

Hello,

My name is David Syme and I am a law-abiding citizen and responsible gun owner, residing in Manchester, Connecticut.

The recent events at Sandy Hook elementary school have deeply saddened me as I have 3 young children of my own. I can't imagine getting that call telling you there has been an accident and you should come down to the police station. I'm sure the parents were in shock at first but the reality did not set in until the next day when the children did not come down for breakfast and the parents realized the house was empty and they were never coming down anymore. My heart goes out to them.

I personally would like to be writing a letter congratulating our legislators on changes that would actually prevent this from happening in the future. Like changes in our mental health system or security in schools but, alas it seems the biggest accomplishment you want to get out of this is attacking a hobby of mine that I have been doing for many a year. Looking at the proposals I would say you haven't been around firearms that long as the proposals are vague and have holes big enough to drive a truck through not to mention the fact that they are unenforceable... what are you going to do search everybody's house with a CCW permit and if you find something arrest them?

Do you know I have a pistol that only takes 19 round magazines? They don't make anything but 19 round magazines. Its called a Springfield XDM 9MM. I purchased it 100% legally and have used it in a few competitions and practice with it at the MSI gun range in Manchester CT. It was expensive but the enjoyment I get from being around friends and shooting is worth it. If you pass a complete magazine ban that weapon will be good for nothing but a door stop. According to the law your supposed to give me just compensation. Are you going to cut me a check or is somebody going to have to sue the state and cost the tax payers a ton of money? An all out ban on a class of weapons common in use and already in possession of a great number of Americans should not post precedence make a group of Americans criminals by the stroke of a pen.

The insurance and taxes on ammunitions is just a ploy to make sport shooting so expensive people cant afford it and you will be able to hide behind the insurance companies as they would have the power to regulate firearms. Why don't you be honest and just tell the truth why you want firearms to be so expensive? People can see right through the dishonesty and the fact that you need to hide behind the insurance companies and let them do the dirty work for you. No excessive taxes or other financial disparity should be imposed to prevent the lawful ownership of firearms and ammunition by law abiding people's. PERIOD

I am not a monster, gangster, or terrorist. I am a family man, father of three, one wife, one house... I am an American. I believe that In the spirit of the founding father's an individual should be able to purchase, own, and use any current firearm for hunting, sport shooting, or self-defense and I don't think people who obviously have no knowledge of the firearm culture have the right to tell me otherwise.

I think you are exploiting the tragedy to your own person gains and I find it dishonorable. Blaming the innocent for the acts of the guilty is not and should not be a solution to the evils perpetrated by a few.

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