

I am an avid sportsmen and hunter strongly agreeing with the second amendment as I hope you do as well without infringement.

I feel that an assault weapons ban and magazine ban would do little to help in curbing violence as most of the weapons are semi automatic, which is roughly 80% of all guns in America. Look at the violence in Chicago and their gun laws, would this ban help stop the senseless killings? What do you consider an assault weapon and/or do you know what a true assault weapons is?

As for the sites that these crimes were committed except for Gabby Gifford, they were all "No guns allowed" areas, where the criminal will have little to no resistance. Except were the citizen in the shopping mall that neutralized the suspect in a gun free zone. In which he claimed not to see the sign and concealed carried in the mall. Look at that outcome.... What do "No gun allowed" areas attract. People that with a good chance do not have a gun!

I do agree that we should have a national background check whether private or business sales of firearms. This to me is a must and would help solve more than an assault weapons ban and magazine ban.

So I ask, what about mental health and prescribed prescription drugs these individuals were prescribed by their doctors. I urge you to take a look at that. I feel that we need to focus more on the mental health treatments and awareness. As many if not all shooters had some sign of mental illness or were prescribed drugs by their doctors to treat their illness.

As a citizen of the United States of America I ask you see forth that we are not infringed on any of our constitutional rights and what "our" for fathers put into place many years ago during our fight of the civil war.

Let's focus on mental health help and restoring a working profitable economy!

Yours truly,

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Also wanted to share story below.....

A member on CT Hunting and Shooting shared this with everyone and I want to make sure it gets passed along.

December 29, 2012 marks the 122nd Anniversary of the murder of 297 Sioux Indians at Wounded Knee Creek on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota.

These 297 people, in their winter camp, were murdered by federal agents and members of the 7th

Cavalry who had come to confiscate their firearms “for their own safety and protection”. The slaughter began AFTER the majority of the Sioux had peacefully turned in their firearms. When the final round had flown, of the 297 dead or dying, two thirds (200) were women and children.

Around 40 members of the 7th Cavalry were killed, over half cut down by friendly fire from the Hotchkiss guns of their overzealous comrades-in-arms. Twenty members of the 7th Cavalry were deemed “National Heroes” and awarded the Medal of Honor for their acts of cowardice.

We do not hear of Wounded Knee today. It is not mentioned in our history classes or books. What little does exist about Wounded Knee is normally the sanitized “Official Government Explanation” or the historically and factually inaccurate depictions of the events leading up to the massacre on the movie screen.

Wounded Knee was among the first federally backed gun confiscation attempts in United States history. It ended in the senseless murder of 297 people.

Before you jump on the emotionally charged bandwagon for gun-control, take a moment to reflect on the real purpose of the Second Amendment- The right of the people to take up arms in defense of themselves, their families, and property in the face of invading armies or an oppressive government. The argument that the Second Amendment only applies to hunting and target shooting is asinine. When the United States Constitution was drafted “hunting” was an everyday chore carried out by men and women to put meat on the table each night, and “target shooting” was an unheard of concept, musket balls were a precious commodity in the wilds of early America, and were certainly not wasted “target shooting”. The Second Amendment was written by people who fled oppressive and tyrannical regimes in Europe, and refers to the right of American citizens to be armed for defense purposes should such tyranny rise in the United States.

As time goes on the average citizen in the United States continues to lose personal freedom or “liberty”. Far too many times unjust bills are passed and signed into law under the guise of “for your safety” or “for protection”. The Patriot Act signed into law by G.W. Bush, then expanded and continued by Barack Obama is just one of many examples of American citizens being stripped of their rights and privacy for “safety”. Now, the Right to Keep and Bear Arms is on the table, and will, most likely be taken away for “our safety”.

Before any American citizen blindly accepts whatever new firearms legislation that is about to be doled out, they should stop and think about something for just one minute - Evil does exist in our world. It always has and always will. Throughout history evil people have committed evil acts. In the Bible one of the first stories is that of Cain killing Abel. We can not legislate “evil” into extinction. Good people will abide by the law, defective people will always find a way around it.

And another thought Evil exists all around us, but looking back at the historical record of the past 200 years across the globe, where is “evil” and “malevolence” most often found? In the hands of those with the power- governments. That greatest human tragedies on record and the largest loss of innocent human life can be attributed to governments. Who do governments target? “Scapegoats” and “enemies” within their own borders...but only after they have been disarmed to the point where they are no longer a threat. Ask any Native American, and they will tell you it was inferior technology and lack of arms that contributed to their demise. Ask any Armenian why it was so easy for the Turks to exterminate millions of them, and they will answer “We were disarmed before it happened”. Ask any Jew what Hitler’s first step prior to the mass murders of the Holocaust was- confiscation of firearms from the people.

Wounded Knee is the prime example of why the Second Amendment exists, and why we shouldn’t be in such a hurry to surrender our Right to Bear Arms. Without the Second Amendment we have no right to defend ourselves and our families.

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