



IN THEIR OWN WORDS

“The problem is we’ve got teachers who are taking kids out for a political rally on public property and public time, this is political indoctrination. It’s totally inappropriate.”

Chris Cleveland, Chicago GOP Chairman on what he told the IG of the Chicago School System in a lawsuit

“I have a child in a CPS school, and in this one they were planning to take grades 5-8 out, herd them out for this demonstration, they encouraged them to make posters about gun control to express their opinions,” I don’t think they’re telling these kids to be against gun control here. Clearly they’re pushing a political view upon them.”

More from Mr. Cleveland in his lawsuit against the Chicago Public School System

“Guns do not keep the peace. People with love in their hearts keep the peace. People with fear and hatred in their hearts sometimes use guns to kill other people, whereas people whose hearts are full of love don’t do that”

Salt Lake Tribune op-ed

“Our apologies. Due to administrative delays by the State of California, we are unable to sell ammunition.”

Sign at CA Walgreens on Jan 1, 2018 after the state passed restrictive ammo laws but failed to release guidelines before the laws effective date

“Tests performed on the Surface Web demonstrated that private sellers GAO contacted on gun forums and other classified ads were unwilling to sell a firearm to an individual who appeared to be prohibited from possessing a firearm.”

GAO Report (more next month)

WHY ARE WHITE MEN STOCKPILING GUNS

“Since the 2008 election of President Obama, the number of firearms manufactured in the U.S. has tripled, while imports have doubled. This doesn’t mean more households have guns than ever before—that percentage has stayed fairly steady for decades. Rather, more guns are being stockpiled by a small number of individuals. Three percent of the population now owns half of the country’s firearms, says a recent, definitive study from the Injury Control Research Center at Harvard University.

So, who is buying all these guns—and why? The short, broad-brush answer to the first part of that question is this: men, who on average possess almost twice the number of guns female

owners do. But not all men. Some groups of men are much more avid gun consumers than others. The American citizen most likely to own a gun is a white male—but not just any white guy. According to a growing number of scientific studies, the kind of man who stockpiles weapons or applies for a concealed-carry license meets a very specific profile.

These are men who are anxious about their ability to protect their families, insecure about their place in the job market, and beset by racial fears. They tend to be less educated. For the most part, they don’t appear to be religious—and, suggests one study, faith seems to reduce their attachment to guns. In fact, stockpiling guns seems to be a symptom of a much deeper crisis in meaning and purpose in their lives. Taken together, these studies describe a population that is struggling to find a new story—one in which they are once again the heroes.”

‘Unfortunately, the people most likely to be killed by the guns of white men aren’t the “bad guys,” presumably criminals or terrorists. It’s themselves—and their families.

“Why Are White Men Stockpiling Guns” By Jeremy Adam Smith on March 14, 2018, Scientific American, <https://blogs.scientificamerican.com/observations/why-are-white-men-stockpiling-guns/>

17 PEOPLE KILLED FEB. 14 AT MARJORY STONEMAN DOUGLAS HIGH SCHOOL IN PARKLAND, FLORIDA

We have another shooting in a so called gun free zone, and the gun banners and anti-Second Amendment crowd are now in full throated opposition to the freedoms of millions of us law abiding American citizens. Instead of blaming the killer, the multitude of failures of federal and local law enforcement, and the failure of the school to protect the students, we jump into blaming the NRA, calling the NRA a terrorist organization This is insanity and emblematic of the erosion of our Constitutional rights and individual freedoms. Finally the progressive left now thinks they have the leverage they have been seeking for decades to take guns away from Americans.

I look on in horror to the meetings the President is having to “address the carnage” in this latest school shooting. The progressive left and their mouthpieces in the national media have long been able to set the tone and language to advance their repressive policies. I hear Democrat after Democrat and even liberal Republicans now using the term “weapons of war” to describe the AR 15. Further they describe the AR 15 as a weapon only designed for military use and designed to kill as many people as possible in the shortest amount of time. And then there is the term “assault rifle” or “assault weapon.” This term was invented by the anti-gun rights community because it sounds scary and meant to convey that no ordinary American should ever have an “assault weapon.”

So what does the “AR” in AR 15 stand for? In 1956, ArmaLite designed a lightweight assault rifle for military use and designated it the ArmaLite Rifle-15, or AR-15. Due to financial problems, and limitations in terms of manpower and production capacity, ArmaLite sold the design and the AR-15 trademark to Colt’s Manufacturing Company in 1959. In 1964, Colt began selling its own version with an improved semi-automatic design known as the Colt AR-15. After Colt’s patents expired in 1977, an active marketplace emerged for other manufacturers to produce and sell their own AR-15 style sporting rifles. So now you know – AR stands for

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ArmaLite, the company who originally designed the weapon style.

The progressive left has long ago attacked our First Amendment free speech rights through the invention of “political correctness.” Political correctness is only designed to squelch speech and opinions that the left disagrees. And I don’t see many Republican standing up and defending the attacks on the First and Second Amendments.

I spent 30 years in the Army as an Infantry Officer. I have a BS in History and Political Science and an MA in Personnel Management. I have studied history all of my life and fully understand the Founding Fathers intent in the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution. I’m 69 years old and in my lifetime I’ve seen our government turned upside down where the government intrusion into our lives grows by each session of Congress. We now have another branch of government where unelected bureaucrats rule the daily lives of American citizens. America is now closer to socialism than any time in our history. Now the progressive left abetted by either ignorant or unwitting Republicans are seizing on the opportunity of this latest school shooting to take away more liberty and gun rights.

The military does not have a weapon called an assault rifle. The AR 15 IS NOT AN ASSAULT RIFLE. IT IS NOT A WEAPON OF WAR.

Now there are competing legislations that will erode or eliminate our Second Amendment rights. One of most disturbing aspects of this legislation is dealing with background checks. The current background check system works when the states and bureaucracies do what they are supposed to do. The progressive left has long wanted what they call “universal background checks.” This is hugely misunderstood by the Republicans in congress. Let’s remember the FACT that what the anti-gun left wants is the removal of guns from the hands of all Americans. They know that they can’t accomplish this is one fell swoop so they use their tactic of incrementalism, a little of loss of freedom here and then a little more and then a little more. “Universal Background Checks” is part of their plan for getting rid of guns in the hands of citizens.

What “Universal Background Checks” means to the progressive left is control of every gun in America. One of the proposed legislations seeks to control every commercial transaction involving the sale of guns. Another red herring is “closing the gun show loophole.” THERE IS NO GUN SHOW loophole. The law already mandates that if a gun is legally sold at a gun show there must be a background check of the buyer. But the left wants every gun transaction controlled by the government. What this means that if I decide to sell a gun to a friend or even loan a gun to a friend, then I would have to call some federal bureaucrat to ask permission. When the Obama Administration was toying with proposing Universal Background Checks the Obama Justice Department produced a memo that said the universal background checks WOULD ONLY WORK IF THERE IS A NATIONAL GUN

REGISTRY.

The government has no business knowing what type and how many guns a citizen owns and this is guaranteed by the Second Amendment.

Our nation does need to address these mass shootings. We need eliminate gun free zones. After 9-11 we decided we needed to protect airports and we created the TSA and created safe airports. When there were threats to court houses we decide to put measures in place to protect court houses. When there are threats to politicians they protect themselves. Every famous entertainer has a protective detail. But schools – they are fundamentally unprotected and thus easy targets. If we can create protective zones around our airports, court houses, politicians and other elites, then we can protect schools. The “how” can be left to states and school districts but protection is nothing but creating the will to do so.

There were so many failures in recognizing the warning signs so there is much to be done in fixing these failures. But instead of discussing how to fix these failures the whole discussion is attacking the NRA and taking away the rights of millions of citizens.

Millions of ordinary Americans elected President Trump because he said he would protect our rights and liberties. I implore him and every Republican not to give into the emotion and desire “to do something” and betray us out here in cities and towns of the real America. We need to protect our schools, fix the current background check system and address the failures that allowed this deeply disturbed killer to conduct this horrendous act of violence. WE SHOULD NOT take away more rights, freedom and liberty of most Americans.

HERE ARE EIGHT STUBBORN FACTS TO KEEP IN MIND ABOUT GUN VIOLENCE IN AMERICA:

1. Violent crime is down and has been on the decline for decades.
2. The principal public safety concerns with respect to guns are suicides and illegally owned handguns, not mass shootings.
3. A small number of factors significantly increase the likelihood that a person will be a victim of a gun-related homicide.
4. Gun-related murders are carried out by a predictable pool of people.
5. Higher rates of gun ownership are not associated with higher rates of violent crime.
6. There is no clear relationship between strict gun control legislation and homicide or violent crime rates.
7. Legally owned firearms are used for lawful purposes much more often than they are used to commit crimes or suicide.
8. Concealed carry permit holders are not the problem, but they may be part of the solution.

<http://dailysignal.com/2018/03/14/here-are-8-stubborn-facts-on-gun-violence-in-america/>

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