications and another that tightens National Instant Criminal Background Check System reporting requirements in the wake of last month's church shooting in Texas, perpetrated by a gunman whose prior domestic violence conviction was not reported to the system.

In the Senate, the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act will need to clear a 60-vote threshold to pass.

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LIBERTY NOTES

By Kevin L. Jamison

It is a good day for Liberty.

Adam Weinstein wrote a column for the Washington Post claiming that the NRA and its allies (that's us) use jargon to "bully" gun-control supporters. He claims to be a shooter and 3d generation gun collector. He claims to be doing a book on Gun Culture. I don't think that we will come off well in his book. He objects to our demand that anti-gun advocates know something about the guns they want to ban. He finds this unreasonable.

Missouri may have huntable elk herd in two years. Start saving for that elk rifle now.

A quote has been posted on my facebook page "It is easier to fool people than to convince them that they have been fooled." It is attributed to Mark Twain. It certainly sounds like the great man, but it is not confirmed. There is great truth in this. The first statement someone hears is taken as true, no matter how foul a lie it might be. The first reports of the Zimmerman shooting called it a "stand your ground" case. Stand your ground had nothing to do with the Zimmerman case, the defense never mentioned it but to this day it is cited as being an example of the defense. It is frustrating to try to convince people that they have been fooled. They don't want to admit that they can be fooled. They feel embarrassed. I have told people that they don't have to believe me, they can check some authority. People don't want to check authorities. I once tried to point out a law to someone; he would not even look at the page.

A correspondent wrote to Miss Manners sobbing that relatives showed up to family gatherings "including a recent memorial" wearing camouflage and even (here the fainting couch was called for) NRA hats promoting guns! A wedding was coming up and the fear was that these creatures would show up in the same dress. Miss Manners gives her usual sound advice for dealing with buffoons. I am uncomfortable with the prejudice that gun owners do not know how to dress for weddings. There are occasions in which "in your face" attire is useful. However in dealing with snowflakes one does not win friends and influence people in this fashion. A more subtle approach is called for. The "in your face" approach will alienate persons who might otherwise listen. Any garment showing a skull has no business in a Second Amendment message.

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I. Send me!'" Isaiah 6:8

We are in great need of a webmaster for the WMSA web site. WMSA is also in great need of a gun show coordinator. These positions do not involve the drama of the Bible. At most they require a few hours here and there. Years from now your grandchildren will ask what you did to preserve their rights to own guns.

"FBI Miami Firefight" is a new book by Edmundo & Elizabeth Mireles. Edmundo Mireles is the agent who finally put down the psychopaths. This 1986 gunfight left 2 dead and 5 wounded out of 8 agents. The author draws important lessons from the gunfight and refutes several myths. The Young Brothers Massacre in Green County Missouri in 1932 saw six law enforcement officers killed and three wounded out of ten involved. They were also after two killers who used a 25-20 pump action rifle and Winchester 12 gauges loaded with #8 shot. The officers had .38 revolvers and little ammunition. Lessons were learned. It is regrettable that officers have to die before the suits take a lesson.

A naked man in Aurora Colorado was caught attacking an 11 year-old boy. The boy's grandfather shot the attacker stone dead. Grandmother had been on the phone to the police. Responding police heard the gunshots. What happened next is still unclear. The responding officers encountered the grandfather and shot him. The grandfather died in the hospital. The grandfather may have been looking for other intruders. It was 1:30 in the morning; darkness may have been a factor. The officers may have been given bad information from 911. It emphasizes the need for careful introduction to the police. Staying on the phone to 911 might have helped. Having an unarmed person make contact with responding officers might have helped. The internet swarms with condemnation and threats against the officers.

Missouri's governor visited Kansas City and was lobbied by the mayor to allow local control of "gun issues." This would create a patchwork of laws in which licenses to carry would be valid throughout the state, except in Kansas City and St. Louis. This is the case in New York State in which state licenses to carry are not valid in New York City. Our big city mayors complain that their citizens just cannot be trusted with guns like the rest of the state. This is easier that determining what they are doing wrong. As a start they might start to track down where criminals get their guns. It is interesting that other than a few small pawn shops gun dealers have shops in the suburbs, where crime is low. The suburbs have a higher proportion of guns than the city itself. If you map the murders in town, and then the unemployment, poor schools, poor health care, venereal disease rate and the maps of other social ills, they will be nearly identical. The mayors are doing something wrong and want to blame it on the legislature. Contact the governor and help city people keep their rights.

Contact your federal senators to confirm Judge Kavanaugh for the US Supreme Court. Contact both of them. I know, contacting Senator McCaskill seems like a waste of time, but this is an election year for her. Why make life easy for her? Contacting Senator Blunt seems unnecessary, he is already on board. But, it helps if he can tell other senators that thousands of Missourians have contacted him in support of Judge Kavanaugh.

Words are meant to communicate, but sometimes the precisely accurate word does not do so. In teaching a class I mentioned a case in which a carbine was used. A student immediately asked "What's a carbine?" I had to stop and

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explain it is a short rifle. Now I simply refer to “a rifle.” In another I mentioned the laws concerning blackjacks. A student immediately asked “What is a blackjack?” I had to stop and explain. I now have a blackjack as a training aide and thump the table to illustrate. I was teaching a class on ammunition when I referred to hollowpoints as legal for civilians in Missouri but not military use under the Geneva Convention. Another instructor interrupted to say it was actually the Hague Convention which banned their military use. This is true. The problem, as I saw it, was that few people knew about the Hague Convention but had some idea about the Geneva Convention and would grasp the concept. I now refer to “under international law” which is less specific but get the concept across. When I discussed wad cutter ammunition I pointed to an illustration of a semi-wad cutter. The same instructor interrupted again to complain that this was a semi-wad cutter and not a wad cutter. This was true, but was of zero relevance to the point I was trying to make. Again I had to stop to clarify the difference out of place in my narrative. Some people take precision in language as an excuse to nit-pick. If the precise word does not communicate to a lay audience, another word must be substituted. Teaching is hard and must be planned in order to communicate with persons who know little or nothing about the matter. Worse are the persons who know nothing of the subject, but insist that they do and pontificate on the subject. These people deserve whatever happens to them.

We shall overcome.

PRESIDENT’S CORNER

WHY ANOTHER JUSTICE?

K. L. Jamison

Mostly because the potential Supreme Court Justice is Brett Kavanaugh. He is an originalist judge meaning that he interprets the Constitution in light of the intent of the writers and its amendments. He does not interpret it in light of whatever might be a good idea. Opponents say that originalist interpretation would result in slavery. This reaction ignores the 13th Amendment which abolished slavery. Anti-gun people are famous, however, for ignoring plain law and inventing law that does not exist.

Justice Kavanaugh will stick to the law. A letter to the paper opposes his nomination because of a ruling he made on the court of appeals. Opinions on the court of appeals are the result of a vote of at least two or more judges. Sometimes the law leads to an unfortunate result. When judges decide according to the law we know that what is legal one day is likely to remain so.

Judge Kavanaugh has written an opinion on gun rights. Before the *Heller* decision reached the Supreme Court it stopped at the Court of Appeals. Two judges on the panel upheld Washington D.C.’s restrictive gun laws. Judge Kavanaugh wrote a dissenting opinion. The Supreme Court ultimately found that Judge Kavanaugh was right. This opinion strongly shows that he believes that the law is on our side. He should join the Supreme Court.

Federal judges are appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. Judge Kavanaugh will be voted on by the Senate. There was an outcry against him before the usual suspects even knew that he was the nominee. There is a concerted effort to prevent him from reaching the Court simply because he was nominated by President Trump.

This is where we come in. Write to your senators and tell them that you want to see Brett Kavanaugh on the Court. Senator Blunt has been on board for a long time. It will help him with other senators to brag that thousands of Missourians want Judge Kavanaugh on the Court. Our other Senator will be one he should lean on. She voted against President Trump’s last nomination to the Court and she has been very coy about Judge Kavanaugh. This is an election year for her. She can be pressured to do the right thing. If she doesn’t we shall have to make every Missouri voter know it. Be polite. Be brief. Come directly to the point.

President Trump campaigned, in part, on a platform of appointing conservative judges. Brett Kavanaugh is one of those judges. There will be more. Supreme Court appointments get the attention, but the last Second Amendment case that went to the Supremes costs \$2.5 million. The unfortunate thing, the disgrace, is that it is very much a system of how much justice can you afford. The judges at the district court level make the initial rulings. The judges at the court of appeals decide if these rulings are correct. Justice Sotomayor said that the court of appeals is where policy is shaped. Then admitted that she should not be saying that. But she is right. The Supreme Court hears very few cases. The courts of appeal in the various circuits hear thousands of cases. These cases shape the law.

A victory for Judge Kavanaugh will help ensure that appointments to the lower courts will go through smoothly. It will help ensure that we have a solid pro-gun majority for decades to come. Your grandchildren will see the results of this vote. A letter to your senators will ensure that this happens.



“Is there any other situation than voting where requiring a photo id is considered racist?” —Frank Fleming



MEDIA BY-PASS

The question dominating news today is whether or not gun control works and, if not, why not. To address this question its first necessary to examine its premise and define terms. Gun control is premised on the notion people commit violent crimes due to the existence of and access to firearms with the assumption limiting both will significantly reduce violent crime. Control is an umbrella term for various regulatory mechanisms designed to reach that goal. Both the premise and assumption are badly flawed. A massive regulatory system, in place for decades, has failed to keep guns out of the hands of criminals. Let's take a look at this system.

No one can walk into a gun store, hand over money, and walk out with a firearm. Only those legally approved by laws governing firearms can purchase guns. They must be of a certain minimum age (18 for rifles and shotguns, 21 for handguns), and provide a valid drivers' license. If expired, suspended or revoked, or the intended purchaser moved and failed to update the address on their license, they cannot buy a gun. Once meeting the above requirements, they must fill out federal form 4473 providing identifying information and answer a series of questions. Buying a gun for someone else, a straw-purchase, is prohibited. In addition, if they are a convicted felon, under felony indictment, fugitive from justice, drug user, dishonorably discharged from the military, renounced their citizenship, in the country illegally, not a citizen, are the subject of a restraining order, and or have been convicted of domestic violence, they may not purchase a gun. Falsifying information on this form is a felony subjecting the guilty to prison, fines, and loss of the right to own a firearm or vote, forever. Suppose they lie? Gun stores are required to call the F.B.I.'s National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) verifying buyer information. Police agencies around the country provide data on prohibited persons to the FBI stored in a centralized data base. It is the Bureau that directs the gun store to proceed or deny the sale. Suppose the intended buyer has no criminal record but is mentally unstable? Anyone adjudicated "mentally defective" or has been institutionalized, is part of the data base and they too are prohibited from purchasing firearms. Let's look at the seller's side of the equation.

Only those holding a Federal Firearms License (FFL) may commercially sell firearms. Information on each firearm they receive must be entered into a log book including to whom it is sold. Logbooks are subject to random inspection by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms. Data entry discrepancies may lead to revocation of the businesses' FFL and felony prosecution. If the gun store goes out of business or is sold, those logs along with all 4473 forms are transferred to the federal government, a form of gun registration. But can't prohibited people buy firearms at gun shows where there is some kind of loophole? No. Gun Show promoters rent venues leasing space to FFLs, usually gun stores. They make no money from so prohibit private sales. Those selling firearms at gun shows are bound by the same state and federal laws as gun stores. These "gun-control" measures have almost no impact on criminals who typically obtain guns through burglary which also renders efforts to mark guns for tracing to criminals a failure.

Stephen Paddock passed more than 40 background checks. With no criminal or mental health record, he could not be denied purchase of firearms. Incidents like this, as well as suicides, often occur not because of existence of firearms, but because those who knew or saw something, said nothing. Burdening the law abiding with more restrictions will do nothing to address this reality.

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Letters

Kansas City Star

Subject: Common Ground on Guns

Dear Sirs:

You state the need for a law prohibiting gun possession to persons convicted of adult abuse; "Influencer" of 7/30/18. This is already federal law. The law includes defendants in protective orders. It is not necessary to believe me on this point see 18 U.S. Code section 922(g)(8) & (9).

Your continued pretense that this law does not exist does not make gun owners confident that we will be treated fairly in the "gun courts" being urged.

Kevin L. Jamison

Attorney at Law

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Western Missouri Shooters Alliance



'BRETT KAVANAUGH MUST BE CONFIRMED TO SUPREME COURT,' SAYS CCRKBA

BELLEVUE, WA – Judge Brett Kavanaugh must be confirmed to fill the Supreme Court vacancy created by Justice Anthony Kennedy's retirement, which once again confirms the president's determination to put qualified jurists on the bench who will interpret the Constitution rather than try to reinvent it, the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms said today.

CCRKBA members, supporters and gun owners in 11 key states – Florida, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, North Dakota, Ohio, West Virginia and Wisconsin – must contact their senators and urge them to vote for confirmation. Information on senators in those and all other states may be found at www.senate.gov.

"One look at Judge Kavanaugh's qualifications should be enough to convince anyone, especially those sitting on the Senate Judiciary Committee, to confirm his nomination," said CCRKBA Chairman Alan Gottlieb. "Only those who wish to rewrite the Constitution, omitting the Second Amendment in the process, would oppose Kavanaugh's confirmation."

Gottlieb said CCRKBA has done its homework on Kavanaugh. His dissent on an important case in the District of Columbia that recognized the ban on semiautomatic rifles and a broad registration requirement were not up to Constitutional muster shows that the judge understands and adheres to the individual right to keep and bear arms that is enshrined in the Second Amendment, he noted.

"The fact that Judge Kavanaugh's nomination is being strongly opposed, if not downright vilified, by the gun prohibition lobby clearly signals to us that he is the right man for the job," Gottlieb added. To contact the Senate via telephone, call the Capitol switchboard at **(202) 224-3121** and ask to be directly connected to the offices of Senators representing your state.

"It is imperative for Second Amendment activists to get busy on this even during the Congressional recess," Gottlieb noted. "The gun prohibition lobby is working overtime to block Judge Kavanaugh's confirmation, and American gun owners need to meet that challenge head-on to assure a fair and faithful Supreme Court majority."

HELP NEEDED!

WMSA is again without a gun show coordinator. Ideally two people should share this responsibility.

Please consider helping WMSA fill this critical position.

Duties:

Keep and maintain gun show supplies

Call RK Shows and reserve table

Schedule volunteers to work table at RK Shows

Set up Gun Show table on Friday preceding shows

Pack up gun show supplies on Sunday afternoon (previous personnel worked Sunday afternoon at show)

Schedule table dates at Bass Pro

Schedule volunteers to work table at Bass Pro (very easy)

Meet with WMSA Treasurer to turn over cash after gun show (usually within a week)

Is an ex-officio board member and is invited to attend monthly Board meeting (not required to attend)

About one half of our funding comes from these shows so this is critical to the success of our organization..

Please contact me if you are interested or two or more people could work together to handle these tasks.

If you have questions please call: [816-628-3844](tel:816-628-3844)



Suppose you were an idiot. And suppose you were a member of Congress. But then I repeat myself. -- Mark Twain



The Clean Missouri Initiative: A Wolf in Sheep's Clothing

Western Missouri Shooters Alliance is a single issue group. However, sometimes we must take a broader view to spot challenges to our cause. The Clean Missouri Initiative is one of those challenges. At first look it has many redeeming items that I can wholeheartedly support. Such as requiring legislative records be open to the public, restricting retired legislators from becoming lobbyists for two years, reducing gifts to legislators and requiring redistricting follow political and geographic boundaries. Also the boundaries must be in a compact block roughly in a rectangular shape. This is intended to eliminate the strange salamander or gerrymander shaped districts of the past. The trouble comes in the attempt to create competitive districts. The process, through a complex system, would create districts that were balanced between the top two political parties. Let's call them party A and party B. This balancing plan would set the district boundaries so there would be approximately equal members of both parties.

This has many problems. How do you balance the numbers, if all of the surrounding districts are dominated by one party? I don't know how to solve this problem and can find no direction in the text of this initiative. This looks like a built in disaster.

This initiative fails in its stated goal of promoting competition by locking in unpopular ideas. As an example, let's assume party A has very popular policies, such as anti-slavery, while party B has outdated unpopular ideas, such as pro-slavery. Under the proposed system party B is locked into the election process. They have no incentive to change to be competitive. Just like the Whig party. Sometimes a party just needs to fade away to be replaced by a party with better ideas.

This also limits the party representation in any district to only two parties. What will happen if parties A, B and C each win thirty percent of the votes? Again, this initiative gives no direction.

The initiative is written in an intentionally deceptive way. The text lists all of the good items first and the real problem is hidden in a complex description of process, special boards and selection process to the point where the average person's eyes will glaze over and they will just skip this section. I know because I did. I had to force myself to dig into the complex depths of this can of worms to ferret out the problems. The way it is written it is easy to see the good and gloss over the problems at the bottom of the page. Kind of like the fine print of a contract.

As for our issue, this has the potential to undo all of the hard work we have done for years. We have worked very hard to support legislators who support our gun rights. This will change the districts to empower those who oppose our rights and make it more difficult for us to maintain the strong support we have earned. We must oppose the Clean Missouri Initiative and tell everyone we know to do the same.

Carl Smart
Independence Missouri

"I wholeheartedly believe that the media is politicizing this tragedy. It seems that gun control laws is the major topic of conversation rather than focusing on the bigger issue of 17 innocent lives being taken at the hands of another human. ... I know many people who are pro-gun and others who support gun control but it seems that the media is specifically targeting those in support of gun control to make it seem as if they are the majority, and the liberal news outlets are the ones that seem to make the bigger effort to speak to these people."

—Brandon Minoff, a student of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School

"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



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The tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. If you buy one ticket, you have one chance in 750 of winning. If you buy five tickets, your chances rise to five chances in 750. As an added incentive, bring in a new member at a General Membership Meeting and get a free raffle ticket. Any current member who brings in a new WMSA member gets a free raffle ticket for each new member added to our rolls.

Bring your prospective new member to a General membership meeting and when the new member completes the membership application and pays their dues, you are handed a ticket, no charge! The drawing for the rifle will be at the January 2019 RK Gun Show at the KCI Expo Center.

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- 3) Politicize and activate gun owners in defense of their rights.
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