

The Truth

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“He will redeem their life from oppression and violence; and precious shall be their blood in His sight.” (Psalm 72:14)

“King Jesus still sits on that throne! No matter what 2013 brings we can rest in those true and faithful words of Revelation 21:5. Our job is to be ever vigilant over the aletheia truth.” –Dave



The gun control debate is raging full force before our very eyes.

The statisticians have long-sought ways to disarm the law-abiding and peaceful citizenry. An armed citizen is a dangerous one to a tyrant. It is hard to make defenseless those capable of self-defense.

A tyrant needs a defenseless citizenry to be successful in his oppressive plans to plunder a nation to the point of complete reliance upon the government.

In his seminal work [Ameritopia](#), my buddy Mark Levin writes:

“...throughout history unspeakable misery and violence have been perpetrated by tyrants in the name of the greater and common good.”

It's always for “the greater and common good.”

Make no mistake: the ultimate goal of statisticians is to bring “unspeakable misery and violence” and their grand leader, Barack Obama.

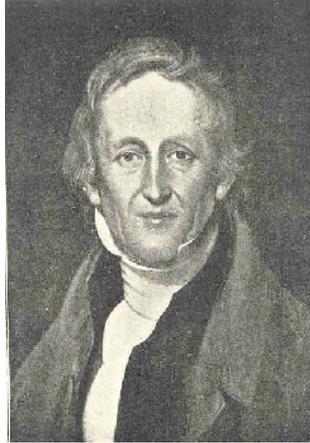
They must be opposed at all costs.

The right to life and the protection of that life is unalienable. We are endowed by God Almighty with the right to live free of violence and oppression. And if necessary, we have the right to defend ourselves from violence and oppression, by deadly force if necessary. This is why the 2nd Amendment reads:

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.

We are going to look at the historical and biblical truth of the right to self-defense, and the necessary citizen actions we must take to defend that right.

FROM THE FOUNDERS



The right to keep and bear arms is an unalienable right, not one to be limited by government or focused solely on hunting or sport shooting. It was and is for self-defense and self-preservation.

“[The Second Amendment] may be considered as the true palladium of liberty.... The right of self-defence is the first law of nature; in most governments *it has been the study of rulers to confine this right within the narrowest limits possible*. Whenever standing armies are kept up, and the right of the people to keep and bear arms is, under any colour or pretext whatsoever, prohibited, liberty, if not already annihilated, is on the brink of destruction.” from ST. GEORGE TUCKER, BLACKSTONE'S COMMENTARIES WITH NOTES OF REFERENCE TO THE CONSTITUTION AND LAW OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT 121 (1803).

Gun control advocates try to falsely placate 2nd Amendment advocates' concerns about gun laws by saying, “Oh we aren't trying to take away your hunting or sport firearms, or your right to defend yourself, we're just trying to keep weapons out of the hands of criminals. You can't possibly be opposed to that, can you?”

Many Democrats like to refer to Thomas Jefferson as the founder of their party but the truth is he would not be welcomed in the modern, leftist Democrat Party. Here's Jefferson's viewpoint on the right to keep and bear arms, which is completely antithetical to gun control advocates:

“The constitutions of most of our States assert that all power is inherent in the people; that... **it is their right and duty to be at all times armed.**” (Emphasis added)

That was written in a letter to John Cartwright in 1824, two years before Jefferson's death, long after his retirement from public office and nearly 50 years after he penned the Declaration of Independence. Near the end of his life, Jefferson is still proclaiming the individual and unalienable right to keep and bear arms.

FROM THE PULPIT

“There is a Principle of Self-Defence and Preservation, implanted in our very Natures, which is necessary to us almost as our Beings, which no positive Law of God ever yet contradicted....When our Liberty is invaded and struck at, ‘tis sufficient Reason for our making War on the Defence or Recovery of it.” James Cogswell, “God, The Pious Soldier’s Strength & Instruction; A Sermon...at Brooklyn in Pomfret, to the Military Company, Under the Command of Capt. Israel Putnam,...April, 1757”.

Gun laws don’t work as designed. Gun control advocates foolishly believe that laws will be obeyed by criminals. Our neighbors south of the border of us have some of the strictest gun laws in the world and yet gun violence is out of control in Latin America. A FOXNews Latino [article](#) reports that “a Mexican research group, the Citizen’s Council for Public Security and Justice, ranked five of it’s country’s cities among the top 10 most violent in the world.”

The desire for self-defense is not some deluded thought process where we fear black helicopters and wear tin-foil hats. Self-defense is part of natural law; not only do humans have a self-defense instinct, but animals also do (of which liberals probably favor over humans). God has wired us to live and when the government or other humans try to violate the “Principle of Self-Defence and Preservation,” then as Cogswell has written, “tis sufficient Reason for making War on the Defence or Recovery of it.”

I want to live peaceably as much as the next person. I do not wish to quarrel or battle with anyone. However, I am responsible for my own self-preservation but the government is ordained to promote that, not deter it or infringe upon it. Government is ordained by God and we as Christians are to obey all godly laws.

Any law that violates the laws of nature and nature’s God is an unlaw, as described by John Locke, and as Locke and Cogswell have written, those laws must be opposed.

We must be ever vigilant over our liberty. No one else, even the government ordained by WE the People, can be completely trusted to protect it.

It’s up to you and me. Please turn the page to find out how.

TO THE STREETS

I purposely waited on publishing this newsletter, so please forgive me, but I wanted to give Senator Dianne Feinstein a chance to formally introduce her [legislation](#) to the Senate. She did so on Thursday. I welcome this legislation because I believe the fight is long overdue (see full text [here](#)). Here are some steps that WE the People need to take:

1. [Contact](#) Senator Feinstein's office and voice your opposition to her bill.
2. Contact Senator Feinstein's co-sponsors (all Democrats) and register your opposition. Here are their names:
 - [Chuck Schumer - New York](#)
 - [Dick Durbin - Illinois](#)
 - [Sheldon Whitehouse - Rhode Island](#)
 - [Richard Blumenthal - Connecticut](#)
 - [Carl Levin - Michigan](#)
 - [Jay Rockefeller - West Virginia](#)
 - [Barbara Mikulski - Maryland](#)
 - [Barbara Boxer - California](#)
 - [Jack Reed - Rhode Island](#)
 - [Frank Lautenberg - New Jersey](#)
 - [Robert Menendez - New Jersey](#)
 - [Ben Cardin - Maryland](#)
 - [Kirsten Gillibrand - New York](#)
 - [Brian Schatz - Hawaii](#)
 - [Chris Murphy - Connecticut](#)
 - [Elizabeth Warren - Massachusetts](#)

Also be sure to [contact](#) your representatives in both the House and Senate and inform them you expect them to keep their sacred oath of office to support and defend the US Constitution against all enemies, foreign and domestic, so help them God.

WE the People have ordained this government and we will not tolerate it violating and of our unalienable rights.

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