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What's To Blame

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

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

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

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

In the fifties, we didn't have socialist, progressives insulting our President and disrespecting the office of the President as well as those who voted him into office. We didn't have socialist, progressives doing their best to divide our country, calling anyone who didn't agree with them racist and using other racial slurs. We didn't have socialist progressives with the intent of doing away with the first, second, fourth, fourteenth amendment to the constitution, our economic and political system. In the fifties, children had to learn the Constitution of the United States, how and why the U.S. came about and then, pass a Constitution test. Young adults and children of today don't know as much about the founding of America as an immigrant becoming an American citizen. There is not near the respect, gratitude and knowledge for and of our forefathers and what they went through to give us our Constitution and this free country.

Not all, but the large majority of gun violence shootings, robberies, drive by's and random acts of violence involving a gun, are committed with stolen or black market guns. In U.S cities and other countries with the strictest gun laws, those with the intent to commit violent crimes will somehow get a gun, use a knife or ballbat, or some other weapon.

More gun laws are not the answer. Restricting guns, gun dealers, gun owners and gun shows are not the answer. To correct the problem, correct all those mentioned above. Without those problems being corrected, without respect for other people, without the first amendment, without tolerance, without the ability and proper motivation for parents to discipline their children, without some sort of religious back-

ground, without learning about the founding of our country and the reason for it, without respect for our laws, including our immigration laws and why they were enacted by the "immigrants" or descendants of immigrants that made them, it will just be something other than guns. It's time to correct the real problems that cause violence and leave the Second Amendment alone! W.R.S.

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**Confuse a liberal:
Use logic and facts!**



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2. **Confront the media's twisted portrayals of gun rights issues.**
3. **Politicize and activate gun owners in defense of their rights.**
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General Membership Meeting

7:00 PM

Nov. 26, 2019

- Jan. 28, 2020
- March 24, 2020
- May 26, 2020
- July 28, 2020
- Sept. 22, 2020
- Nov. 24, 2020

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 KCI Expo Center
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KCI Expo Center

Dec. 21-22, 2019

- Jan. 11-12, 2020
- Feb. 15-16, 2020
- March 28-29, 2020

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LIBERTY NOTES

By Kevin L. Jamison

It is a good day for Liberty.

The movie about Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg has her arguing for women's rights before the Supreme Court in her early years. A stern judge informs her that the word "female" does not appear in the Constitution. She tartly replies "neither does the word freedom." In the movie there is great approval from the audience. Actually the word "freedom" appears in the first amendment. The Constitution does not refer to gender it refers to "people" or "person." I may be nit-picking but when it comes to freedom that is my right and sometimes my job.

Beto O'Roarke said that he would take away our AR's and AKs. We were told to dismiss the remark because he is a minority candidate. He said as president he would send police door to door to confiscate guns. We were told to ignore the remark because he was a candidate with little support trying to get attention. But. No other candidate disagreed with him.

December 29, 1890 a detachment of US Cavalry was disarming a band of Indians. One Indian, Black Coyote, held on to his rifle saying, "This is my rifle. I paid a lot of money for it and I have done nothing wrong." There was a struggle. A gunshot. A flurry of gunshots. A volley of gunshots. And then massacre. There would be a regulation against Indians having guns until the 1970s. It was unenforceable, openly flouted but the Washington DC bureaucrats kept it. If I treated people the way the Indians were treated I wouldn't want them to have guns either. In 2019 we can say the same thing as Black Coyote. If we say it in organizations, we have a chance at a better result.

A man was refused service at a Kansas bar. He threatened to return. Bartenders often hear these empty threats. The police were called, took a report and went back in service to other calls. The thug returned with a friend and killed four people and wounded five. There was usually an armed guard on duty, but he was not there that night. The usual suspects declared this an example of our terribly lax gun laws. The Kansas City Star had a front-page editorial quoting them to that effect, without an opposing opinion. There were complaints that the police officer should have remained, leaving him unavailable for the rest of the city. The newspaper said that if the guard was there, he would have been shot first. Perhaps. We know of psychopaths who drove past a possible target, because there was a guard. The guard might be shot first, that gives the bartender a chance to react, or the waitress, or a customer.

Allan Korwin reminds us that we are not pro-gun. We are pro-rights. This makes the usual suspects anti-rights.

Amber Guyger is guilty of murder. This is the officer who entered the wrong apartment and killed her neighbor. The prosecution read sexual text messages with her boyfriend in open court. This may explain why she did not notice she was in the wrong room. A Texas Ranger testified 25% of the building residents went to wrong apartment. The victim's door did not latch properly. This is why it was ajar. The victim was eating ice cream and watching TV. She went in immediately, did not retreat or get backup. The officer is white the victim black. Many saw this case as revenge for other incidents. Amber said the victim made quick steps toward her. The bullet went in chest above the left nipple at a slight downward angle damaging the heart and ending in the lower back. The victim might have been sitting or been slightly inclined forward. The 911 call was used against her. Her comment "I'm going to lose my job" seemed callous, she only said that once. She forgot the first aid kit she had with her. In a major mistake she said that she shot to kill. We shoot to stop, not kill.

I saw reference to a criminal indictment which says the defendant called a lawyer before 911. This prosecutor wrote it down. I wonder how many prosecutors thought it was suspicious but did not write it down.

The Mandalay Bay Hotel is paying an \$800 million settlement to the victims of the concert massacre. The hotel is a "gun-free" zone and it failed to enforce its rule. It is responsible. I used to be invited to a business security luncheon. I told them not to have rules they could not enforce. I was not invited back.

A Shawnee Mission Kansas 13-year-old girl was asked what five persons in the room she would like to shoot. She pointed her finger like a gun at four people and herself. She was turned in to the bullying hotline. She was ultimately arrested for felony threats. It turns out that she was bullied herself. I imagine one of the bullies turned her in to the bullying hotline to extend the bullying. We are told that there are other elements who do not know because the girl is a juvenile.

USCIS self-defense "insurance" program was been forced out of Washington, Oregon now New Jersey. The governor of New Jersey ordered his insurance office to halt programs promoting misuse of firearms. This program is what they came up with.

In writing about the 30 years history of WMSA it occurred to me that the Missouri Sport Shooting Association has existed for 91 years. In the years before the 1934 National Firearms Act they even sponsored machine gun shoots. Today we sponsor junior shooting to raise the next generation of shooters.

Lake Lotawana Sportsman's Club in eastern Jackson County has held its first Gun Show. It cost \$7.50 and they included a round of trap in the ticket. They provided the shotguns. I did not have time for trap, I should have made time. There was a nice variety of table merchandise.

I was at Kansas City Municipal Court and a police officer asked me about all the Democratic candidates who want to take our guns. I made some remark that we would need at least as many people stepping up to stop them. The officer went on to say that no one was going to take his guns and he was not going to take anyone else's. The officer next to him nodded in firm agreement. This is encouraging. Give people encouragement in the course of the day. Admire

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their Glock T-Shirt. Approve of their "Insured by Smith and Wesson" bumper sticker. Recruit them to do something. Tell them about WMSA.

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

I have noticed that the temperature in Bagdad gets over 100 degrees every day, sometimes substantially over. No wonder they always want to fight.

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

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

MORE HISTORY

K. L. Jamison

The St. Louis City Council has introduced an ordinance declaring all City parks to be "educational institutions." The purpose is to prevent concealed carry in the parks as it is forbidden in schools. Our sister organization in St. Louis, Gateway Civil Liberties Alliance, will doubtless oppose this measure. If they are not successful, a lawsuit will have to be mounted. This will cost money.

Our history has been one of prohibitions and petty regulation designed to make gun ownership and use as expensive and difficult as possible. There were no regulations until the 1870's. Bandits robbed trains and banks and laws were passed to reduce violence. However, the laws did not bar guns in banks and trains, but in schools and churches and "public assemblages." These were areas where ex-slaves tried to organize and improve their lot. Night riders did not want them to shoot back. After WW I there were race riots and the permit to purchase law was passed. This required a license from the sheriff to purchase a handgun. In reality it forced the applicant to prove he was white. We abolished this system in the wake of the NICS system. With the federal computers doing background checks it was redundant for its purported purpose of preventing bad guys from getting guns. The usual suspects claim that repealing the old law resulted in an increase in the murder rate. Other states abolished such laws at the same time without an increase in murder. This indicates it is another one of those "How to Lie with Statistics" claims.

We have not been alone in this fight. Aside from GCLA there have been grassroots organizations in Booneville and St. Joseph. There were individual activists in South Missouri. There was, and is, Missourians for Personal Safety (MPS). This is an umbrella group to coordinate our activities. We meet with the NRA state liaison and our lobbyist. We make decisions by consensus. There are spirited discussions, but they all lead to agreement. Commonly we decide on the laws we want to pass in the coming years. We also organize the annual Gun Rights Rally in Jefferson City.

These things do not happen by themselves. Volunteers have appeared, for a day, for a specific task, for years. Because of our volunteers our history will continue.

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

"I won a nickname, 'The Great Communicator.' But I never thought it was my style or the words I used that made a difference: it was the content. I wasn't a great communicator, but I communicated great things, and they didn't spring full bloom from my brow, they came from the heart of a great nation — from our experience, our wisdom, and our belief in the principles that have guided us for two centuries."

—Ronald Reagan

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

—G.K. Chesterton

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Why speaking out is your only option

Flip on the tv and you'd think that we're completely surrounded by political zombies. Indeed, most state legislatures and public forums these days are statist echo chambers. You get two false choices that promote some form of government intrusion that makes our lives more miserable. In some major urban centers in America, it's seems hopeless to do certain forms of political activism.

Take for example the Second Amendment. In cities like Baltimore and Chicago, it's practically a given that they're under leftist control. And in the rare occasion a "conservative" is elected, they often end up governing like control freak leftists. Abysmal. But there's something new brewing in urban America.

Thanks to the message of the intrepid Maj Toure of Black Guns Matter, the conversation in urban America is changing.

Toure and his team have hit the pavement educating people in America's largest cities about the value and proper exercise of the Second Amendment. Founded in 2019, Black Guns Matter is beginning to change the terms of the national gun debate. One State Representative based in Chicago is now starting to come around to the message. And it's a *Democrat* of all people! Recognizing the very real threat of rising crime rates, State Representative La Shawn Ford believes his constituents should be armed. He's even encouraging them to obtain concealed carry permits. Talk about living in Bizarro world...

Indeed, Ford's suggestion is nothing radical like say.... Constitutional Carry. But for a city like Chicago, Ford's comments are practically anathema.

Talk soon,

José Niño

P.S. One dissenting voice.

One campaign.

One brave soul who's willing to stand up to the mob. That's often all it takes to change a political paradigm. But many are too scared to answer the call. In today's political environment, silence is consent to the status quo of monster government. For us to prevail, you must speak out. Nonetheless, blurting out incoherent rambling does you no favors. That's why your arguments must be sharp as knife. You're going up against seasoned despots, so you better come prepared.

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Why the Gun is Civilization

Human beings only have two ways to deal with one another: reason and force. If you want me to do something for you, you have a choice of either convincing me via argument or force me to do your bidding under threat of force. Every human interaction falls into one of those two categories, without exception. Reason or force, that's it.

In a truly moral and civilized society, people exclusively interact through persuasion. Force has no place as a valid method of social interaction, and the only thing that removes force from the menu is the personal firearm, as paradoxical as it may sound to some.

When I carry a gun, you cannot deal with me by force. You have to use reason and try to persuade me, because I have a way to negate your threat or employment of force. The gun is the only personal weapon that puts a 100-pound woman on equal footing with a 220-pound mugger, a 75-year old retiree on equal footing with a 19-year old gangbanger, and a single gay guy on equal footing with a carload of drunk guys with baseball bats. The gun removes the disparity in physical strength, size, or numbers between a potential attacker and a defender.

There are plenty of people who consider the gun as the source of bad force equations. These are the people who think that we'd be more civilized if all guns were removed from society, because a firearm makes it easier for a mugger to do his job. That, of course, is only true if the mugger's potential victims are mostly disarmed either by choice or by legislative fiat—it has no validity when most of a mugger's potential marks are armed. People who argue for the banning of arms ask for automatic rule by the young, the strong, and the many, and that's the exact opposite of a civilized society. A mugger, even an armed one, can only make a successful living in a society where the state has granted him a force monopoly.

Then there's the argument that the gun makes confrontations lethal that otherwise would only result in injury. This argument is fallacious in several ways. Without guns involved, confrontations are won by the physically superior party inflicting overwhelming injury on the loser. People who think that fists, bats, sticks, or stones don't constitute lethal force watch too much TV, where people take beatings and come out of it with a bloody lip at worst. The fact that the gun makes lethal force easier works solely in favor of the weaker defender, not the stronger attacker. If both are armed, the field is level.

The gun is the only weapon that's as lethal in the hands of an octogenarian as it is in the hands of a weightlifter. It simply wouldn't work as well as a force equalizer if it wasn't both lethal and easily employable.

When I carry a gun, I don't do so because I am looking for a fight, but because I'm looking to be left alone. The gun at my side means that I cannot be forced, only persuaded. I don't carry it because I'm afraid, but because it enables me to be unafraid. It doesn't limit the actions of those who would interact with me through reason, only the actions of those who would do so by force. It removes force from the equation ... and that's why carrying a gun is a *civilized* act.

By Marko Kloos

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Supreme Court Rejects Anti-Gun Arguments, Agrees to Hear New York Handgun Case

The Supreme Court announced this week that it will hear oral arguments in a case challenging a New York City law that prohibited residents from transporting firearms outside city limits.

City officials repealed the ordinance earlier this year to avoid a pro-gun Supreme Court decision and have since argued that the Court should not hear the case because the issue is now moot. On Monday, the Court disagreed.

“The Respondents’ Suggestion of Mootness is denied,” the Court said. “The question of mootness will be subject to further consideration at oral argument, and the parties should be prepared to discuss it.”

The case is backed by the National Rifle Association and the New York Rifle and Pistol Association. The NRA applauded the Court’s decision in a press release.

“The Supreme Court saw through New York City’s blatant attempt to evade judicial review in this important case,” said NRA-ILA Executive Director Jason Ouimet. “This case presents a national opportunity to confirm a simple truth that New York City politicians refuse to accept: Our Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms is fundamental, and it doesn’t vanish when we exit our homes.”

The Court has faced significant political pressure in recent months to drop the case. Five Democratic Senators, backed by 139 House Democrats, issued a brief in August threatening to “restructure” the Court if it chose to move forward. The senators accused the Court of “partnering” with “the NRA and its allies”:

“Particularly in an environment where a growing majority of Americans believes this Court is ‘motivated mainly by politics,’ rather than by adherence to the law, the Court should resist petitioners’ invitation,” they said.

Attorneys for the plaintiffs argued that the case is not moot because, as Second Amendment Foundation Founder Alan Gottlieb told Guns America in August, New York City can simply reinstate the law the moment the Court agrees to drop the case. This issue is not moot, in other words, until the plaintiffs receive a ruling from the highest court in the land.

“As petitioners have explained, they manifestly have not obtained everything from the unilateral and begrudging changes in city and state law that they could have gotten were this case litigated to a favorable result, with declaratory relief that the transport ban is (and always was) unconstitutional and binding, forward-looking injunctive relief,” the plaintiffs’ lawyers said.

A wide variety of pro-gun organizations have filed briefs in support of the plaintiffs, including the National African American Gun Association, the Pink Pistols, the Liberal Gun Club, the Cato Institute, and the Academics for the Second Amendment.

One hundred and twenty members of the U.S. House also filed a brief in support, arguing that the right to keep and bear arms in “is an individual, natural, and fundamental right” that “predates the Second Amendment, and its central concept is the right of self-defense.”

The Court will hear the first oral arguments on Monday, December 2, 2019.

Red Flag Laws Are Un Constitutional

Red Flag Laws, the way they are written, are un- Constitutional and dangerously subject to extreme abuse by anyone including politicians. First, they allow your guns to be confiscated without ANY JUST CAUSE and without DUE PROCESS.

Anyone that holds a grudge against you can make a complaint, that you are a dangerous person, have mental problems, say you pointed a gun at them or threatened them, etc. It could be an ex-girlfriend, ex-wife, ex-husband, ex-husband of your new girlfriend or wife, wife, ex-wife to be, someone at work or a neighbor you had a disagreement with, anyone even without a legitimate reason. They could make this complaint without any just cause, your guns will be confiscated, without due process, it will then cost you a small fortune to defend yourself and get your guns returned.

Even more stunning, and this might be or could be the ultimate intent of many, if not all, who wrote Red Flag Laws. The way I understand it, or believe it could be interpreted, the way the laws are written and open for interpretation, your mayor, your city council could declare that all guns are dangerous regardless of who possess them, declaring all guns in your city be confiscated. They could do this by passing an ordinance, a law, or a declaration. Your state legislature could do the same, confiscating all guns in the state. This could all be done without just cause or due process.

Going a step further, especially if the Democrats/Progressives take over congress, the U.S. Congress could declare the same, passing a law to confiscate all guns, using the Red Flag Law as a basis. With background checks and gun registry, they will know where the guns are. They will know what guns you own.

ANY GUN LAWS, especially like the RED FLAG LAW, MUST have specific undeniable protections from abuse by any government agency, specific and strong provisions for just cause, due process and specific time limits guns can be held without undeniable proof of accusations being made. Provisions for payments of all costs for time, expenses, and punitive damages to the gun owner, for any false accusations, should also be part of any such law, along with other punishment for the accuser, to help guard against false and vindictive accusations. Further protections for the gun owner should also be included in any such laws.

W.R.S



Packing heat: More than 10% of adults in 13 states licensed to carry

The 2019 update on concealed carry in the United States from the Crime Research Prevention Center reveals that more than 10 percent of the adult population in 13 states is licensed to carry.

In addition, four states now report more than 1 million active carry licenses and one of those states, Florida, has more than 2 million carry concealed weapon licenses in circulation.

The report estimates 18.66 million U.S. citizens are licensed to carry across the 50 states. This amounts to an increase of approximately 8 percent over last year. From east to west, the states with the highest ratios of carry licenses to adults are Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, Pennsylvania, Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, Indiana, Iowa, South Dakota, Colorado, Utah and Washington. In addition to Florida, Georgia and Pennsylvania, Texas has also passed the 1 million mark for carry licenses. According to the report, Alabama has the highest ratio of licenses at 26.3 percent of the adult population, with Indiana coming in second with 17.9 percent.

This comes as former Vice President Joe Biden has this week unveiled his new gun control package, which the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms quickly labeled as a plan “with the same goal, but a different sales pitch.” “The Biden gun ban scheme falls right in line with the other Democrat presidential candidates’ goals of prohibition and confiscation,” said CCRKBA Chairman Alan Gottlieb.

The Washington Examiner is reporting that Biden is no longer the strong Democrat front runner he was earlier this year. Sen. Elizabeth Warren is rapidly catching up to the 76-year-old former vice president, who is clinging to a 2.2 percent lead, the Examiner said. Part of Biden’s problem may be his gun control package, which includes a so-called “buyback” option for people who own semiautomatic sporting rifles, to registration and regulation under provisions of the 1934 National Firearms Act, which will treat semi-autos like machine guns. Biden no longer comes across as a “moderate” on the gun control issue, Gottlieb maintains.

Sixteen states now have “constitutional carry,” where no permit is required to carry openly or concealed. The Crime Prevention Research Center acknowledges that this fact means far more people may be legally armed than the numbers say.

Dems' Impossible Dream: Gun-Confiscation

The Patriot Post

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

“Laws are made for men of ordinary understanding and should, therefore, be construed by the ordinary rules of common sense. Their meaning is not to be sought for in metaphysical subtleties which may make anything mean everything or nothing at pleasure.”

—Thomas Jefferson



Lies, Damned Lies, and (Gun Control) Statistics

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

But that won’t save any lives.



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

THE KNOX UPDATE AUGUST 7, 2019 JEFF KNOX

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

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

Your action is needed now. Republicans, from Trump on down, need to hear from you immediately. They need to hear from you in email, phone calls, on their social media accounts, and at any live events during their August recess.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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