

Consent of the Governed and the Declaration

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"Democracy provides a veneer of legality and fairness to the tyranny of majority rule"
Author

How would you define government? Merriam Webster's Dictionary provides several variants including; "*authoritative direction or control, the continuous exercise of authority over and performance of functions for a political unit: RULE, the organization, machinery, or agency through which a political unit exercises authority and performs functions and which is usually classified according to the distribution of power within it...*"¹ Hardy's government textbook defines it as; "*the people and institutions with the authority to establish and enforce laws and public policies.*"²

Prior to being purged, (Grigoriy Zinoviev, move over) I taught high school government for many years. When students asked for a simpler definition, I said Hardy pretty much nailed it. Still not satisfied, they pressed for an "easier" definition to which I responded; "its people like yourselves with authority and power to make rules over how you live your lives." Typical responses included; "Why does one group get to make rules for everyone else? They're no better than us" and "I thought we were free, why do they have to keep making so many new rules?" I explained; conflicts between people in societies, and a desire for peace and harmony, led to the formation of standardized rules. They function by indicating appropriate behavior, create mechanisms to teach the rules, and provide for discipline of violators. If people respected others as themselves, there would be an unheralded level of freedom.³ Asked if this peace and harmony was ever achieved, I replied "No." In order to gain an understanding of what government is, we examined its functions from the local (mayor and city councils), state, to the federal level. Important to students was the "why" question exemplified by this typical exchange: 'Q' = student's question, 'A' = my answer:

Q-What is government? A-One or more persons who make rules for others.

Q-Rules about what? A-Rules governing behavior.

Q-What types of behavior? A-Interactions between individuals, how they live their lives, and their obligations to the government.

Q-Who gives them this right to make rules? A-Depends. In authoritarian systems, e.g. dictatorships and monarchies, it's based on custom, tradition, and the power to hurt you if you don't go along with the program.

Q-What about democracies? Aren't they very different from authoritarian systems? A-Depends. In democracies, a majority of those voting choose people to make rules for everyone else. They in turn have the power to hurt you if you don't go along with the program.

Q-What is sacred about a majority? A-Nothing.

Q-Does being in the majority always mean they are right? A-No.

Q-Then why do democracies rely on majority rule? A-The idea is, this system represents the will for what the majority wants to do. The will of the people is considered good and right.

Q-Can a majority be wrong about something and the minority right? A-Yes.

Q-Can the majority use its power to oppress the minority? A-Yes.

Q-Could the majority use its power to rig the rules to always remain in power? A-Yes.

Q-Then how are people better off in a democracy than a dictatorship? A-Democracies provide systems of checks and balances on the power of the majority to do harm.

Q-Like what? A-Bad leaders, those deemed corrupt and harmful to the law and the rights of the people, can be voted out of office.

Q-But what if the majority votes the same bad leaders back into office? A-There are still legal limits to what the majority can do using the power of government.

Q-Where would we find these limits? A-Depends on the country.

Q-The United States. A-The Constitution.

Q-Do we follow the Constitution? A-No.

(If observing the class at this point, you would be able to see the wheels of thought turning in their heads).

Textbook discussions of the pros and cons of various forms of governmental systems seldom mention the psychological, emotional, and personality factors motivating the few who would rule the many. Dictators aside, why are there those in democracies who

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

PAXTON BOYS PROBLEM

In 1763 Western Pennsylvania was the frontier. There were Indian raids and in retaliation a group called the "Paxton Boys" raided an Indian village. The village they massacred belonged to a group of Christian Indians who had long ago given up warfare and most of their weapons. The Paxton Boys could not be convinced that there was such a thing as peaceable Indians. Today we have our own Paxton Boys problem. The Usual Suspects who hate guns and gun owners are the Paxton Boys and we are the Indians.

Thugs, psychopaths and criminals commit crimes with guns. The Usual Suspects come after us. We are easy to find and easy to punish. They cannot tell the difference between us and criminals. The only thing they see are guns. They see criminals with guns, they see us with guns. It is their prejudice.

This prejudice is reflected in the laws they advocate. While claiming to try to reduce crime they make criminals of ordinary citizens. Appeasement will not work. In the past whenever they have made progress, they have always come back for more. They say that no one is ever coming for our guns, and then cite Britain and Australia as a standard to attain. In those countries they did come to take guns. They pose as moderates. There is a study out, supposedly neutral, which finds they are moderates seeking a reasonable solution to safety and an end to "gun violence." They portray us as monsters and then claim that they are the moderates and we must agree with them. If we were the monsters they claim we are why on earth would they want to compromise with us? They are the Paxton Boys and we are the Indians. The Paxton Boys started by herding the Indians together, locking them up, but ended with mass murder. The Paxton Boys thought they were being reasonable. Paxton Boys always believe they are being reasonable.

The Christianized Indians didn't fight back. We must.



LIBERTY NOTES

By Kevin L. Jamison

We can fight with contributions. We can contribute money to an organization or project. We can contribute time. We can visit our politicians or attend town meetings. We can contribute time to the projects of local organizations. We can fight by teaching. We can teach the general public that we are not the threat. We can teach young people to safely enjoy shooting. This sets a good example and creates a new generation to support our rights. We can fight with letters. These are letters to politicians, letters to the editor and calls to radio talk shows (write down a couple of points before calling). Each action may seem like a little thing, but little things add up.

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

"The pessimist in American society believes the reason some people are poor is that others are rich. He refuses to see any cause-and-effect relationship between behavior and result. This is the same as saying, 'The reason some people are sick is that others are well.' Because they blame others for their problems, pessimists seek solutions outside themselves for those problems. If you have no belief in yourself or your abilities, you'll have no faith in your capacity to solve your problems. A pessimist is always demanding help, regardless of whether that help is effective."

—Ed Feulner

It is a good day for Liberty.

The US Supreme Court has refused to hear *Perulta v California*. This is a suit to force California to adopt a "Shall Issue" concealed carry law. The Supreme Court does not have to take a case and of the thousands filed every year takes only a few. The California 9th Circuit ruled that there is no constitutional right to carry concealed weapons and anyway people can carry openly. California prohibits open carry. This ruling is not good but only affects persons in California and Hawaii. If it had gone forward we may not have had the votes. Justice Kennedy is the swing vote and there is no way to tell which way he will swing. There are rumors that Justice Kennedy is thinking of retirement. We are likely to have another justice appointed in another year or so. It takes millions of dollars in attorney fees and costs to get a case to the Supremes. The result will affect our rights for generations. We need to stack the odds in favor of our grandchildren.

I was opening a package of crumbled bacon because . . . there was bacon inside. The bag bore a conspicuous warning not to eat the bag. This is an excellent idea. This warning should be on the front page of every newspaper and should lead off the President's State of the Union address. If the Usual Suspects believe we need to be warned against eating plastic bags, no wonder they don't want us to have guns.

There is an audiobook called "Agent Storm." A Danish Outlaw Biker converted to Radical Islam. He busied himself preparing to go to fight in the Sudan, convinced that Allah ordained it. Then he received a call saying that the Ethiopian soldiers had taken the airport and he could not get in. He had a sudden crisis of conscience. He went out and had a beer and a bacon sandwich. He turned to Danish Intelligence and informed on local radical mosques. He moved to England and informed on radical mosques for British intelligence. He developed contacts in the war zone and American intelligence became involved. This created difficulties. Danish intelligence was prohibited from engaging in assassinations and that is all the Americans wanted to do. The British thought they had a duty to civilize the Americans but needed their money. The Danes received extra American money for their participation. Finally an American drone killed a terrorist leader Agent Storm considered to be a friend; using information he provided. He had another crisis on conscience and got out of the intelligence business. The dark side of this war is a nasty place with strange allies. This provides some hope that we are recruiting agents in the belly of the beast.

On 2 July, 2017 the local tabloid had a front page headline "Murder Capital Crime statistics reveal Kansas City's disturbing homicide trend." Reading the article one finds that Kansas City is not the Murder Capital of the nation, not even of Missouri. It seems that our "alarming homicide trend" is that ours is going down slower than other cities. It does create hysteria and hysteria sells newspapers. It also stokes demands for restrictions on our rights.

The usual suspects have posted "INDIVISIBLE: A Practical Guide for Resisting the Trump Agenda." It can be found by a google search for "Indivisible." It is an excellent guide on how to influence congresspersons. They say it was inspired by the success of the Tea Party. We should always know what the opposition is doing. We should do what has been successful. In one place it urges other usual suspects not to be afraid of violence by our people. All the violence I have seen is from the left. More "gaslighting."

There is a bill in congress to make suppressors as legal as any revolver. The usual suspects are hysterical at the prospect. They claim that this would enable criminals to commit crimes undetected. This is nonsense. It is easy to get videos on the internet of suppressors being fired. They sound like guns only not as loud. This will save our hearing but it can still be recognized as gunfire. It can still be detected by electronic means the police use to locate gunshots. One of the usual suspects has written the newspaper

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to advance the conspiracy theory that the NRA promoted the bill to create a new field for gun sales. He claimed that we have eliminated background checks and training requirements, bans on domestic-violence offenders and terrorist watch lists and have reintroduced lead in bullets. None of this is true of course. The opposition does not care about the truth only results. More gaslighting. Whenever we hear the opposition speak we can assume that they are making up factoids, or repeating made-up factoids. We only have to challenge them. That is what we do.

It has recently been discovered that the Shawnee-Mission School District has obtained AR-15 rifles for its school protection officers. The usual suspects are horrified. They claim that this is equivalent to arming psychotics and juveniles. If a school is attacked experience shows that it very likely to be attacked by psychotics wielding rifles or shotguns. The presence of AR-15's will even the odds. A deputy sheriff at the Columbine school massacre had a shot at the two psychopaths but was well out of range for his pistol. This opposition did influence the two to retreat to the library and commit suicide. Modern police procedure for dealing with mass killer rampages is for the first police officer on the scene to shoot back. It would be best if that officer had the best weapon for the purpose.

I saw a cable show entitled "Shootout." It re-enacts gunfights and battles. The narrator referred to the victor "taking out" or "neutralizing" or "fatally wounding" the bad guy. A program called "Shootout" should learn to say "kill." On the other hand. In the aftermath of a self-defense shooting one should employ euphemisms. Saying "kill" might be taken as expressing too much enthusiasm for killing. On yet another hand being frank with yourself about killing may be helpful with overcoming the PTSD which inevitably follows.

Oregon has passed a law allowing anyone to file a petition claiming that you are dangerous and your guns are immediately seized. The claimant does not have to have any psychology background or even know you. If the governor signs the law this will be another victory for the usual suspects. If they seize people's guns successfully they will look to pass similar laws elsewhere. There is a similar provision in our concealed carry law. Absolutely anyone can file a petition in small claims to revoke your carry license. Victory in Oregon will encourage people to misuse this law as well. We can add this to our list of reforms for the legislature. We would like to hear from the membership of what reforms should be on that list.

The local tabloid complains that improvements in state gun laws have "hampered law enforcements ability

to confiscate guns from those they suspect have criminal intent." First, police cannot confiscate on a suspicion. Second, this paper screams racism when statistics laboriously kept by the police show they do traffic stops on minorities out of proportion to their presence in the population. It is perfectly willing to let police confiscate guns based only on suspicion, but not to let them make traffic stops.

A man in Tacoma Washington fired at a car thief. One of his bullets missed and killed a neighbor. He has pled guilty to manslaughter. A man in Alaska tried to commit suicide and the bullet wounded him and killed his girlfriend. He is charged with second degree murder. Shooting at fleeing felons and suicide are not legal. This may have something to do with the charges.

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

New Bill Would Eliminate ATF's Ability to Ban Ammo Through Reclassification

Representative Rob Bishop (R., Utah) introduced a bill that would prohibit the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) from unilaterally reclassifying ammunition.

The Lawful Purpose and Self-Defense Act would remove the ATF's discretion in classifying certain ammunition as "armor piercing." Instead of relying on the ATF or attorney general's judgment on which "armor piercing" rounds should be given a "sporting purpose" exception, the bill would rely on the manufacturer's design and intent. Rep. Bishop said his intention is to prevent gray areas in the law from being used to push new gun control.

"The Founding Fathers were clear when they drafted the Bill of Rights," Rep. Bishop said in a statement. "The 2nd Amendment is about security and self-defense. Vagaries in today's legal code pose a real threat to the right to keep and bear arms. The Obama administration exploited this ambiguity to forward its agenda of restriction. It's time to ensure no future administration tramples on these freedoms guaranteed by our Constitution."

The congressman points to the ATF's attempt to reclassify the popular M855 "green tip" 5.56 millimeter ammunition as "armor piercing" under the Obama administration. The attempt to reclassify the ammunition would have effectively outlawed its sale on the civilian market despite decades of it being legally available to consumers. The ATF ultimately abandoned the effort after receiving backlash from gun owners.

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consider their vision for how people should live benighted insisting they should be able to employ the coercive power of government at their disposal to impose it on everyone else? Could it be impulses motivating them are no different than those who would rule empires?

America's Founders recognized from humanity cannot be exorcised traits especially problematic when men have power over others; ambition, avarice, envy, lust for power, desire to be worshipped, opportunity to settle scores, and implementation of personal agendas rationalized as necessary for the 'common good.' Students are taught what the majority wants is good because it represents the will of the people typically defined as the "consent of the governed," or, what is best for everyone. But is this true? If so, why do people root for the 'little guy' whether in sports, business, or personal relationships? Why do novels, songs, and movies, (*The Legend of Billy Jack*, *Demolition Man*, *The Sons of Katie Elder*, *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington*, *Divergent*, and *The Hunger Games* for example), extoll the struggle of the little guy against the popular will imposed by government? Suppose a majority of voters consent to infringements of their rights by government? What can the minority opposition do? These discussions and questions were generated by students, not prompted by me. I never told them how or what to think let alone suggested answers. I explained as the next generation of voters, it was their destiny to take over and run the country. They should think for themselves and draw their own conclusions. Bubbling with interest because they were coming of age, students naturally shared these discussions in other classes. They told me [Liberal] teachers, from SocialIST Studies to English, Science, and Math departments, typically denounced me, in front of classes, as "one who hates government," apparently the worst sin imaginable. My response was; "I desire liberty for all. They desire to rule over all..."⁴ And then I would take them back to the reasons upon which this nation was founded. It had nothing to do with collectivist notions of serving a common good and wasn't even a revolution in the true sense of the word.

The word *revolution* does not appear in the Declaration of Independence because its signers didn't consider what they were doing revolutionary but rather restorative. Their concept of *consent of the governed* was very different from the majoritarian concept taught by contemporary Liberals.⁵ Instead of revolution, the Founders pursued a long established biblical means to alter "the form of government when the present government has become tyrannical." It was grounded in "Western Christian political theory" that, in 1776, "had developed for seven hundred years."⁶ In drafting the Declaration of Independence, Thomas Jefferson was guided by centuries of philosophical, political, and theological scholarship and thought which asserted "the laws of nature and nature's God (God's law imprinted on the universe and in the hearts of man) regulate the lives and relations of men and nations." God had endowed humans with inalienable rights from which they could not be separated by men or governments. Therefore government was a compact (contract) through which people united to choose leaders (magistrates) whose sole function was to secure their rights based on the law of God. This compact was as much between people and God as people with each other. Consent to govern was extended by the people only to just rulers who rightfully executed God's law. Unjust laws were those that violated that law and were expressions of tyranny and despotism. Rulers, magistrates, and governments guilty of committing violations broke the compact thereby releasing people to abolish that government in favor of one committed to reestablishing the original compact. This understanding shaped the Western world. King George III and the British Parliament had broken their compact with American colonies by violating the terms of their charters, closing local assemblies thus abolishing the right of self-rule and representation, and unlawfully confiscated the property of the people thus, in all these actions, abridging their inalienable rights established by God.⁷

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English monarchs had acceded to compacts with the people from the Magna Carta (1215) through the English Bill of Rights (1689). A king or queen who violated these compacts was guilty of “material breach of his promise” releasing the other party, colonists in this case, from the contract. Should the monarch attempt to enforce any part of the compact once rendered null and void by his violations of its terms, the other party had the right to resist including through armed self-defense.⁸ But what is widely taught today is that concepts of biblically based compacts died with the Pilgrims and, by the time of the ‘*Revolution*,’ Americans had generally evolved into deists. Contrary to these claims made by liberal historians and teachers, few if any of America’s founders were ‘deists’ (people who believe God created the universe, wound it up like a clock, and then bowed out never to be seen or heard from again) and Jefferson did not import a deist view into the Declaration. Instead, America’s founders employed the Biblical notion of compact based on the English equivalent of the Latin word ‘*pactum*,’ used to translate the Old Testament Hebrew word ‘*berith*,’ meaning covenant (compact). “Almost all of God’s dealings with man in the Bible was through covenants.”⁹ Covenants were formal public agreements “between two or more persons” in which they swore to perform certain actions. Latitude was given to parties failing to perform required functions to perfection however, a material breach dissolved the compact (covenant) freeing “the injured party from any further obligations under the agreement.” The earliest material breach was Adam and Eve’s consumption of forbidden fruit with resultant catastrophic consequences.¹⁰

When discussing government and consent of the governed as intended by the Founders, it is crucial to understand its purpose was never to enact various legislative programs or promote some cause. Instead it was to implement and manage God’s law for mankind. In the book of Romans, Paul states people are to be subject “to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God.”¹¹ People are to obey their “rulers” but only insofar as they execute the law of God. Because God intended for all governments to be covenants, material breach by the “ruler” rendered it null and void and the leader was to be removed. People might choose their form of government and “rulers,” nevertheless those in power were commissioned only for the purpose of implementing God’s law. Those unfit to rule were to be removed by the people.¹¹ Okay, the Founders modeled their compact on the Biblical model. So what? If it’s true GM modeled the design and style of the Hummer2 on Chrysler’s Jeep, it still doesn’t make the Hummer a Jeep, does it? True enough. But in this case, the model went much deeper than a stylistic facsimile.

America’s founders turned constantly to the Bible in justifying overthrow of King George III’s rule (2 Chronicle 23 for example). The people were not permitted to act as individuals or a mob to depose a ruler. Instead, leaders, “lower magistrates” who held power legitimately, were tasked with declaring the king had

forfeited his right to rule and why. We are not talking Bolshevik revolutions (sic) or anarchy here. In this manner King Edward II had been deposed in England. The purpose of deposing, or overthrowing a ruler, was not to create or impose a new form of government but, rather, to reestablish the original covenant. Edward II had been charged with violating the laws he had agreed to obey including the Magna Carta.¹² Although the term fell out of favor during the Civil Rights era, “interposition” was used to describe acts by legitimate “lower magistrates,” standing between the people and a tyrant, to protect them and or remove the tyrant from power. Interposition represented the will and consent of the governed not in response to a leader’s ineptitude or unpopularity, but their willful rebellion against the law of God.¹³

Interposition’s roots are Catholic. Gregorian Reform (A.D. 1075-1122) was commenced by Pope Gregory VII to liberate the Church from control by secular political powers. Catholic Scholar Manegold of Lautenback (1080) in the Alsace region, wrote the people choose men of “right reason” (in agreement with God’s law) to govern them. His functions were to “protect the good, destroy the wicked, and administer justice to every man.” If he or they violated this covenant, the people had a right to depose him/them. Such thinking infused Christian thought, Catholic and later Protestant, through America’s founding seven hundred years later.¹⁴ In 1215, after suffering years of expensive disastrous war, confiscation of property and money, and brutal persecution, England’s barons compelled Plantagenet King John to sign the Magna Carta (Great Charter). It was an example of lower magistrates interposing on behalf of the people and an existing covenant, Henry I’s Charter of Liberties, confirmed by Henry II in 1154 protecting Church property and limiting the king’s authority and ability to raise revenue through taxation and confiscation of property. When the English people protested against tyrannical actions by subsequent monarchs, they almost always referred to the Magna Carta.¹⁵

Contrary to what I was taught at the university by Liberal professors, the Magna Carta did have a “profound influence” upon America’s founders. Sir Edward Coke’s book on the Magna Carta (1628), among many others, was widely read in the colonies and shaped future “constitutional theories” as well as state charters including Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, and others. John Adams denounced Britain’s Stamp Tax as a violation of the Magna Carta and Americans in general

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saw it as “the source of fundamental liberty.” It was even invoked as part of court proceedings and in general assemblies. It constituted “an all pervading influence in the political and legal thought of colonial America.”¹⁶

Protestants, beginning with Martin Luther and John Calvin (1500s), continued where Manegold left off. Both contended it was a Biblical principle that “lower magistrates” could depose or “curb the tyranny of kings.” The French Calvinist manifesto, *Vindiciae Contra Tyrannos* (Defense of Liberty Against Tyrants, 1579) became the “most famous and most quoted of many Protestant tracts on interposition, resistance to tyrants “through lower magistrates,” in colonial America. *Vindiciae* quoted and relied on Scripture to establish the principle that God gave His law to the people, the law is over kings and rulers, and the people are “above the king” retaining the power to remove him if he violated the compact with the people based on God’s law. “Many of the key terms and ideas of the *Vindiciae*, as well as its central argument, show up later in the Declaration of Independence.”¹⁷ Samuel Rutherford’s *Lex Rex* also had a great impact on America’s founders. He argued civil government was based on the laws of nature, meaning God’s law obvious through the nature of life and written on man’s heart. People were created equal by God and He bequeathed them inalienable rights they did not surrender “when entering a compact with government formed by their consent.”¹⁸ I was taught none of what appears herein by teachers at the two public high schools or the hegemonic liberal professoriate at the three universities I attended. Your children and grandchildren aren’t being taught the truth either.

Consent of the governed. Atheists and agnostics understandably might dismiss its biblical foundation as false or no longer applicable but this is problematic. Absent a divine law-giver, upon what can the security of rights be based? Answer, the will of a majority, at any time whimsical, transitory, and fickle. Rights become hostage to the emotions of the majority. John Adams’ warning was even more direct pointing out the will of the people can be arbitrary, capricious, evil, and tyrannical. But Christians aren’t off the hook either. America abandoned its Judeo-Christian founding principles a long time ago. And what historically has been the result of a God-blessed nation turning their backs on Him? Not pretty. Did I discuss this in my government classes? Ask the teachers who hid listening and spying outside my classroom (students caught them) before the purging.

1 Frederick C. Mish, Editor-in-Chief, *Webster’s Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary* (Springfield, Massachusetts, Merriam-Webster, Inc. Publishers, USA, 1985), 529.

2 Richard J. Hardy, *Government In America* (Boston, Massachusetts, Houghton Mifflin Company, 1992), 811.

3 I used to explain this was an adaptation of the “Golden Rule,” but this explanation was met with blank stares from students. So then I added, “from the Beatitudes,” blank stares, “Sermon on the Mount,” blank stares, “Luke 6:31.” Continued blank stares. Someone asked; “Who is Luke?” Perhaps humorous, this is not intended to be so at the expense of students rather, it indicates what their parents are not teaching them.

4 My comments, and encouragement of free open-ended student discussion was considered “scandalous” by certain teachers. I was hauled into the principal’s office on Wednesday 27 January 2010. As usual, the reason given for the “visit” was not the real stated reason.

“You have a reputation for being a conservative. This has been a problem that has persisted for years,” the principal said. “People, teachers, have made complaints against you

and your bias. You are the only one anyone has complained against as far as bias” (an accusation I challenged based on the Christian and conservative parents complaining to me about bias of liberal teachers. He brushed this aside as untrue). “Everyone knows you’re a conservative. It is ‘THE’ topic of discussion among staff. Teachers are discussing it and many (I think he said a ‘parade’) teachers have come to me complaining about your conservative bias. Parents have complained about it (I believe it was one). They want to know why you haven’t been disciplined, why you haven’t been FIRED (emphasis, mine).”

“Who is complaining?” I asked.

“I’m not going to tell you. I told them if they wanted me to take action against you they would have to go public but so far they have elected not to do so.”

“That’s not fair. I should have an opportunity to face my accusers, know who they are, and what the accusations are. Maybe someone has a personal grudge against me. Maybe there is another side to the story but how can I provide it if you won’t tell me who they are and what I am supposed to have done.” I replied.

“I’m not telling you who they are. You will never know. You would really be surprised if you knew which teachers have come to me, complaining about you, wanting you disciplined and fired.”

The conversation went downhill from there ending with him saying: “This isn’t over, we’re not finished yet.” In a little over a month, I was no longer teaching *Government or Advanced Studies American History*, ever again. Entire story, and conversation, written contemporaneous to the meeting, are part of my archives.

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“As I have stood in the crosshairs of those who target Second Amendment freedoms, I’ve realized that firearms are not the only issue. No, it’s much, much bigger than that. I’ve come to understand that a cultural war is raging across our land, in which, with Orwellian fervor, certain acceptable thoughts and speech are mandated.”

—Charlton Heston

“I encourage you to continue to practice the discipline of self-control. There’s an old proverb that says, ‘Like a city whose walls are broken down is a man who lacks self-control.’ I truly believe that commanding others first begins with being able to command yourself. Discipline is the foundation of leadership.”

—Mike Pence at the Naval Academy

“All government, in its essence, is organized exploitation, and in virtually all of its existing forms it is the implacable enemy of every industrious and well-disposed man.”

—H. L. Mencken

“The taxpayer: That’s someone who works for the federal government but doesn’t have to take the civil service examination.”

--Ronald Reagan

Handgun Safety Rules Refresher

Four Basic Handgun Safety Rules:

1. Treat ALL firearms as if they were loaded.
2. DO NOT point at or cover anything with the muzzle until ready to shoot.
3. Keep trigger finger off the trigger and outside the trigger guard until ready to shoot.
4. Be certain of your target and your line of fire.

Safe and secure storage of your firearm is one of your most important responsibilities. It is a full-time responsibility. You must always secure your firearm and ammunition so that they are not accessible to children or other unauthorized persons.

There are a variety of locks and safe storage containers available in the marketplace which may be appropriate for your particular needs. By purchasing a firearm you have taken on the responsibility of safely securing the firearm at all times and preventing its unauthorized use. It is your personal responsibility to select and use whatever devices or practices that will enable you to safely secure your firearm AT ALL TIMES.

Gun Safety, Operation & Storage

- Safe gun handling is YOUR personal responsibility at all times. Firearms are dangerous and can cause serious injury and death if they are misused or used inappropriately. Safety must be the prime consideration of anyone who owns or handles firearms.

- You are responsible for the firearm at all times. In owning a firearm, you must undertake full-time responsibility for your firearm's safety and security. You must protect yourself and all others against injury or death from misuse of the firearm.

- Safe storage is your responsibility. In particular, you must secure firearms safely from children and unauthorized users. A lock has been provided for your use with this firearm. A lock is not a substitute for safe and secure storage as defined in the Safe Storage and Transportation section of this manual.

- Accidents are the result of violating the rules of safe gun handling and common sense.

- For your safety and the safety of others, never rely on mechanical features alone. Only your safe gun-handling habits will ensure the safe use of your firearm. This is your responsibility.

- Never keep ammunition in the same location as the handgun. Store in a separate and secure place.
- READ and UNDERSTAND these instructions before using your firearm.

At home, in the field, at the range, or anywhere, the first concern of every firearm owner should be safety. Apply the following safety rules in every situation, with any kind of firearm:

- BEFORE HANDLING ANY FIREARM, UNDERSTAND ITS OPERATION. Not all firearms are the same. Familiarize yourself with the mechanical features of any firearm you intend to use.

- ALWAYS SAFELY STORE AND SECURE YOUR FIREARM. Safe and secure storage of your firearm is one of the most important responsibilities of firearms ownership. It is a full-time responsibility. You must always secure your firearm and ammunition separately so that they are not accessible to children or other unauthorized persons.

- ALWAYS TREAT EVERY FIREARM AS IF IT WERE LOADED AND WOULD FIRE IF THE TRIGGER IS PULLED. Do not take anyone's word that the firearm is unloaded - always check for yourself.

Never pass your firearm to another person until the cylinder or action is open and you visually check that it is unloaded. Keep your firearm unloaded and safely stored when not in use.

- ALWAYS KEEP YOUR FIREARM POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION. Never point a firearm at anyone or anything you do not intend to shoot whether or not it is loaded. This is particularly important when loading, unloading, or field stripping the gun. ALWAYS control the direction of the firearm.

- NEVER PLACE YOUR FINGER INSIDE THE TRIGGER GUARD UNLESS YOU INTEND TO FIRE. Your firearm cannot fire unless the trigger is pulled. Ensure that other objects do not touch the trigger.

- ALWAYS BE SURE OF YOUR TARGET AND WHAT IS BEYOND IT. Always be sure of where the bullet will strike and shoot only where there is a safe backstop free of obstructions, water or other surfaces which can cause ricochets. Do not fire into the sky.

Additional Important Safety Rules

- Never carry or store a firearm with the hammer or striker in the cocked position.

- Do not allow a firearm to be used by individuals who have not read these basic firearms safety rules and do

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not under-stand its safe operation and the rules of safe gun-handling.

- Be sure all accessories, such as holsters and grips, are compatible with the firearm and that the accessories do not interfere with safe operation.

- Use the correct ammunition for your particular firearm as indicated by the marking on the barrel. Never use non-standard, reloaded, or "hand loaded" ammunition which has not been subjected to internal ballistic pressure testing.

- Discharging firearms in poorly ventilated areas, cleaning firearms, or handling ammunition may result in exposure to lead and other substances known to cause birth defects, reproductive harm, and other serious physical injury. Review the warnings and labels for all ammunition and cleaning products carefully. Have adequate ventilation at all times. Wash hands thoroughly after exposure.

- Never use alcohol or drugs before or while shooting. Do not use your firearm if you are on any medication which impairs, even slightly, your mental or physical ability.

- Wear eye and hearing protection appropriate for firearm use every time you discharge your firearm. Make sure others in the vicinity of where you will be shooting do so as well.

- Never cross obstacles such as fences or streams with a loaded firearm.

- Firearm safety training is available. Contact your dealer, Law Enforcement Agency, local sportsman's club, etc. for availability.

- Appropriate use for your firearm means using your firearm for legal purposes. For example - target shooting and lawful resistance of deadly criminal force.

These are basic firearms safety rules. There are other common sense safety rules that should be followed at all times under the circumstances then presented. **SAFE USE OF A FIREARM IS YOUR PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND THE FAILURE TO FOLLOW ALL OF THESE BASIC SAFETY RULES MAY RESULT IN SEVERE PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH.**

"I want to make one thing clear. This war against our Constitution is not being fought way off in Madagascar or in Mandalay. It is being fought here — in our schools, our colleges, our churches, our women's clubs. It is being fought with our money, channeled through the State Department. It is being fought twenty-four hours a day — while we remain asleep."

—William Jenner



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.

"Our friends in the other party will never forgive us for our success, and are doing everything in their power to rewrite history."

—Ronald Reagan

"A republic is not an easy form of government to live under, and when the responsibility of citizenship is evaded, democracy decays and authoritarianism takes over."

-- Chief Justice Earl Warren

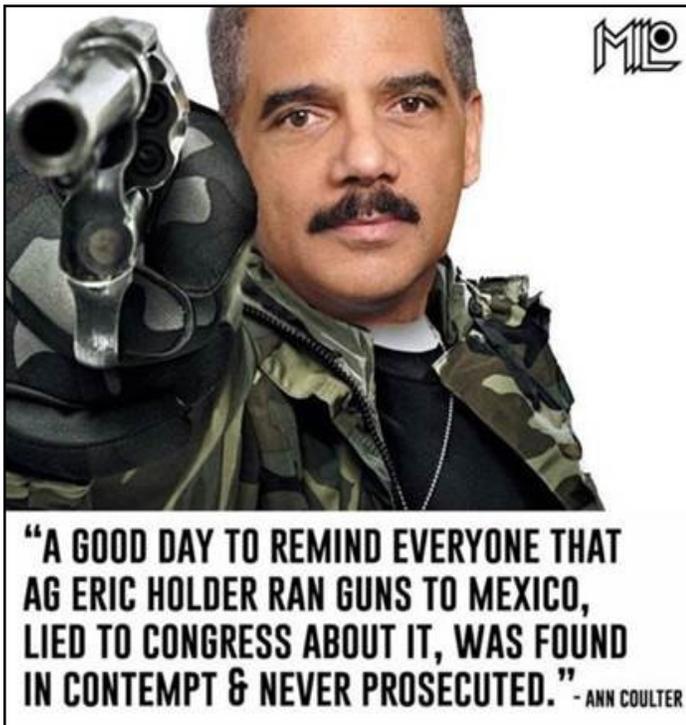
"Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum announced that a new location will open in Washington DC. It will present likenesses of lawmakers and presidents at work. The idea is to show that you can put a wax dummy in those chairs and the government will run better."

—Argus Hamilton



The 36 States That Honor Missouri's
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| Idaho | Indiana |
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| Kentucky | Louisiana |
| Maine | Michigan |
| Mississippi | Missouri |
| Montana | Nebraska |
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Another Court Shoots Down DC's Anti-Gun Regulation

In a 2-1 decision, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit ruled against a District regulation that severely limited the ability of an individual to obtain a concealed carry permit. Judge Thomas Griffith wrote for the majority, "The good-reason law is necessarily a total ban on most D.C. residents' right to carry a gun in the face of ordinary self-defense needs. Bans on the ability of most citizens to exercise an enumerated right would have to flunk any judicial test."

John R. Lott of the Crime Prevention Research Center noted that just 124 DC residents currently have concealed carry permits. He said, "If DC were like the

42 right-to-carry states, they would have about 48,000 permits. Right now DC prevents the most vulnerable people, particularly poor blacks who live in high crime areas of DC, from having any hope of getting a permit for protection."

This is a definite win for Americans' Second Amendment rights, but it may be short-lived. The District could appeal to the full DC Circuit Court of 11 judges, seven of whom are Democrat appointees. If the full court were to take on the appeal, it would most likely signal the other judges' desire to reverse the three-judge panel's ruling. With the Ninth Circuit Court's decision to uphold San Diego's limit on concealed carry permits and the Supreme Court's refusal hear that appeal, a reversal by the full DC circuit might mean that SCOTUS would again refuse to entertain an appeal. However, if the decision holds, it would provide the circuit court split necessary for SCOTUS to take up the issue of concealed carry limits. Of course, there are a lot of assumptions here.

But not to get lost in possible future scenarios, this ruling is good news. It restores gun rights to residents of our nation's capital, which is common sense especially in light of the targeted attack by a crazed leftist on congressional Republicans. Those living within the District have just as much of a right to self-defense as those who live in Texas.

Board of Director's Election

Three Board Member positions will be up for election at the September 26th General Membership Meeting. Those currently holding those positions are:

- Kevin Jamison
- Bob Hanson
- Larry Swickard

Nominations for the board will be taken from the floor at the September 26th meeting.

All the above current board members are seeking reelection to the board.

Eric Burger was appointed to the board by President Kevin Jamison, per our by-laws, to fill the vacancy created when Al Hale requested to become an ex-officio board member. Eric will serve for 2 year to complete Al's term. We have one more vacancy on the board to fill and we are seeking people to volunteer to serve out a 1 year term until Sept. 2018. If interested please contact Bob Hanson at bob.wmsa@gmail.com.



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