

After every mass shooting, whether it is a crime or a terrorist attack, the gun control crowd is re-energized to take guns from American citizens. They throw up strawman arguments like “we can’t allow terrorists to buy gun due to our lax gun laws.” Then their solution is to disarm American citizens.

Let’s see if I get this straight – criminals or terrorists kill people and the SOLUTION is to deny constitutional rights of law-abiding American citizens. Can you spell oppressive government?

Another strawman is that “people on the “Terrorist Watch List” or “No Fly List” should not be allowed to buy guns.” Of course not one of us would want a would-be terrorist or a criminal to buy a gun. But the problem is the government’s policies with regard to these lists which I wrote about last month. Another thought, if someone is on the terrorist watch list and they are not a citizen, why are they even allowed to be in this country? This is just another flaw in our governmental policies.

Two other strawmen are “we must have universal background checks” and “we must close the gun show loophole.” I’ve written about this before but want to reiterate because our Congress is considering new guns laws that will SOLVE these problems. What the gun control crowd means with universal background checks is total control of EVERY sale of a weapon in the United States. They want a government bureaucrat to approve every sale, especially private, citizen to citizen sales. Of course this system would REQUIRE a national database of every gun and their owners – sounds like registration to me.

Regarding the “gun show loophole,” THERE IS NO GUN SHOW LOOPHOLE. The law requires that every legal gun transaction between a Federal Firearms Licensed person to a buyer requires a background check. See above for the reason gun controllers want this addressed.

“...the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.” This is clear to me, but what the liberals cannot get through Congress; they try to get through the American court system. In the last several years we’ve seen two cases reach the Supreme Court to restrict the “shall not be infringed” clause of the Second amendment. Both cases were decided by 5-4 votes and the court now has a vacancy. The next President will appoint from 3-4 justices which will shape the court for decades. Freedom loving Americans must elect both a President and a Congress that will protect all the rights guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution.

### What’s really behind the ongoing push for gun control?

The gun grabbers tell you they want more gun control in order to keep you safe. But that is the Big Lie.

If they really wanted to limit guns used most to murder people they’d target handguns, which are used in almost half

of all homicides. Of 8,124 murders using a firearm in 2014, handguns were used 5,562 times. Rifles were used to murder someone only 248 times. And the dreaded “assault weapon” the politicians make such a kerfuffle over is a subset of rifles, so the number of people killed by those is much lower.

That is evidence the government assault on so-called “assault rifles” is just a show designed to confuse, deflect and cause conflict and a means to begin the incremental steps to a complete gun ban.

It’s not politically correct to say it, but most homicides are gang bangers killing other gang bangers, gang bangers killing people standing near their gang banger targets or gang bangers killing people they’ve targeted for crime. Your chance of dying from a gunshot if you are not a gang banger or not committing suicide is 0.0005417721518987342 percent. The media won’t tell you that.

All modern governments are organized crime legitimized by the police power of the state. There is illegal crime and there is legal crime. We tend to accept government crime because it has made itself politically legal and politically palatable with such propaganda myths as “democracy.”

All national states have one thing in common. They want all uncontrolled arms of the people confiscated.

Why do all governments want to confiscate the firearms of their people? It is quite simple. The government political system fears an armed citizenry.

The authorities know full well that they, with all their high tech weapons, cannot subdue a determined people with private arms. This is why they want your guns. Therefore, they use all manner of spurious persuasion to get you to give up your arms and to exert hostility toward others who won’t. Same old divide and conquer.

The man or woman who silently keeps arms and learns to effectively use them is the greatest force there is in defense of freedom.

Organized crime, no matter how legitimate it may appear, wants no risk of being overthrown and no personal risk to the politicians and bureaucrats. It wants no threat to the state that it cannot calculate and control.

The state is therefore the enemy of the people. Otherwise it would not fear the people and want to disarm them. We can clearly understand disarmament because we recognize that the state and its bureaucrats and politicians are on one side and the people are on the other.

Disarmament propaganda has been going on in the U.S. for many years, along with increased calls for stepped-up requirements of gun registration and piecemeal and continuous legislation. It ebbs and flows in intensity depending upon the political winds.

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Gun confiscation is not child's play. It has to do with the basic survival of human liberty. Americans should protect their private guns and keep their guns private. This is the first law of survival against the organized crime of the state.

Gun confiscation can be and is being speeded up. As we have seen, all the government needs for an excuse is a massacre or even the pretense of a massacre as in Sandy Hoax and the Orlando Pulse nightclub false flags. Then there is the overwhelming onslaught of propaganda in the form of public outrage and calls for the immediate outlawing of all guns owned by individuals. Yes, a lot of well-meaning dupes join in on the government media hype for gun control. But guns do not cause violence.

Get your defense gun before it's too late. Incidentally, short handguns are of little use to most people who have had little or no experience with them. If you choose to buy a handgun you must also choose to get serious instruction on how to use it. And you must practice, practice, practice; and then carry it with you religiously.

No liberty lover's home should be without at least one long gun like a 12-gauge shotgun loaded with buckshot – which dis-

courages attacks upon person and property far more convincingly than a handgun with very little instruction required for proper use – and a sporting rifle like an AR15.

Do it NOW. Home defense is a human right, not a privilege.  
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### **More Firepower than the Marines**

Between 2006 and 2014, the report shows, 67 federal bureaus, departments, offices, and services spent at least \$1.48 billion on ammunition and materiel one might expect to find in the hands of SWAT teams, Special Forces soldiers – or terrorists.

Incredibly, there are now fewer US Marines than there are officers at federal administrative agencies with the authority to carry weapons and make arrests. The soaring growth of this federal arsenal alarms Adam Andrzejewski, the head of American Transparency's OpenTheBooks.com, which researched and assembled the new report. "Just who," he asks, "are the feds planning to battle?" Jeff Jacoby, Boston Globe, 26 June 2016.

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### **NEWS FROM SKEET AND TRAP**

This was another busy month for us at Skeet and Trap.

- Tuesday and Thursday night skeet leagues are going on (NASCAR skeet on Thursday nights)
- We shoot fun and registered trap on Tuesdays 10-1.
- June 25th we held our annual registered summer skeet shoot. This year we held a 4X50 shoot (four gauges 50 targets each). We had 20 shooters 12 of whom won cash prizes.
- John Boles memorial service was held prior to the skeet shoot. Please see article with picture in this Rangefinder.
- As of June 23rd we have thrown 247,747 targets this year.
- Anyone who would like to be added to S&T email list please email me your contact information. [ataorsa@gmail.com](mailto:ataorsa@gmail.com)

**Larry McNamee** – *President S&T*

### **FOR PRIVATE SALE:**

- SAKO 85 Finnlight Stainless 270, fluted barrel **\$1,300** rifle only **\$1,750** with Swarovski 3-10 scope
- Ferlack (Austria) Over/Under 20ga 3" mag, 222 Remington. Receipt from Flaig's, Millvale, PA 12/3/1968. Bushnell scope. **\$800**
- Freedom Arms Model 83 Premier Grade 454 Casull 4 3/4", White Micarta Grips **\$2,100**

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