

My name is Rick Poach of Woodbury Connecticut.

I would like to recognize all of those who have been affected by the senseless acts of a madman in Newtown.

I would also like to recognize those members of the Legislature making an honest effort to address those horrific acts without rescinding the rights of the people.

My testimony today is not necessarily intended for any of you.

It is intended for those who will have their rights rescinded.

And for that group who Dr. Angelo Codevilla called "The Ruling Class", who propose to rescind those rights.

Let me speak plainly to those members of "The Ruling Class".

I know that nothing I say here will make one iota of difference to you.

There is no "mind changing" to be made.

This hearing is for the benefit of us "Country Class" plebes, no more than that, a tiresome pro forma exercise you must endure so that you can later claim that The People had a voice.

Regardless, let me plainly state: We know you are coming for our guns, all of them.

And when you act as if such claims are absurd, know this: We in "The Country Class" do not trust or believe you.

We know what the Hegelian Dialectic is and what Jefferson would say, "But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object...".

We see that, with the horror of Newtown as your thesis and Gun Control as your antithesis, the synthesis you are pursuing is nothing less than a Progressive Utopia.

Utopia despite historical precedent.

Utopia despite reason.

Therefore, let me say the only thing which might possibly get through to you, "Say good-bye to your tax base."

I assure you that, before these laws go into effect, me, my family, and my firearms will be residing in Wyoming.

That is how I will honor my right and duty "to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for our future."

I know others in Connecticut who will do the same, and I implore everyone in the "Country Class" who can, to do likewise.

I ask you all, would you live as a Subject or Criminal for "The Ruling Class" folly of Utopia?

When there are saner States who would readily welcome you?

The Road to Hell is paved with good intentions, and likewise always the Road to Utopia is paved with dissenters.

"The Ruling Class" can't cram their Utopian Omelette down the throats of us "Country Class" plebes without breaking a few Constitutional Eggs, so, my fellows in the "Country Class", let us take the Official Motto of Connecticut as advice, "Qui transtulit, sustinet", "He who has transplanted will sustain."

Thank you.