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"Deceit is in the heart of those who devise evil, but counselors of peace have joy." (Proverbs 12:20)

"Once again the anti-2nd Amendment statists are disgustingly taking advantage of a terrorist attack for more gun control. These enemies of our US Constitution must be defeated at all cost. I have two words for those who would violate our 2nd Amendment rights: Remember Colorado."—Dave





Washington D.C. has some of the strictest gun laws in the

United States, something <u>acknowledged</u> by the leftist ABC News. With this in mind, it is important to know that the act of wanton murder by suspect Aaron Alexis violated numerous D.C. laws. In fact, Alexis had a record of gun law violations.

And yet the statists took no time in calling for stricter gun laws. Why is it leftists continually call for gun control laws when empirical evidence proves it does not stop gun violence? The answer is because gun control is not about "saving just one life." If this was true, then they would oppose abortion, but I digress.

No, gun control is about citizen control. Statists can never win the day through the democratic process, so they must always attain power through seizing it.

Let's look again at the exact wording of the 2nd Amendment:

"A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

Unpack that for a moment. The 2nd Amendment starts acknowledging the necessity of a free state being able to defend itself through a well regulated militia. Today the term militia is used to discredit Americans unwilling to give up their liberty.

Nevertheless, the Founders knew WE the People needed to be able to defend ourselves, our homes, and our neighbors. Additionally, the state would be able to defend itself through its citizens who were armed and trained to fight tyranny. Thusly, no laws were to be passed that infringed upon that right. Gun control must be defeated on all fronts.

FROM THE FOUNDERS



The 2nd Amendment was and is required to prevent the federal government from making a grab for our guns AND our ammunition. There are no good reasons, as proposed by the anti-gun proponents, to restrict a lawful citizen the right to keep and bear arms.

"To suppose arms in the hands of citizens, to be used at individual discretion, except in private self-defense, or by partial orders of towns, countries or districts of a state, is to demolish every constitution, and lay the laws prostrate, so that liberty can be enjoyed by no man; it is a dissolution of the government. The fundamental law of the militia is, that it be created, directed and commanded by the laws, and ever for the support of the laws." John Adams, *A Defence of the Constitution* <u>475</u> (1787-1788)

The statists are going to tell you that they support your 2nd Amendment rights because they are not trying to take away your hunting and sporting guns. If that's true and if that was what the 2nd Amendment was about, then wouldn't they need to guarantee our right to keep and bear fishing poles, to have gardens, to have baseball and football gear? After all, hunting is for gathering meat and shooting for sport is a form of recreation.

This nonsensical argument is completely devoid of the actual <u>wording</u> of the 2nd Amendment. The purpose of the 2nd Amendment is clearly defined in the first thirteen words:

"A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state,"

The purpose of the 2nd Amendment is for the security of the states. How does the 2nd Amendment fulfill that purpose? By the last fourteen words in the 2nd Amendment:

"...the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed."

Armed, lawful citizens are the only guarantee for the security of the particular states.

FROM THE PULPIT

"The Bible distinguishes clearly between the duties of the civil magistrate (the government) and the duties of an individual. Namely, God has delegated to the civil magistrate the administration of justice. Individuals have the responsibility of protecting their lives from attackers." Larry Pratt, Executive Director of Gun Owners of America, from his essay "What Does the Bible Say About Gun Control?"

The importance of life is evident throughout all the Bible. From <u>Genesis 9:6</u> where God instituted the death penalty for murder, to <u>Exodus 20:13</u> where murder is clearly outlawed, ending in the New Testament in <u>1 John 3:15</u>.

Liberals try to make the case that Christ taught pacifism, especially in <u>Matthew 5:38-39</u>. However, Christ is clearly teaching us that we are to overlook an offense because a slap across the face in New Testament times was considered an insult. So we are not to take revenge when we are wronged. Nevertheless, Christ did allow for self-defense and the carrying of weapons:

"Then He said to them, 'But now, he who has a money bag, let him take it, and likewise a knapsack; and he who has no sword, let him sell his garment and buy one." (Luke 22:36)

Jesus also gave us a clear understanding that we have the right to self-defense, but in His case the disciples were not to defend Him from being arrested:

"But Jesus said to him, 'Put your sword in its place, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels? How then could the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must happen thus?" (Matthew 26:52-54)

We not only have a biblical right to self-defense, we also have a responsibility to defend others when they cannot do so themselves:

"Defend the poor and fatherless; do justice to the afflicted and needy. Deliver the poor and needy; free them from the hand of the wicked." (Psalm 82:3-4)

WE the People are by a large majority a lawful people and we have the right to self-defense and the responsibility to defend the defenseless.

It is WE the People who are the defenders of liberty and it is through our right to keep and bear arms that we are prepared for such a defense.

TO THE STREETS

Anytime there is a fatal shooting spree in our country, you can set your timer to 5 minutes to count down until you hear the first statist screaming for stricter gun control. But the unpleasant fact is that the cities with the strictest gun control laws are the same cities with the highest gun crime rates. That is because only the criminals have the guns. WE the People are responsible for the defense of our liberties as outlined in the Declaration of Independence and the US Constitution. So we must be ever vigilant to any attacks on that liberty. Here are some suggestions:

- 1. Be sure all your elected officials, from the local to federal level, understand that you consider your 2nd Amendment rights as unalienable and will hold them accountable for any infringement upon it should they violate those rights.
- 2. Engage gun control proponents with the facts of the purpose and fulfillment of that purpose found in the 2nd Amendment. We've provided you with a very simple explanation of it on our "From the Founders" page. Be sure to use it at all opportunities, especially to counter the idiocy of the right to keep and bear arms relating only to hunting and sporting weapons.
- 3. Read this excellent <u>article</u> by Mytheos Holt that outlines how strict gun laws do not stop gun crime. In fact, the city with the strictest gun laws, <u>Chicago</u>, actually has the largest gun crime law.
- 4. As we have encouraged in the past, please consider joining any number of 2nd Amendment rights groups. Do your homework on each and decide which organization is right for you.

It is very important that we keep up with all the arguments the anti-gun lobby tries to advance in their ultimate goal of a complete gun ban. Be there no doubt, regardless their protestations and feigned respect for the 2nd Amendment, they are hell-bent on disarming the populace.

A citizenry without the ability to defend itself against tyranny is a citizenry likely to be overrun by a tyrant. WE the People can never allow that to happen.

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