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WHY THEY FOUGHT

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By Larry Lorenzo Swickard

Christmas Eve looms as I write with no snow in sight but cause for optimism remains; four weeks remain to the failed Obama presidency. Patriotic Americans hold their breath leery America's Marxist president will unleash irreparable mischief as a parting shot on his way out the door. Will future historians come forward with the courage and integrity to tell the truth about Obama's crusade to wreck what remains of the Constitution and in the process, the United States? Time will tell. It also remains to be seen if president-elect Trump will put deeds to his words supportive of the 2nd Amendment. Freedom's struggle against the authoritarian impulse driving the Left never ends. Many battles remain to be fought. In "blue" states, those behind the *Gonadalphobic Curtain*, liberals continue riding roughshod over the God-given right of self-defense. California now requires background checks (registration) for ammo purchases which also generates electronic records as to who owns what and how much. If someone buys .556x45mm caliber ammunition, it's a good bet he owns an AR15, Mini-14, or similar rifle. In addition, thirty round magazines are illegal and must be surrendered to authorities or removed from the state. Mere possession is a crime.¹ Having friends in the White House secures no one from the machinations of the *Confiscados*.

Questions also remain with respect to Donald Trump's fidelity to the Constitution. Media talking heads are discussing funding options for Trump's proposed trillion dollar infrastructure project. Debates over the proper ratio of state and federal funds for this "national" (sic) project reveal ignorance so profound it is clear we live in *Post-Constitutional-America*. Does no one in public schools teach the difference between a federal and national system of government anymore?² Does anyone still teach it was James Madison, *Father of the Constitution*, who vetoed such an infrastructure bill funding road and bridge building precisely because it is not authorized as required by law in Article I Section 8 of the Constitution?³ In other words, the debate is moot. The United States is constituted a federal republic with a government limited to powers specifically delegated to it by the states and enumerated [listed] in a Constitution. Powers not listed are denied to the federal government. Powers it does have are enumerated to identify their boundaries and prevent the federal government from exceeding them hence "national" (sic) road, bridge water and sewage projects, and airport building, among other infrastructure projects, are illegal.⁴ And don't they teach economics in school either? If people want [demand] something, and a buck can be made satisfying that demand [supply], the private sector will produce it. Would it make sense for companies to pour billions of dollars into manufacturing a product and offering it for sale before first asking if anyone even wanted it? That's what governments employing the command and control [socialist] economic system do but with the people's not a company's money. Why is America copying them? The point is; if both political parties have abandoned the Constitution, and defense of the right to keep and bear arms is based on the Constitution, is that right really safe? America's own history demonstrates why liberty cannot survive absent the individual right to keep and bear arms.

Long before America's War of Independence, the right of individuals to keep and bear arms was unquestionably acknowledged among colonists and Englishmen on both sides of the Atlantic. Not only was personal self-defense against the lawless considered a God-given right, but armed defense of liberty from a tyrannical government, domestic or foreign, was equally accepted as a proper rationale. First noblemen and then commoners, striving against monarchs over centuries, fought for and won this right. American colonists, many of whom were devout Christians, rejected notions this right was dependent on royal benevolence in favor of a broader understanding. God-given, it is not dependent on government acquiescence. Thus when war came, British generals were unsurprised to find colonials armed to the teeth.

Americans were pushed to rebellion by much more than tax and trade policies detrimental to colonists. Of equal concern was the intentional transference of British political and cultural corruption to the colonies, and the liberal Anglican Church's assault on Biblical doctrine as well as its suppression of Baptists, Congregationalists, and Presbyterians. John Adams and other colonial leaders contended that, throughout history, peacetime armies were used as instruments of government oppression against their own people. The presence of British occupying forces in Boston, absent rebellion and war, was viewed by its citizens as tyranny and this could only be resisted by an armed populace.⁵ Basing his argument on John Locke's concept of natural rights, prominent Massachusetts attorney Daniel Leonard argued that anyone who made war against liberty and the civil government of the people, including states and the soldiers they employed, forfeited the right of self-defense. Anyone forced to take the life of such an oppressor was guiltless. Confronted by an armed attacker, there is no recourse to

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

GUN FREE ZONES

The mass killing in a Florida airport has not stopped a Florida bill to allow licensed carry in non-secure parts of airports. It would seem to stress the need to carry.

The unusual incident seems to have involved more insanity than terrorism, but information is still not clear. After getting off the aircraft he retrieved his gun from his luggage, loaded it in the bathroom and opened fire. In a rare move he surrendered as soon as he ran out of ammunition. This is reminiscent of the attack of the Japanese Red Army on the Tel Aviv Airport some forty years ago. They also pulled guns from their luggage and murdered tourists on behalf of the Palestinian Liberation Organization. The luggage area is not a secure part of the airport and anyone could walk off the street and do the same. They are gun free zones only because the typical American citizen does not intend murder.

We know that 96% of mass killings are in "gun free zones." That is zones where only killers carry guns. The usual suspects claim that few mass killings occur in gun free zones. They do this by rejecting the FBI definition of mass killings in favor of one that includes ordinary crimes. They claim that numbers don't lie but there is a reason that *How to Lie With Statistics* has been in print since 1954. After reading this book no one can view a commercial claiming "four out of five doctors recommend . . ." with the same casual acceptance. It shows how dishonest people twist statistics with slanted definitions or small samples.

We know that killers avoid people with guns. Mass killers do not attack police stations or gun shops. They do not want gunfights. They want to rack up a large body count. When opposed their plan falls apart and they commit suicide or, more rarely, surrender. The monster who killed members of a Bible study in South Carolina targeted them in the belief they could not resist. We know of mass killers in New Mexico and California who

pass similar targets because they had security.

The usual suspects claim that there has never been a case in which a mass killer was stopped by an armed citizen. This is a lie. Chris Bird's book *How to Survive a Mass Killer Rampage* details a number of cases in which armed citizens have stopped mass killers. It is estimated that mass killers kill four persons a minute until stopped. We are all the first responder.

To end these murder zones we must see our political representatives. Last year we received a letter complaining that Rally Day was held in the Capital Building; a gun free zone. We told him that Rally Day was held in the Capital Building because that is where the politicians were and to get our rights back that's where we needed to be.

Rally Day will be 12 April, 2017 between 10 AM and High Noon. That's where the politicians are. That's where you should be.

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

"Barack Obama will leave office after eight years of strutting even while sitting down, preening even while standing up, swanking while playing 18 holes. Yet he remains the first president in American history to cast no shadow."

—R. Emmett Tyrrell

'Miss Sloane' Misses the Mark

When it comes to Hollywood, a film's accruing \$3.2 million in its first two weeks is considered a debacle. Yet that's the meager reception with which a new pro-gun control movie, "Miss Sloane," was greeted. The Salt Lake Tribune says the anti-NRA film "serves up plenty that's worth seeing" and praises it as "a smart take on what's gone wrong with the system." Evidently, moviegoers didn't get the memo. The statistics aren't pretty.

—Patriot Post

"It is unwise to be too sure of one's own wisdom. It is healthy to be reminded that the strongest might weaken and the wisest might err."

—Mahatma Mohandas K. Gandhi



LIBERTY NOTES

By Kevin L. Jamison

It is a good day for Liberty.

Stop right now and check the expiration date on your concealed carry license. I shall wait. . . . If the license expires there is an extra fee to renew it. If it is expired one may continue to carry under the new "permitless" law. However it is much better to have a license. There are comparison between permitless and permit carry on the web site. If one carries on a permit and accidentally enters a prohibited area the worst consequence is a fine. If carrying permitless it is a B Misdemeanor punishable by six months in jail, a \$500 fine or both.

Most cell phones have cameras. This is great. Justice may be blind but she loves pictures. Use the camera to document threats or the scene after a shooting. This will provide evidence of weapons that may disappear later.

The annual Gun Rights Rally is April 12, 2017 in the Rotunda of the Capital Building in Jefferson City Missouri. The theme is "Gun Rights = Gun Safety." It will start at 10 AM. Please try to clear your calendars. If there is enough interest we will charter a bus or van. Please attend the March General Membership meeting so we can get a head count.

A concealed carry instructor in Ohio has pled guilty to negligent homicide after an accidental discharge went through a wall and killed a man. He will do five days in jail, five years on probation and 120 hours of community service. The class was not on a range. The class was practicing malfunction drills and was supposed to be using plastic ammunition. It is unknown how a live round became involved. I note that charges against the instructor's daughter who was assisting with the class were dropped as part of the plea deal. I wonder if the daughter's charges were not intended to pressure her father into a guilty plea. All guns are always loaded and must be pointed in a safe direction. When workers refurbished a colonial-era house they found a wheellock musket that was four-hundred years old. It was loaded. Workers in New York City were cleaning a cannon that was a relic of the War of 1812. It was loaded. Mark Twain observed that there was nothing so dangerous as an old unloaded musket.

The evil creature who killed nine people at a church in South Carolina gave a videotaped statement to detectives. He had decided to kill African-Americans for reasons sufficient to his demented mind. He said that he thought about killing drug dealers, but was afraid that they might shoot back. He picked the church because the people were more likely to be meek. This is what we have been telling people for nearly thirty years. "Gun free" zones attract mass killers. The minister's son wondered why his father did not try to shoot back. The minister had a concealed carry license and carried in the church. When he got his father's car back from the police he found his father's gun on the front seat. Gun free zones must go.

Because of the mass killings at a Florida airport, it has been proposed that the transportation of guns be banned. The killer flew from Alaska to Florida with a gun in his checked baggage. He retrieved that bag, loaded the gun and shot people until he ran out of ammunition. He then surrendered. The killer had been sent for mental observation, but was never committed. He walked into an FBI office and complained that the CIA was forcing him to watch ISIS recruitment videos. He had been charged with adult abuse, which should have prohibited him from possessing guns however it appears he was given some sort of diversion sentence which avoided that consequence. There are some reports that he had taken an Islamic name. It looks like a mental problem rather than a terrorism problem but the difference is often hard to spot. Because of this the usual suspects demand that "something" be done. The "something" being to harass us. Of course, someone could have walked into the airport off the street and done the same thing. Despite the election we will have trouble.

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I noticed that some commentators referred to this killer as having a "licensed" pistol. They seem to be referring to the regulation allowing guns to be shipped in checked baggage. Their stress that this is a license is not a good sign.

There are metal detectors at the entrance to the Missouri Capital Building now. I remember them being used briefly in 2004 after our concealed carry law went into effect. The usual suspects were afraid to come to work if the minions could carry legally. Their use faded away. Governor Greitens is blamed for their return. A state legislator says that he will loan a gun to a constituent to carry in the Capital. This is not legal. It has been illegal to carry a weapon in any government building for a century and a half. The concealed carry law does not change that.

I saw a letter in the local tabloid complaining that we needed a background check system and a law to prevent felons and the mentally ill from buying guns. I wrote in to say that the writer would be pleased to know we have had these laws for over twenty years. I signed it as President of WMSA. It was printed and we got some exposure. Someone else wrote again, mentioned WMSA and complained that I failed to recognize that there was no law against something that had actually been illegal for some time. So we got exposure again. It is possible to get into the paper, and very often in one of the local papers in the area. Make your letter short; they are more likely to be printed. Be very polite. Limit the letter to a single subject. One could make a career of correcting falsehoods but we must emphasize the positive side of owning guns as well. Refrain from calling people liars, very often they are but it forces people to make a decision and that is hard. Say that they were "misinformed;" cite a statute or other authority if possible. Sign as a member of WMSA. Every little bit helps.

A person wrote to the local tabloid saying that he does not like guns but is afraid of the conservatives. Consequently he bought some guns. Welcome this guy into the fold. He may not be all that we want, but he is a beginning.

President Trump has not done anything for us yet, although defeating Mrs. Clinton was a good start. We have high hopes for more. The usual suspects are openly calling him "illegitimate" mostly because they do not like his policies. He did not win the popular vote, but that has happened before. Abraham Lincoln became president but won only 40% of the popular vote.

A bill to require all states to respect the concealed carry licenses of other states is in the works. Of course

the devil is in the details. Some are concerned about the federal government granting this right. If the feds can grant concealed carry rights, it can take them away. The law could be amended later to restrict the circumstances to the point of abolishing the right. I am in favor of the principle of nationwide reciprocity, but I learned long ago to read the fine print.

It is said that chimpanzees and humans share 98% of their DNA. That extra 2% must be something wonderful. It enables us to perform such sublime actions as compose music and fill out our tax returns. I am also told that some genetic advantages have unintended consequences. Some of these unintended consequences are trivial, red hair or left-handed. But that 2% carries with it the desire of some hominoids to make others do as they are told. We pray that the gene for liberty is stronger.

If you are not having a Happy New Year by now, you are doing it wrong. This will go on your permanent record.

We shall overcome.

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the law because only armed defense, not laws, can protect an individual. In short, Leonard was providing a rationale for self-defense against His Majesty's troops founded in natural law which included life, liberty, and property.⁶ Reverend Simeon Howard, echoing Leonard's sentiments in an address before a Boston artillery company (June 1773), declared self-preservation a universal principle permitting any means of resistance and type of arm "necessary to self-defense, opposing force to force and violence to violence." He found lethal self-defense entirely consistent with Christian principles and not equivalent to revenge or "rendering evil for evil." In the first case, injury is returned for injury but, in the latter, it is necessary to preserve one's life and in so doing injury to the offending party is unavoidable.⁷ Exposition with respect to the Biblical doctrine of taking a life was necessary because certain Christian sects argued, then as now, the taking of a human life was never justified under any circumstances a view rejected by many if not most Christian scholars, Catholic and Protestant.

It followed that one possessing an unalienable God-given right of self-defense must also possess the means to exercise that right. Nitwits in the *Confiscationist's* camp, including the muddleheaded teachers instructing my children, contend when the 2nd Amendment was drafted, its authors never envisioned today's "modern"

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weapons hence firearms like the AR15 are not covered by the 2nd Amendment.⁸ These absurd claims are manifestly fatuous for any weapon, be it a rock, slingshot, spear, bow and arrow, musket, M1 Garand, and so forth was the modern weapon at the time of its introduction. This flawed type of thinking, constituting a *Stockholm Syndrome* suicide-pact with oppressors, forever renders the vulnerable at the mercy of the strong and violent. How can a populace resist tyranny if not possessing the means of self-defense against their oppressors? Should the Continental Army have taken to the field armed with rocks and clubs against British government soldiers who were armed with English *doglock* muskets and Ferguson rifles,⁹ the modern weapons of the time? Colonial leaders addressed this very question. For example Leonard observed that in order for people to preserve liberty, they must have access to the proper weapons and learn how to use them. Without arms and skill in their use, people were little better than sheep¹⁰ to the proverbial slaughter...as they have been throughout history.

Today's more clever *Confiscadores*, Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama, Michael Bloomberg, Diane Feinstein, Charles Schumer, et al., have refined the *modern weapons* argument into the *military weapons* argument. They contend "military-style" firearms, ARs, AKs, H&Ks, FN FALs, and their derivatives, are battlefield weapons belonging solely in the hands of soldiers engaged in combat. By extension, this would include side arms born by soldiers as well. Remaining in the hands of citizens would be game-hunting rifles and handguns with a clearly identified (by liberals) "sporting purpose." Not so, say America's Founders. They declared firearms in the hands of citizens necessary not only for hunting or self-defense against criminals, but against governments and their agents who would subvert and destroy liberty. Reverend Howard noted that militias, those citizens capable of bearing arms, was preferred to a standing army as a bulwark against forces that would destroy liberty. Standing armies were subject to "corruption" and "vice" and had a history of abusing "unarmed and defenseless people." When faced with a choice between "rulers and subjects" they typically sided with the former and were "ready to assist them in oppressing and enslaving" the people. Rulers maintain standing armies in peacetime for the purpose of enforcing orders.¹¹ America's founders never trusted nor wanted a standing army. They preferred citizens, armed and sharing a stake in the local community, as its best defenders. Reverend Howard warned against allowing a militia to become a permanent body and argued although the state would have the power to call a militia, that power had to be "limited and restrained" for the "capacity for evil is inherent in mankind."¹² It boggles the imagination more people have failed to realize that a State *National* (sic) Guard is a contradiction in terms and exactly what the Founders warned against.

With defense of God, family, community, and liberty their motive, Americans began to buy and import every firearm they could get their hands on. They bought powder and ball (bullets) and advertised the same for sale. British General Gage, occupying Boston, was fully apprised of this activity.¹³ Americans protested British use of combat soldiers to enforce tax and trade policies. Can you imagine the U.S. Army being assigned to examine your tax returns, investigate your bank transactions for anomalies, searching your car and home for untaxed contraband, or stationing troops in your home to keep an eye on shady neighbors up the street? These actions in any part of England, including its English North American colonies, was a violation of the body of law comprising Britain's "constitution." Americans pointed out actions by Parliament and its armies in the colonies were gross trespasses of the law constituting acts of tyranny. Taking up arms against such depredations in defense of liberty was not accounted rebellion but instead a true demonstration of loyalty to the Crown.¹⁴

As noted in part VIII, steps leading to the pivotal clash at Concord and Lexington began with the seizure of the private property of colonials including weapons owned by citizens as well as local governments. On 25

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August 1774, British General Gage dispatched soldiers to Salem with orders to dissolve its “illegal town meeting.” They were forced to retreat when armed patriots, reported to have numbered 3,000, began assembling to oppose them. Gage and his council of advisors concluded without a safe base of operations, sending troops into the interior of Massachusetts to enforce laws and arrest rebel leaders was inadvisable. Boston was chosen as that base due to its natural harbor, rivers, and infrastructure supporting a navy. Once a military headquarters was established at Boston, its security had to be protected against a popular uprising. British officials discussed seizing canons, powder and ball, and even banning firearms. Rumors of these plans spread like wildfire.¹⁵ Gun powder was imported in great quantities into Massachusetts. Due to its volatile nature, it was stored in large powder houses away from populated areas. On 1 September 1774, General Gage declared all powder stored in such houses the King’s property. This became known as the “*Powder Alarm*.” Two-hundred and sixty British soldiers moved up the Mystic River to Quarry Hill and, from the town’s powder house, seized several hundred barrels of black powder. Also on that day, a sizeable number of people from Middlesex County met to protest British confiscations. They brought “arms, provisions, and ammunition” along determined to stop the seizures of gunpowder. On the morning of 2 September 1774, more than a thousand people from Middlesex County “armed only with sticks,” advanced on Cambridge having left their firearms behind. Soon after reaching Cambridge, colonials were alerted that a British army was marching against them. Frightened, and rightfully so, they retreated to Watertown, retrieved their arms, and returned to Cambridge for the fight but the British were a no-show. Back in Boston, General Gage placed a guard at the town’s powder house so no one could withdraw any powder without permission. Merchants who normally had stocks of arms and powder for sale were forced to sell them to British forces and “an order went out that the inhabitants must turn in their arms.” At the time Gage made no serious effort to enforce the decree for receiving or confiscating arms.¹⁶ He had not yet laid the groundwork for successful enforcement of such actions as is being done today in California and other states.

British efforts to snuff out smoldering rebellion were measured and ineffective. This was because of assumptions, shared by the King, his ministers, and Parliament, that protests and rebellion was the work of a few leaders and a small rabble. Once they were dealt with talk of rebellion would evaporate. Each failure of this approach led to an increased effort by the British to suppress rebellion and concomitant reaction from colonials who bought even more ammunition and weapons than before. In certain towns and villages they began constructing block houses and fortifications committed to resisting British efforts to seize their arms and munitions. Concern over what was transpiring in Massachusetts spread to Connecticut where colonial leaders agreed to come to the aid of Bostonians if

need be. In Philadelphia the Continental Congress convened for the first time. Rumors were rife. Some claimed British soldiers had killed citizens. Although false, they demonstrate the volatility of relations between colonists and the Crown.¹⁷ General Gage was given significant latitude in his approach to suppressing brewing rebellion but this meant he was also under great pressure to produce results. Letters circulated among North American military leaders complaining of his leniency toward colonial resistance. Lord Hugh Percy, “of His Majesty’s Forces,” complained in a letter “what makes an insurrection here always more formidable than in other places is that there is a law of this Province which obliges every inhabitant to be furnished with a firelock, bayonet, & pretty considerable quantity of ammunition. Besides which, every township is obliged by the same law to have a large magazine of all kinds of military stores.”¹⁸

No Englishman, or European on the continent, was anywhere near as free as an American in 1774. Whether an educated gentleman of noble birth or of coarser origins, colonials possessed the freedom to work for and achieve a level of prosperity attainable only by aristocrats in England and Europe. No prince could steal their land, imprison them without just cause, or conscript them into a national army. They need ask leave of no man to go about their daily lives. They breathed air more free than inhaled by any American today. They understood how rare their world was and that it must certainly attract attention from those whose burning desire would be to steal the fruits of their labors and trample liberty underfoot. Only through the God-given right of arms dared they have a chance of prevailing against such forces of evil.

What this nation’s founders called defense of liberty today’s liberals label *sedition* and *treason* tipping their hand revealing who they really are; enemies of the Bill of Rights. America’s founders revered their modern firearms as the only true bulwark to preserve a very hard fought liberty shared by no others, then or now. Knowing full well depriving law-abiding Americans of modern arms will do nothing to address violent crime in America, why then are *Confiscationist* liberals so hysterically passionate about denying them their God-given rights?

¹ Todd Woodward, “Downrange: I’ll Be Danged, Trump Won,” *Gun Tests* 1 (January 2017), 2.

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⁵ Stephen P. Halbrook, The Founder's Second Amendment: Origins of the Right to Bear Arms (Chicago, Illinois, Ivan R. Dee, Publisher, 2008), 2.

⁶ IBID. 26-27.

⁷ IBID. 27.

⁸ Yes, I take every opportunity to correct this logical fallacy with my children as I did with those I taught in my classroom.

⁹ Ivan V. Hogg and John H. Batchelor, S. L. Mayer, editor, Armies of the American Revolution (Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, 1975), 43-67.

¹⁰ Halbrook, 27.

¹¹ IBID. 27-28.

¹² IBID. 28.

¹³ IBID. 31-33.

¹⁴ IBID. 33-34.

¹⁵ IBID. 34-36.

¹⁶ IBID. 36-39

¹⁷ IBID. 40.

¹⁸ IBID. 41-42.

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

The November 8th election was discussed. Since Donald Trump won the Second Amendment is probably safe for now. The Electoral College has not yet cast their votes and there are attempts underway to sway those voters. There is now a Republican Senate and House of Representatives at both the Federal and State (Missouri) levels and Missouri has a Republican governor.

It was reported that a local gun shop was sued for selling a gun that was used to kill someone. This demonstrates what supporters of the Second Amendment are up against. The opposition is not going away, which is a significant problem. Other tactics they are using are Referendum Petitions in Missouri to attack our gun rights.

WMSA will have a drawing in July at the Missouri Valley Arms Gun Show. We plan to sell 500 raffle tickets for this. The prize will be an Extar EXP 5.56mm NATO Pistol.

Bob Hanson, Treasurer, reported that WMSA changed banks and is now using Citizens Bank & Trust in Kearney, Missouri.

A new "Stay Out of Jail" has been written and printed to reflect the new Missouri Laws as a result of the enacting of Senate Bill 656. Some of the points of SB 656 were presented by Kevin Jamison. Among them were 1) The Stand Your Ground provision of the law now applies to individuals anywhere they have a legal right to be and 2) A permit is no longer required to carry concealed.

An expression of sympathy was extended to Jacob Turk over his election loss for the Missouri House of Representatives.

There was some discussion of getting together with other grass roots organizations to fight against groups that are opposed to the Second Amendment.

A reminder was made to send congratulatory notes to those candidates we supported in the election that won.

It was noted that our next meeting will be January 24th, 2017. With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
William W. Bland
Recording Secretary

"Most gun owners support higher penalties for a gun being used in a crime, which is pretty much the only effective gun control legislation."

—Frank Fleming

"We are too great a nation to limit ourselves to small dreams. We are not, as some would have us believe, doomed to an inevitable decline."

—Ronald Reagan

Gun Grabbers Smear Permit Holders

Congressional Republicans are working to pass national concealed carry reciprocity. Allowing law-abiding citizens who hold concealed carry permits to use them across *all* state lines makes sense, both in terms of fighting crime and securing fundamental Liberty. That's why the gun grabbers are so furiously fighting it. The anti-Second Amendment Violence Policy Center (VPC) released an updated report this week ominously titled "Concealed Carry Killers." VPC alleges that firearm permit holders have killed at least 921 people in shootings that did not involve self-defense. *Since 2007.*

We emphasize the decade-long date range for a reason — since 2007, FBI crime statistics show there have been 121,649 murders in the U.S., 81,665 of which were committed with firearms. Thus VPC's number represents 0.01% of all such homicides over the last decade. There were nearly 800 murders in Chicago in 2016, most by firearm. VPC lists just three permit-holder homicides in Illinois over a decade.

By the way, roughly a third of VPC's 921 murders were actually *suicides*, and not necessarily using firearms. (Side note: Aren't leftists all for assisted suicide?) And a great many of the other 600 are still pending cases — i.e., no convictions yet.

There are currently more than 14.5 million permit holders in the U.S. So, assuming just one murder per permit holder (excluding suicides), that's roughly 0.000041% of all permit holders who committed murder. What's more, some estimates are that firearms are used 2.5 million times per year in self-defense. How many lives saved does that represent?

But that doesn't stop the nefarious effort to paint all gun owners as villains. "As the gun lobby gears up to push for federally-mandated concealed carry, the facts show that far too many people with concealed carry permits commit horrendous crimes on a regular basis," warned Kristen Rand, VPC legislative director. "Sadly, it is no longer surprising when a mass shooter — such as the alleged Fort Lauderdale airport shooter — is legally licensed to carry a concealed firearm."

It is true that concealed carry permit holders are human and sometimes commit crimes, even horrific ones. The permit is not, after all, a certificate of angel wings. But American permit holders are also the most law-abiding demographic. Yes, 921 deaths is awful. *One* murder is. But VPC's despicable effort to smear gun owners is beyond irresponsible. It reveals a blinding hatred of one of our most sacred rights.

—The Patriot Post

"It was not the tycoons of big business, it was not the working classes, it was the intellectuals who reversed the trend toward political freedom and revived the doctrines of the absolute State, of totalitarian government rule, of the government's right to control the lives of the citizens in any manner it pleases. This time, it was not in the name of the 'divine right of kings,' but in the name of the divine right of the masses. The basic principle was the same: the right to enforce at the point of a gun the moral doctrines of whoever happens to seize control of the machinery of government."

—Ayn Rand (1905-1982)

Obama CDC Study: Silencers Best Option for Noise Reduction at Gun Ranges

*Nick Leghorn
January 25, 2017*

With the introduction of the Hearing Protection Act, Congress is closer than ever to removing silencers from the purview of the National Firearms Act and ensuring that every American gun owner can easily make their firearm much quieter. Suppressed firearms are not only more enjoyable to shoot, but, according to a report by the Obama administration CDC's report on noise and lead at outdoor firing ranges, they're the only effective way to reduce the harmful noise levels.

According to the report, the level of noise on the range tested was very concerning. It was so high that their instruments actually couldn't accurately record the levels.

Noise monitoring results indicated that all participants' TWA noise exposures exceeded the NIOSH REL, some exceeded the OSHA AL, but none exceeded the OSHA PEL. However, noise dosimeter microphones and electronic circuitry do not adequately capture peak noise levels above the maximum range of the instrument, therefore, personal TWA noise measurements from gunfire noise using dosimeters should be interpreted cautiously. These measurements can underrepresent noise exposure and hearing loss risk from gunfire noise. Sound level meter measurements revealed that peak noise levels during gunfire were greater than 160 dB.

The CDC looked at a number of different solutions to reduce the exposure to the hazardous noise levels in shooting ranges and arrived at the same solution as every other logical gun owner: silencers.

The only potentially effective noise control method to reduce students' or instructors' noise exposure from gunfire is through the use of noise suppressors that can be attached to the end of the gun barrel. However, some states do not permit civilians to use suppressors on firearms.

Some gun control activists claim that noise on shooting ranges isn't a health issue. The CDC says otherwise, and the report is right here in black and white. Are these luddites going to argue with science?

"Politicians who call for law and order are often viewed negatively, but poor people are the most dependent on law and order. In the face of high crime or social disorder, wealthier people can afford to purchase alarm systems, buy guard dogs, hire guards and, if things get too bad, move to a gated community. These options are not available to poor people. The only protection they have is an orderly society. Ultimately, the solution to high crime rests with black people. Given the current political environment, it doesn't pay a black or white politician to take those steps necessary to crack down on lawlessness in black communities."

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