



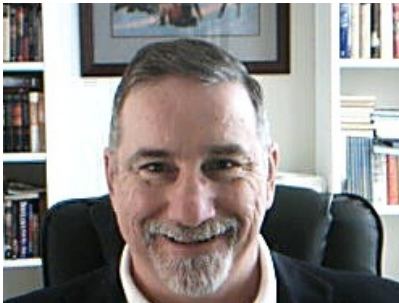
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“And if anyone thinks that he knows anything, he knows nothing yet as he ought to know.” (1 Corinthians 8:2)

“Let’s be clear about something; military assault weapons already are illegal. An assault weapon means it can fire rounds continuously and automatically. AR-15 rifles and others like them, ‘military-style,’ are semi-automatic. So are many hunting rifles, shotguns, and handguns. Are we going to ban those too?”
–Dave



Senator Dianne Feinstein is going to introduce new [legislation](#) the

first day the 113th Congress is in session. As you can imagine, this has many 2nd Amendment advocates up in arms about the latest violation of our gun ownership rights and are moving quickly to stop it.

I have a different approach: I posted a [video](#) at our website that talks about my approach and I want to expound on it in this week’s newsletter. We are going to look at what we to do prior to the senior senator from California introducing her legislation in the Senate, and then what we should do after. However, we do need to mobilize.

But I’m concerned about folks moving too soon because as I said in my video, we need to keep our powder dry until DiFi actually introduces the legislation and let’s see how many co-sponsors she gets for it and if someone in the House introduces the bill.

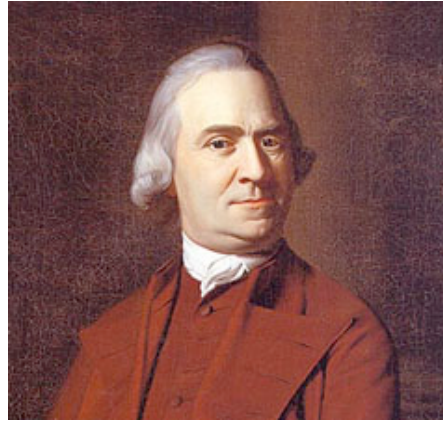
The National Rifle Association’s Institute for Legislative Action (NRA-ILA) somewhat jumped the shark last Thursday by [calling](#) for immediate action. While I agree with their approach of contacting Congress, let’s allow the 113th to be sworn in before we begin contacting lawmakers. Some of the current ones won’t be there in January and we don’t want to waste any phone calls, faxes, and emails.

On another note, CNN had a blog [post](#) from a pastor in Chicago calling for stricter gun control and this pastor clearly does not know of what he speaks (hence the above Bible verse). Here’s the comment I posted:

The pastor claims that owning a gun is a privilege. No sir, it is a right guaranteed us by the 2nd Amendment. And the weapons you claim to be military assault style weapons are semi-automatic, just as are many hunting rifles and shotguns; ditto handguns.

As I said, let’s keep our powder dry.

FROM THE FOUNDERS



To argue other than to say the Founding Fathers would have opposed any restrictions on gun ownership by law-abiding citizens is to ignore historical facts. The number of quotes that support the 2nd Amendment and gun ownership in general are voluminous. The Internet is [filled](#) with such quotes.

"And that the said Constitution be never construed to authorize Congress...to prevent the people of the United States, who are peaceable citizens, from keeping their own arms."
Samuel Adams, *Debates and Proceedings in the Convention of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts*, at 86-87.

One of the arguments for stricter gun control is that control advocates are willing to allow us to keep our hunting rifles and shotguns. Some even magnanimously are willing to allow us to keep our handguns. Bless them so.

But as Suzanna Gratia-Hupp [testified](#) before the Senate, "the 2nd Amendment isn't about duck hunting...it's about protecting us from you guys..." as she points to the Senate panel.

Gun ownership comes down to trust. WE the People do not trust the government by itself to protect our individual liberties. That's why we fought the War of Independence. And because of the necessity and ability of the people, aka militia, to coalesce to oppose tyranny, "the right of the people to keep and bear arms" is guaranteed by the 2nd Amendment to the US Constitution.

Liberals, Democrats, and the mainstream media (but I repeat myself) are trying to capture the national conversation on gun ownership. We cannot allow them to. We can never agree to even a pastor's nonsensical arguments for violating our constitutional rights, no matter the passion or persistence of those opposing those rights. The nephew of Samuel Adams left us with a charge; we do well to never fail it.

"Posterity: you will never know how much it has cost my generation to preserve your freedom. I hope you will make good use of it." John Quincy Adams

FROM THE PULPIT

“Self-preservation is one of the strongest, and a universal principle of the human mind: And this principle allows of every thing necessary to self-defence, opposing force to force, and violence to violence. This is so universally allowed that I need not attempt to prove it.” Reverend Simeon Howard, “A Sermon Preached to the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company in Boston,” 1773.

Christians are to love life; we are to protect it by all means possible. Whether an unborn baby in the womb, a neighbor being attacked by a burglar, or an elderly person in their latter years, all life is precious in the sight of God.

When we as a people get to the point that we are unwilling to defend life, eventually we will get to the point that we are unwilling to defend ourselves.

Our right to bear arms was not haphazardly written into our Bill of Rights; it was just another instance of the great and learned wisdom of our Founders. Larry Pratt, Executive Director of Gun Owners of America, [writes](#):

The wisdom of the framers of the Constitution is consistent with the lessons of the Bible. Instruments of defense should be dispersed throughout the nation, not concentrated in the hands of the central government. In a Godly country, righteousness governs each man through the Holy Spirit working within. The government has no cause to want a monopoly of force; the government that desires such a monopoly is a threat to the lives, liberty and property of its citizens. The assumption that only danger can result from people carrying guns is used to justify government monopoly of force. The notion that the people cannot be trusted to keep and bear their own arms informs us that ours, like the time of Solomon, may be one of great riches but is also a time of peril for free people. If Christ is not our King, we shall have a dictator to rule over us, just as Samuel warned.

You can rest assured that gun opponents will begin a call for the banning of all handguns and eventually all weapons. A government that desires to unarm the populace is one that intends to harm it.

For Christians, if we willfully give away our right to self-defense to the point of not defending one's own life; it is the equivalent of suicide.

TO THE STREETS

WE the People must never allow the government to infringe upon our 2nd Amendment rights, no matter the tragedies that befall our nation. Tougher gun control is never the answer; it never has been. However that will never deter gun opponents from making a grab for our guns. Here are some tangible steps we can take to stop them:

1. Understand that the 2nd Amendment is not about hunting; it's about stopping tyranny and self-preservation.
2. If you are not already a member, please consider joining the National Rifle Association ([NRA](#)) and/or Gun Owners of America ([GOA](#)). They are solid on protecting Americans' 2nd Amendment rights.
3. Stay [tuned](#) at Aletheia Group because we are going to keep a close eye on DiFi's legislation and expose all co-sponsors and have a call-to-action once the legislation is introduced to Congress.
4. Get involved in the conversation about gun ownership. Keep it calm and factual; others may lose control but we can keep control of ourselves and the conversation by stating the facts. This [website](#) is a good start.
5. Another excellent resource is the Second Amendment Foundation. Their [website](#) has all state constitutional protections of keeping and bearing arms. The Gun Rights FAQ [page](#) is especially helpful.

Patriots be there no doubt that we will take action against any violation of our Constitutional rights, but let us allow the situation to develop itself before we show our hand. If DiFi does introduce this legislation, then as I said in my video any co-sponsor will become a target (figuratively speaking) and will be committing career suicide. We will work hard to primary any elected official who embraces any more gun control than we already have. In fact I would like to see the gun laws loosened.

But that's a whole other story for another time.

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