

To my 'A Safer Connecticut' legislative committee -

I wonder what you would do - how far this anti-gun stuff would go - if we gun owners all let you know that as gun owners we're just saying 'aw, hell no', and simply not going to comply with anything? I do think it's time, and I think it may happen. I believe gun owners really are the majority, and we are tired of being blamed for crimes with stolen or illegal weapons by madmen who should have been in state institutions - if those hadn't all been closed already. I believe gun control laws face massive civil disobedience. Please read my reasons for my belief below.

The last 'new' statistics I saw were '140 million gun owners in the US'. If we estimate that half of the 310 or so million of us are too young to own guns, that leaves 155 million adults. So that would make 140 million gun owners 90% or so of the adult population. If you go with the 30 year old statistic of 80 million gun owners, that's still half the adult population. But look at recent sales and I think you'll agree the number is closer to 140 million. And minors don't vote, but adults do.

There are supposedly 180,000 concealed carry permits in the state, out of some 3.6 million people (US Census estimate for 2012). Let's say there are 3.6 people per home / family. Based on government statistics on gun ownership (rifles, shotguns and handguns), there are probably at minimum 300,000 families in CT with a gun and maybe more. Possibly even more than half of CT homes. Think about how you would enforce any of these bills if they became law, especially if nobody 'got in line' to comply.

Gun owners might leave the state to buy restricted guns and ammunition, and then smuggle them home. That is money leaving the state, and unknown supplies of guns and ammunition coming into the state. You can't afford to stop cars now with cheap New Hampshire liquor, how will you stop cars with ammunition from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Vermont, or Maine? Can Connecticut afford a roadblock on every road crossing the borders? How will you search that many cars without warrants?

Will the state jail 300,000 to a half million (or more) wage earners for non-compliance with some anti-gun law, like a magazine limit (any magazine limit)? What will happen to the state's economy with that many people off the job indefinitely?

Will Connecticut do a full million home searches - with or without warrants - in order to try to find the guns and magazines? If we clearly just refuse to cooperate, will the police really do anything at all to enforce these laws? What about all the guns already 'hidden'? Who will pay for the searches, for the incarcerations of any found offenders, for the prosecutions, for the welfare and SNAP for the families?

CT is nearly bankrupt now - most states are - and if we 'just say no' we might stop the entire program in its tracks. Our legislature would look like fools - bankrupting the state for unenforceable laws. And once on the books and not enforced gun control will end like Prohibition did, and rightly so.

Remember too, that we can still nullify any law as jury members also. The right of jury nullification is still alive in America so long as the Constitution stands. Money spent on prosecutions could be money down the sewer, and without convictions, do you expect police to make arrests? I don't.

Gun owners far and wide are discussing the idea of 'just say "no, and hell no"'. From the emails and comments I get, it looks as if the idea is catching fire. Which means that unless CT really can afford house to house searches for confiscations and afford prosecutions and then welfare for that many destitute families (not to mention prison space for the convicted and CT jobs not getting done), I suggest you let all these ill-thought out gun control

bills die in committee.

As a group, I don't think we gun owners are going to cooperate, even if we have to say in public that we will. Passive civil disobedience on a mass level is a very real possibility - to the point of being an absolute probability. Let me remind you one more time - it would be half or more of the families in the state.

Anti-gun people need to realize that they live right in the midst of armed neighbors and co-workers on a daily basis. They are surrounded by us at the grocery, the mall, the race track, in church and at the coffee shop. If we were as dangerous as they say we are - they'd all have been dead long ago. If they can't stand to be around guns, they're going to need some therapy, because the US is a gun culture, and 140 million armed American adults say so.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

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