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The Ukraine You Thought You Knew Is "news" media telling you true?

Felicity Bower, JPFO Contributor

To hear it told today from virtually every domestic source, Ukrainians are freedom fighters to be worshipped and revered. These are people who have been set upon by the evil Russian empire without provocation, that part is mostly true. Its maniac ruler threatens worldwide nuclear destruction if he doesn't get his way. Also true.

JPFO's Advisory Board member Dov Marhoffer, a Holocaust survivor tells it a bit differently, and history lends him some support. The Ukrainians were willing henchmen of the Nazi regime during WWII, and multiple sources confirm they were as vicious and inhumane as any Aryan. Though Nazis were defeated, the children of these prison camp guards, like so many other Reich sympathizers, cling to their past and miss the glory days when they could inflict jackbooted pain, suffering and death with impunity. Not all of them fled to Brazil. Festering inhumane neo-Nazi beasts practice anti-Semitism in a vicious scourge throughout Europe to this day, but we sheepishly look away. Germany remains a linchpin to this malaise, and in parts of Ukraine physically close to the former disgraced non-master race.

That nation is pock marked with pockets of virulent hatred for Jews, despite following their openly Jewish leader. Mr. Marhoffer said, referring to the Russian invaders and Ukrainian defenders, at a recent JPFO Salon in Arizona, "I hope they both win." He is a master of the unexpected one-liner. Shocked looks from the assembled members melted when Dov explained, "They should both kill each other." There are no good guys in this battle, he believes.

Dov is famous for insisting no one was killed during the Holocaust. "No vun was killed," he says in his still forceful full-throated thickly accented voice. "Whether they died of hunger, disease, or bullets. They vuz *murdered*!"

So what is your impression of the war, eh? "The Ukrainians are valiant freedom fighters, hooray for our side!" This is the only message our so-called "news" presents. When reporting is that uber uniform, that's a tell—something isn't right.

Listen closely though, and you'll hear Putin repeating time and again, he wants to wipe out the remaining Nazi scourge that lives and breathes in the country bordering his. True, Russia and Nazis ended WWII as enemies, both led by dictators. And also true, you can't trust Putin, another brutal dictator. Sure, wiping out Nazis is a swell excuse and justification. And we're not in any way supporting the horrific Russian despot or his actions.

According to several friends with direct ties to Russia, the Russian people, as drowned in propaganda for their nation as Americans are for ours, they support Putin, revile Ukrainians as Nazis, and want to see them wiped out. It is a good war from their perspective. Of course, that's a broad brush, people on all sides of this have differing opinions. And our media gets nowhere near giving us a clear view.

Time examined this a while back, calling out the Azov Battalion, a formal part of Ukraine's military, sporting Nazi-like insignia. Possessing substantial arsenals, "They've trained and inspired white supremacists from around the world... Azov is much more than a militia." According to *Time*, "it has its own political party; two publishing houses, summer camps for children, and

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We Cannot Rely on Miracles

By Rabbi

Cary Kozberg

Just recently here in Columbus, Ohio, it was discovered that a guard from a private security firm who was hired to protect the local Orthodox Jewish day school, had placed an anti-Semitic post on the dark

web. He was holding up a handgun and had threatened violence against parents dropping off their children. It made national news.

Fortunately—but totally by accident—the post was discovered, and the man was arrested before any harm could be done. He faces several federal charges and is in jail on a \$1 million dollar bond.

How could this happen? At a community meeting to discuss it and how to prevent something similar from happening again, we learned from Homeland Security's liaison to our Jewish community that he himself had hired the man. How? Because the man was a member of the National Guard and was highly qualified for the security position. Moreover, there was absolutely no indication or evidence in his background that he was a white supremacist and Jew-hater. He was discovered when a fellow member of his National Guard unit, who also participated in this hate chat group, died.

When the mother of the deceased was going through his personal belongings, she began to look at his cell phone and discovered the postings. She turned the phone over to the National Guard who did more investigating and determined this misanthrope was a member



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Why JPFO Is Important to Me

By William Barclay Masterson

I am a JPFO Life Member residing in south Texas, not too far from the border. JPFO resides deep within me, and will be for as long as I live. G-d willing, it will be a long life, one where we all continue to live in freedom and liberty. In one of my presentations some years ago on Jewish Meditation, I spoke of the relationship between unleavened matzah and the unleavening of the usually inflated human ego. I therefore always treat Passover as a very special time to appreciate and be grateful for both internal and external freedom and liberty (not only from Egypt and Pharaoh). I taught my Jewish students to think about this unleavening, not just as something we buy and then "do" by eating, but much more importantly, the way we think, how we act, and then "be"—how we literally go into the world.

The world is full of overly-leavened, narcissistic, out-of-control bullies (think: our American Marxist political enemies) who live to judge everything and everyone in sight, decide they know better than

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"Diversity" Is Absent in Battle

Women are equal! Or should be! But aren't!

JPFO Staff—Last issue we looked at women in uniform, and the deliberate Dept. of Defense effort to keep people of the female persuasion out of harm's way. No combat roles for you, or very limited, and the crux—Selective Service registration (the draft) excludes women. In times of screaming for inclusivity, no inclusion for the ladies, and no uproar.

Some folks took umbrage with JPFO's March 2022 article, "Can Women Bear Arms? Should They?" It seems it was easy to get excited at the title (#MeToo) and miss the fact that we were reviewing the Dept. of Defense budget, which omitted women from draft-board registration. Is it just chauvinism? Or real differences in body strength? Or clinging to outdated morality? Or no desire to see women's bodies bloodied, torn to shreds and shot full of holes?

Whatever the reason, the Federation of American Scientists, working with the Dept. of Defense, did the legwork, and here is the

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we do, repeatedly attack our sensibilities, our very senses of perception and thinking, and then live to rule over us and maintain the power to do so. It's sick and evil. They are trying right now to destroy America from within (The Cloward & Piven model). The Great Reset with ESG (Environmental, Social, Governance scores, comprehensive behavioral ratings to punish dissidents), climate change, the face diapers, forced injections, mandate after mandate etc., it's all about power and control to create maximum chaos and fear.

Our Second Amendment is just the tip of the iceberg of a much greater whole, of what they are doing right before our eyes. Sadly, so many people swallow the propaganda and censorship, drink the Kool-Aid to wash it down, and frankly, most people have little to no idea what is really going on behind the curtain because they won't put the time in to do their own homework. As a result, we are faced with our greatest challenge since 1940 and Hitler. In another sense, perhaps since the 1860 Civil War. We absolutely have a new Civil War right now, and are on the precipice of a World War III, if it goes that far and President Magoo continues on the globalist route for his openly admitted new world order. G-d forbid it goes that far.

So I say, let's go get 'em and continue to fight the good fight as best we can! Ultimately, it's going to be all about the votes!

Stay free!

William Barclay Masterson

P.S. On a personal note, I am very concerned about personal safety. I'm not looking for a 2 a.m. sur-

prise, be it a Molotov cocktail, a brick, or an intruder. My home has already been targeted because (as I've heard) "a f**king Jew lives there." And this is an otherwise very nice neighborhood, that is, with the exception of some Jew-hatred block meetings many years ago and phone calls to neighbors warning, "Don't talk to the Jew!" As an NRA instructor and dear friend of mine always says: "They'd better not miss, because I won't." Carry everywhere you legally can. We all know the expression "better to have it and not need it, than need it and not have it." Live it!

And in case you're interested—

The temple right down the street had a lot more physical damage than we did. The Rabbi was very weak, very left, and suffered from the Normalcy Bias. He hid his head in the sand. I had zero respect for him. I however developed a very strong relationship with the local police who were very kind, understanding, and entirely supportive, just terrific. The police chief heard all about the Jew-hatred meetings and took the time to actually call me. He was sick to his stomach over it, apologized, and asked me to please not judge everyone in our small town like the people behind this. I assured him I wouldn't, don't hate anyone, and thanked him very much for the call!

Bottom line, I became personal friends with both him and his eventual successor, ex-FBI. Over time, both had political problems from the left—pre-Trump-type smear tactics! Both times, I went to the city and fought for them. I was all over the TV and press on their behalf, as both men were innocent.

We remain in touch and are good friends to this day. "Support your local police" has deep merit. Later, when the first chief's wife died, both my wife and I were there for him. The armed Jews came through.

And there you have it... even when bad things happen, if we don't see good and only dark, it is up to us to create the good and be the light. That's our way. Maybe there's a lesson here for someone's Seder table, or better, to inspire one between the Gefilte fish and Chad Gadya. ☆



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a vigilante force known as the National Militia, which patrols the streets of Ukrainian cities alongside the police." A sort of NGO with guns.

The one thing you cannot dispose of with mind-wash, is the history of Ukrainians as brutal concentration camp guards, supportive of the "final solution." Who and what were they when they went home, raised families and taught their kids? And now?

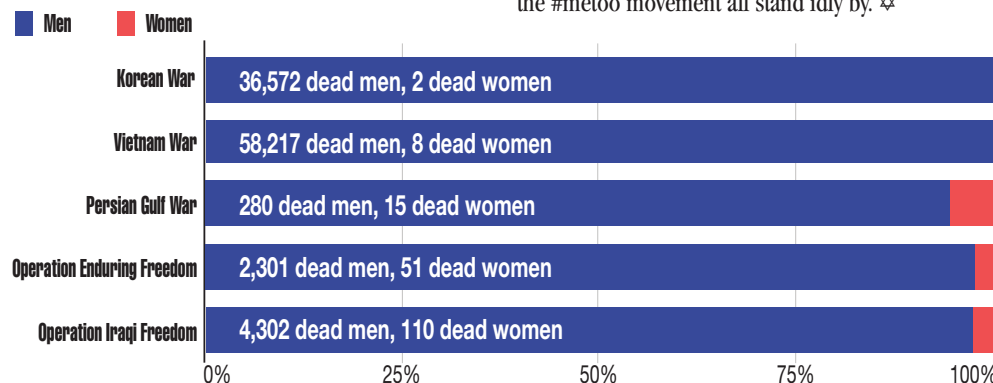
In fairness, significant portions of the Ukrainian

population supported the communists, brutal outlaws themselves by any definition (Stalin led them). Many Ukrainians are fine upstanding people, and many live peacefully among us. I suppose the ultimate message is, watch out for what the establishment pours into your living room through social media and TV. If the message is uniform and unvarying ("Hooray for the brave, suffering, outnumbered Ukrainians!") there is likely a back story. ☆

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non-diverse. non-inclusive, complete lack of equity, in how well women have fared in feminist reconstruction of the landscape.

If this seems unfair and unequal to you, well, it is. Inclusivity, a decidedly left-wing new concept, omits women. Feminism, gender-studies experts, the #metoo movement all stand idly by. ☆



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The Second Amendment is the "Guardian" of the Bill of Rights.

"So-called gun control is not a credible policy position: it does not control guns nor does it control criminal behavior. What it does is disarm the innocent, leaving them helpless in the face of petty criminals, tyrannical governments and genocide.



Year Five Shekel from Masada in Israel, 70 C.E.

The Million Shekel Quiz

There are no right answers, except of course there are

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- ☐ T ☐ F: If I had a gun I would immediately run out and start murdering people indiscriminately, because I could.
- ☐ T ☐ F: Anti-gunners and hoplophobes believe the line above is true.
- ☐ T ☐ F: I have a gun (several in fact) and I have never killed anyone.
- ☐ T ☐ F: If I did senselessly murder someone, the gun made me do it, that's obvious.
- ☐ T ☐ F: Anti-gunners and hoplophobes believe the line above is true.
- ☐ T ☐ F: Anti gunners are terrified that if they actually had a gun, they would run out and start murdering everyone in sight.
- ☐ T ☐ F: The problem described above is known as lack of impulse control.
- ☐ T ☐ F: The idea that possession of a deadly weapon makes you go crazy and start murdering everyone is a sign of an unstable person, with no impulse control.
- ☐ T ☐ F: Fear of going nuts and using a gun to murder people is why anti-gunners are anti-gun.
- ☐ T ☐ F: Because anti-gunners fear their own lack of impulse control they seek to ban guns from everyone else, assuming no one has impulse control.
- ☐ T ☐ F: Anti-gunners fail to see the irony that their desire to have other people disarmed relies upon armed police (or some sort of "officials" with guns) to do the deed.

PART B

The four major boxes of freedom are

- ☐ T ☐ F: The Ballot Box
- ☐ T ☐ F: The Soap Box
- ☐ T ☐ F: The Jury Box
- ☐ T ☐ F: The Cartridge Box
- ☐ T ☐ F: The Cartridge Box was not used to influence the election.
- ☐ T ☐ F: The Cartridge Box was used repeatedly in the summer 2020 riots, leading to scores of murders, without significant prosecutions.
- ☐ T ☐ F: Our right to keep and bear arms may depend more on the Ballot Box than any other box.
- ☐ T ☐ F: Your faith in Ballot-Box results in 2020 is 100%.
- ☐ T ☐ F: After the 2020 election many national news commentators said, "This was the most secure election in our history."
- ☐ T ☐ F: You believe that.
- ☐ T ☐ F: They said it so soon after the ballot count there was no way for them to actually know how secure it was.
- ☐ T ☐ F: The Dept. of Homeland Security said, soon after ballots were cast, it was the most secure election in our history, so that means it's true.

- ☐ T ☐ F: Many irregularities have been uncovered about the 2020 election.
- ☐ T ☐ F: More people were registered in some districts than the total population.
- ☐ T ☐ F: Though required by law, many voting rolls were not purged of the dead and folks who moved.
- ☐ T ☐ F: Google distorted search results in favor of certain candidates or a party, and was among the unforeseen problems with the election.
- ☐ T ☐ F: The people at Google are too honest to do that.
- ☐ T ☐ F: No national reporters saw the gun issue as meaningful during the election except to disparage it.
- ☐ T ☐ F: Mail-in ballots, many illegally enacted by election "officials" and others contributed to the doubts about election integrity.
- ☐ T ☐ F: Accuracy in news reporting about firearms, known to be quite low, has no bearing on reporting accuracy about the election.
- ☐ T ☐ F: Democrats who cheered the idea of confiscating AR-15s during debates, were not heard from in the election cycle itself.
- ☐ T ☐ F: Attempts (or threats) to confiscate guns, or enact draconian gun laws, were emphasized during the election cycle.
- ☐ T ☐ F: If the true intentions of Democrats concerning guns was known, or reported or investigated, it would not help Democrats win.
- ☐ T ☐ F: The idea that disarming police, or defunding police, would help stop crime turned out to be as dumb as it sounded.
- ☐ T ☐ F: Defunding the police was abandoned by Democrats during the election cycle, because it was shown to be a horrible choice in Democrat cities where it was implemented.
- ☐ T ☐ F: Though Democrat leaders want police defunded, people by and large do not.
- ☐ T ☐ F: Although people right of center are well armed, this did not have a big impact on voting.

- ☐ T ☐ F: All that firepower is virtually useless in today's political environment.
- ☐ T ☐ F: Stretching elections over months, instead of on a single day as originally intended, is a good idea.
- ☐ T ☐ F: If you vote early, and then your candidate is found to be a compulsive gambler, a thief, a scoundrel, an adulterer, a drug addict, a sex fiend, close friends of a sex fiend, a liar, a communist sympathizer, a jihadi sympathizer, an Anti-Semite, a tax cheat, treasonous, other form of undesirable character, or dead, you can't do anything to retract or change your vote.
- ☐ T ☐ F: Voting early is a great idea, because of the factors described above.
- ☐ T ☐ F: Voting early is a great idea, because it protects your rights.
- ☐ T ☐ F: Voting early is a great idea, because then you don't have to responsibly make sure you get to the polls on Election Day.
- ☐ T ☐ F: You must show positive proof of ID in order to buy a gun at retail.
- ☐ T ☐ F: Many Democrats are against the idea of requiring proof of citizenship or ID to vote.
- ☐ T ☐ F: Although Democrats insisted tighter voting requirements in Georgia would impede blacks from voting, blacks voted in record numbers during their recent primaries.
- ☐ T ☐ F: If you can't prove who you are, you should be allowed to vote anyway.
- ☐ T ☐ F: You support the idea of letting foreign nationals vote in our national elections.
- ☐ T ☐ F: You support the idea of letting illegal aliens (people who entered the country not through a port of entry) vote.
- ☐ T ☐ F: Gunpowder won't fix the problem of election integrity, but you have plenty.

• **Essay question for extra credit:** What could be wrong with letting foreigners vote in our elections? Same question regarding illegal aliens?

• **Bonus point question:** Who supports letting non-citizens vote? ☆



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The Moyel's Tips

Who Do You Trust?

If the state forbids what G-d commands, or commands what G-d forbids, follow G-d.

Reparations for Everyone!

If you really want to talk about suffering, and a need for recompense, how about we Jews? We're owed money from Egypt who cast us out after enslaving us for centuries. American cities rejected us, FDR turned us away during the Holocaust, Country Clubs with an exclusionary policy, pony up fellas! If this sound outrageous and ridiculous to you—us too. It's nutty. As are other demands for payment for things you didn't personally endure, from people now dead. And it's racist unless everyone who suffered (loooong list) gets something, also outrageous on its face.

It's Not Even Hypocrisy Anymore

Leftists have moved on to blatant deception and lies. You Decide: "Hell yes, we're going to take your AR-15, your AK-47," said Beto O'Rourke (the chosen alias of democrat Robert Francis) at the Dems convention in 2019. Now, running for governor of Texas (yikes!), he announced in east Texas, while campaigning, "I'm not interested in taking anything from anyone. What I want to make sure that we do is defend the Second Amendment." No apology, no walk-back, just lying.

Time Civilizes All Taliban

The Week has reported about the Taliban's gun ban for Afghanistan, issued by the ruling clique: No more carrying machine guns into amusement parks. The common practice was banned after other visitors were "unnerved." How long could it be until restaurants have machine gun bans too, the slippery slope we've seen before.

"In a world of Putins, be a Zelinsky."

"Liberty once lost is lost forever. When the People once surrender their share in the Legislature, and their Right of defending the Limitations upon the Government, and of resisting every Encroachment upon them, they can never regain it." —John Adams in 1775. Because hope springs eternal, the Moyel believes lost liberties can be regained, and we see that to some extent with guns—Constitutional Carry, any carry in more restrictive states, rights extended to 18-year-olds, self-defense laws, more.

"The truth is, that, even with the most secure tenure of office, during good behavior, the danger is not, that the judges will be too firm in resisting public opinion, and in defence of private rights or public liberties; but, that they will be ready to yield themselves to the passions, and politics, and prejudices of the day." —Justice Joseph Story in 1833

A man with a helmet defending our nation is more valuable than a man with a helmet defending a football.

As we've all discovered, the left is immune to anything outside their narrative. If a person doesn't get things like reason, logic, facts, history, law, they join the Dems, now filled almost exclusively with those leftist types. Terrible state of affairs. The education system doesn't help, constantly reinforcing bad ideas.

Brainwash On Display

Television, aptly named the Boob Tube, now has shows about sabotaging cooking class, *My 600 Pound Life*, *Naked and Afraid*, *16 and Pregnant* and of course tons of cop shows featuring criminals, car chases, shootouts, aggravated assault and disrespect for police. Who is in charge of this, literally, "programming"? Can you imagine how different America might look if there were features like *Armed and Safe*, *My Gun Saved My Life*, *How to Shoot Criminals with Accuracy and Speed*, *Why I Chose .45 ACP*, and a review of successful self-defense cases this week, instead of incessant focus on evil? If you think this all happens by accident or coincidence, you're a fool.

Is Joe Biden the president we were warned Trump would be? Is the real power in the hands of whoever scripts Joe's teleprompter?

According to Gun Owners of America (GOA), the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (BATFE) now has a database on gun owners with about one billion records in it. That sort of record keeping ("registration") on public gun ownership is strictly illegal. When people say the government is out of control, well, there it is. BATFE might argue it's not really registration—because we didn't voluntarily submit to the database, it's not exhaustive, and they compiled it from loads of sources. JPFO says there is no difference.

"Hello, What's the nature of your confession?"

The Moyel has learned that, at least in some jurisdictions, 911 calls are recorded as soon as the phone begins to ring, not once an operator picks up. This means you are recorded before you hear a voice saying, "911, What's the nature of your emergency?" The recording hears your voice through the ring. Be careful what you say while waiting, this is evidence, and could help or hurt your case.

Rights vs. Wrongs

If illegal aliens—people who enter or sneak into the United States not through a port of entry—are given the right to the vote by Congress, which it seems many legislators would like to do, can the aliens also have the right to keep and bear arms? Which parts of the Bill of Rights would they get, and which should be denied to people who arrive through criminal channels? The Moyel wants to know, write to jpfo@jpfo.org.

It's Not Our Bible

"If you don't have a sword, sell your cloak and buy one..." —Luke 22:36

"News" is filled with stories like, "70 mass shootings in Chicago this weekend." News is devoid of stories like "70 arrests in mass shootings." Or even, "7 arrests in mass shootings." Of the reported 40,000 murders in the last year (didn't know that, didja?), the only trial mass media is covering in April 2022 is Johnnie Depp's estrangement with his wife. If this doesn't convince you mass media is merely bread and circuses, nothing will.

Not a ghost of a chance

My police contacts have directly revealed no known instances of Mr. Biden's so-called "ghost gun" problems. No crimes committed, no confiscations, nada nothing zip zero. I imagine there must be some, but haven't heard of any. Home-made guns, the real name, are constitutionally protected, have a long noble history and are a valuable asset in the freedom arsenal. When sold as kits they are mere blocks of metal, incapable of anything criminal, definitely not guns. Lately, seeing the lack of real evidence, cable news channels have been parroting police pronouncements and numbers, claiming it's a real problem. Actual proof remains lacking. The "make a gun in 30 minutes" is totally bogus.

Criminals making guns is of course already a serious federal and state crime, but extremely rare, since they can far more easily buy, borrow or steal them, for less money and no expertise. Dems won't let that stop them from fabricating a ghost of a problem. Democrats have once again invented a phony problem (like invisible guns, the Glock), in their unending effort to disarm the decent law-abiding public. This, "evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism..." No arrests of deceitful Constitution-violating politicians are expected.

"Blessed are the cracked for they shall see the light." —Charles Heller

Door-to-door gun confiscations won't work, some government officials have figured out. "I'm not going house-to-house—I want to go home at the end of my shift," according to a sworn officer who refused to be identified. He indicated his entire precinct feels that way.

Note This Biblical Psalm

"Blessed is the Lord, my Rock, who trains my hands for battle and my fingers for war."

—Psalm 144:1

Watch for JPFO's new line of stickers, featuring this Psalm and more.

Moyel, n. the person who performs a circumcision.

of that group. This information was then shared with our local Homeland Security team. Telling the folks at the meeting this story, our liaison expressed a deep sense of shock, embarrassment and a tremendous sense of betrayal. It was as if he had inadvertently put his own family in danger. But given that there was no prior indication of his beliefs and given that his qualifications appeared superb, he seemed the perfect candidate. At the end of the day, what had happened was an anomaly.

In the discussion that followed, the focus was how to strengthen security at our schools and synagogues, so that this kind of anomaly would not happen again. We were assured that in the future, only police officers and not private security personnel would be used. However, we were also told that these days—for various reasons—off-duty officers were not as available as they once were.

During the question/answer period, I mentioned that when I was in synagogue on the previous Saturday morning, a woman commented that discovering the true intentions of the security guard was a “great miracle.” I told the crowd that I had agreed with her but reminded her that the Talmud teaches us that *we should not rely on miracles*. In other words, we Jews must be better prepared, even for anomalies.

I told the crowd that this incident was further evidence that while “best practices” may dictate that police officers be the first line of defense (in my opinion, up for debate), *police must not be the only line of defense*. We need to be responsible for our own safety and security—which means that members of our own community need to be recruited and responsibly trained to use firearms, additional techniques, and respond with force if necessary—as “back-up” for any professionals on site. Others in the crowd wisely expressed their agreement, and the conveners assured us that, regarding improving security measures, “nothing was off the table.”

Armed and trained laity are part of the security program.

In truth, I'm not convinced that community leadership will really take such a suggestion seriously. To be sure, some synagogues here in Columbus have already begun to implement having armed and trained laity as part of their own security programs. Regrettably, other synagogues continue to have strict no-guns-allowed policies—despite Pittsburgh, Poway and Colleyville.

Predictably, those synagogues that are pro-rights regarding firearms are usually Orthodox with a large number of members being politically conservative, while those that are anti-rights on firearms issues are non-Orthodox (Reform, Reconstructionist, Conservative), whose members are generally politically liberal or progressive.

Regrettably, these non-Orthodox Jews continue to allow their emotions to eclipse reason. Indeed, some Rabbis who serve such congregations maintain that, following the mandate to “welcome the stranger,” they also would have let in the Colleyville intruder. (Background: With the regular security officer off that day, the Rabbi in Colleyville allowed access to a British-speaking middle-eastern stranger claiming to be homeless. There was no vetting, and glaring red flags were overlooked, initiating the tragedy. In a *NY Times* op-ed later, the Rabbi said

he would continue to “welcome the stranger” as he had done, a plan seconded by another Rabbi during the meeting with Columbus parents!)

What remains puzzling to me is this: as I wrote this, Passover was around the corner. At our Passover Seder tables we will recite these words from the Passover *Haggadah* (the book recounting our Exodus from slavery in Egypt): **Not merely one (person or nation) has arisen to annihilate us, but rather in each generation, they arise to annihilate us. But the Holy One Blessed be He, rescues us** from their hand. Our annihilation was not just the goal of past enemies; it is the goal of present-day enemies, be they a nation like Iran or the individual in Colleyville. So why don't more American Jews affirm that the time has come to be more serious about self-defense and responsible firearm use?

Three reasons come to mind. The first seems obvious. The *de facto* religion of most American Jews—particularly among the non-Orthodox—is not Judaism. It is liberal/progressive politics, the tenets of which teach that firearms, not human beings, are the cause of so much violence.

To some Jews, suffering is somehow seen as ennobling.

The two other reasons seem to contradict each other. One is that the reluctance to integrating self-defense into Jewish life and teaching is a hold-over from living as victims in the diaspora for 2,000 years. Wherever Jews lived, suffering and dying because they were Jews was part of our particular cross to bear. It was and still is seen as somehow ennobling. To be sure, since the creation of the State of Israel with her determination to defend herself, many Jews have begun to consider finally putting down this cross. But not enough.

Which brings us to the third reason. The third reason more American Jews have not embraced the need to learn self-defense and firearm use is this: by and large, the American Jewish experience has NOT been one of suffering and dying. This is not to say that anti-Semitism doesn't exist in this country. It does, and always has. But violence—

threatened or actual—against Jews in this country has always been rare, a grace note to the symphony of freedom we enjoy here. Indeed, it has been said that because violence against Jews in this country has been the exception and not the rule, American Jewry “has been on a vacation from Jewish history.”

Well, as current events continue to show us, the vacation may be over. As current events are showing us: “...in each generation, they arise to annihilate us.”

We Jews in America live in a time when these are not just words to be recited as we wait for dinner at the Seder table. They remind us that our history of being the targets of hate is beckoning back. Our vacation indeed is at risk. The question now becomes: How will we respond?

By spending time and energy trying to reason with, and educate those who hate us—when has that ever worked? By nobly suffering in silence?

Take responsibility for our own security and safety

Or, follow the 73+ year-old example of the State of Israel and not rely on others to help us, but take responsibility for our own security and safety?

The quote from the Passover *Haggadah* concludes: *But the Holy One Blessed be He, rescues us from their hand*. But this saying then contains the whole truth: **G-d helps those who help themselves**. If the Holocaust taught us anything, we cannot expect or rely on miracles of the magnitude in the exodus from Egypt. But that does not mean G-d has abandoned us. Rather, He seems to want us to be a more active partner in our own rescue.

King David understood this well. The composer of some of the most beautiful spiritual literature ever created, he was a warrior par excellence who sang:

“Blessed is the Lord, My Rock, Who trains my hands for battle and my fingers for war.” I keep this verse, Psalm 144:1 on my carry holster. ✕

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“Just the endorsements for Judge Jackson’s nomination is receiving (for BATFE Director) should be enough to cause concern,” said SAF founder and Executive Vice President Alan M. Gottlieb. “The nomination is being applauded by anti-gun billionaire Michael Bloomberg’s gun prohibition lobbying groups including Everytown for Gun Safety, Moms Demand Action and Students Demand Action, and by the anti-gun Giffords Law Center and Brady group. There can be no stronger indication of where Judge Jackson stands on the individual right to keep and bear arms and how she might rule on Second Amendment issues.” The “news” media, missing the implications, failed to report on the fact.

The Surveillance-Industrial Complex

— Felicity Bower

The idea that government is banned from gathering databases and registrations of gun owners is pretty much an old pipe dream now. According to Gun Owners of America, federal agencies have a combined collection of more than one billion records of gun owners, guns, and related information. It's neither life-or-death reliable nor complete by any means, but it is huge. If you think you're not in there, think again.

Of course, BATFE has access to every 4473 retail-gun-purchase record made since the dawn of time. They keep these until you're 99 years old, but doubts persist that any are really discarded. "Who knows," seems to be the attitude, "they might be useful some day," and data storage is cheap. Although the feds are prohibited by law from centralizing them (each dealer keeps them in permanent "bound books" or digital equivalents), agents can and do collect all the records from out-of-business dealers. Look around, many of your old favorite gun shops have closed. BATFE has those records.

Reliable reports from dealers have indicated BATFE agents go around with hand held scanners, and during audits, which in theory are legitimate, they scan the records the dealers hold, which is not legitimate (even considering the word infringing). They could always go to the dealer and look, but it's much more convenient to have them all in one place, so they do. Like DHS Secretary Mayorkas lying on camera before Congress, insisting the borders are closed and well managed, BATFE denies they compile gun records. Auditing them and the FBI is forbidden. So guess.

Cities in California have used police to surveil drivers and license plates going into gun shows, and who goes to these do you suppose. If you shop with a credit card your sales are no secret, so

much so that authorities have shut down some credit-card operations to fight against guns, which they hate in civilian hands. Squad cars are no longer needed stationed at the entrances, since license plates can be read from space by satellites. One deep inside contact told JPFO his spies in the sky can read a newspaper from space.

Do you get the NRA magazine (five million of you), or the JPFO newsletter (slightly fewer)? Who do you think delivers the mail, with computer lighting efficiency and accuracy. Sure, it's supposed to be private but c'mon, man. The "private" Post Office is as good as a government job, with government pensions, and government strings all over it. They have your address and all your subscriptions at their fingertips if they want them.

Clearly, the records are less than complete, and it's a government operation so you can count on it being less than accurate. But a billion records goes a long way, and if they don't have some sort of data on you, the mindset is they should. They have been caught in violation of no-registration requirements over and over. The sneaky, crafty excuses and shadow operations range from twisting the words of statute to outright disregard of the rules.

In Arizona, it is specifically illegal for officers to make any record of a gun you have during a traffic stop, if there is no crime or proximate cause. They do it anyway. "I'm just going to run the numbers to make sure this gun isn't stolen." Sounds OK, sorta, but you as the original owner know it came from a store, from a manufacturer, there isn't any real question. Most people are terrified of objecting, yet it is 100% strictly illegal. Cops do it anyway. Some folks, well aware of the rule, insist on not having their gun taken to the squad car, and cite code. Cops sheepishly back off, but they know they have

you. They have your car make model and serial, they can look you up later.

The China Virus Plague put schools into the mix, with remote learning. Teachers found out they can see into your home while "teaching," and have reported things they believe are amiss. The Chinese communists did more damage to more things with that virus release than anyone could foresee. Oh, that's right, we don't know it was the commies, they just destroyed crucial evidence early on, for, well, cover. Like the feds, who are specifically banned from gathering mass digital surveillance on the public, they farm it out to third-party companies, and get away through a loophole (we're trying to fix that).

Facial recognition is an ever increasing tool of law enforcement, to keep tabs on, well, everyone. RFID chips in tires can be read by readers embedded in concrete, in on-and-off ramps, providing location, time of travel and even speed between points. And that's no longer even needed with satellite tracking. Heck, my car generates a ton of data, and Toyota claims it owns it, so when I leave the range, and swerve out of lane, all of this is recorded. Because your cellphone has GPS tracking (you always have it with you, right?) they know who you're with, how far apart, for how long, like I said at the beginning, the idea of privacy is an olden pipe dream.

Buying Guns Off Paper.

It's not enough to buy your whiskey with cash, and help avoid the upcoming connection of your liver to your insurance premiums. Anything you want private needs to be done in a hushed whisper with music playing loudly (though they're good at filtering even this, the same way Bose headphones can cancel noise—introduce the identical signal, 180 degrees out of phase, and it goes away. ✨



A working list of organizations that promote Jews owning/using firearms

Thank you Rabbi Kozberg for getting the list started. Please send us any additions you might have.

Guns and Moses (San Diego)
Glocks and Bagels (Houston)
Cherev Gideon (Israeli Combat Veterans, training)
Magen Am (security and training organization in L.A.)
Pew Pew Jew (Yehuda Remer in Texas)
Jews Can Shoot (California)
Concerned Citizens League (Jewish security group, Chicago)

JPFO Ambassador Grant Schmidt writes: Let me add one more pro-gun-rights group! **Hazak Hazak**. We just received nonprofit status from the IRS this week, so we can receive tax-deductible donations. We are currently organizing the first ever security certification course in Pennsylvania that is accessible to Shabbat observant Jews. Our mission is to help Jews fulfill the mitzvah of being a fence and keeping Jews from hazard and enemies, which we accomplish via: A Jewish Quick Reaction force—certified armed security volunteers to Pennsylvania Jewish community and centers. We offer sponsored trainings for "Key Jewish Community Members" who otherwise can't afford training/education, and lastly helping change the culture and encouraging Jews to fulfill the mitzvah of protecting one another. Here is our brand new website: <https://www.hazakhazak.org/>. I'll be sure to update more. 610-715-9004, Contact@shotectraining.com

How Much Latitude Do Police Have?

The Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals has decided a gun-related case (*Knibbs v. Momphard, Jr.*, 3/30/22, No. 20-2243) that has an effect in their jurisdiction, but may eventually impact cases nationwide. “Deputy Momphard... should have understood that firing his service pistol in the circumstances of this case violated clearly established law.” It is an important precedent, though it only relates to the specific facts of this case. The mere possession of a firearm by a homeowner, at home, is not sufficient to justify the use of deadly force by officers.

There is a *right* to come to the door with a firearm (including chambering a round as you approach the door). Officers must identify themselves as officers to gain qualified immunity—the legal concept that protects them from most lawsuits and criminal-court actions against them. Mere verbal announcement, without visual confirmation, is *not* sufficient to gain qualified immunity. Ms. Knibbs had warned her late husband that anyone can claim they are with the police. Sufficient precedent exists for officers to be aware of their duty in these situations. This is good.

The court clearly said, “...reasonable officers would know from *clearly established law* that what Deputy Momphard did was, *beyond debate*, unlawful in the circumstances.” (emphasis in original)

The event involved drugs, alcohol and a dispute with a neighbor's guest, which had occurred *four years earlier*. Knibbs' widow brought the case, which will still go through additional proceedings—the case was remanded for further action. The point here is that years after the event, the parties are still embroiled in the court system, something you should avoid even more than the COVID plague.

The decision includes details of the event, fascinating to read. This will give you a sense of the complexity of these things, the importance of evidence and testimony, and the factors in split-second decisions. A key element was “stippling” on the deceased's arm, damage caused by glass when the officer fired six times from the porch through the window, hitting Knibbs twice. Expert testimony was convincing that the shotgun was not pointed at the officer, as Momphard had claimed. Police will not like this result, because it is easy to argue that the officer's action was reasonable—Knibbs possessed a shotgun, which the officer had heard him rack, and then saw just before he fired. ☆

<https://www.ammoland.com/2022/04/fourth-circuit-a-person-has-a-right-to-come-to-the-door-with-a-firearm/>
<https://www.ca4.uscourts.gov/opinions/202243.P.pdf>

BETTER LAW, LESS LAW

While JPFO finishes its work on a national model self-defense law, leftists and anti-rights forces continue their effort to curb rights through law. A stunning array of proposals peppered the latest session where I live, largely defeated thanks to The Arizona Citizens Defense League (azcdl.org). The fact that the proposals were preposterous helped. Amplify these simple descriptions by going to AzCDL's site, get the details.

— When county or state officials violate the state or federal Constitutions, the Attorney General is required to conduct an investigation into their activities. Democrats sought to repeal this common-sense requirement. It's right in line with their defund-the-police mantra.

— Arizona terminated the now old and tired effort to have doctors and nurses enter the gun-policy steering effort, by interrogating patients on their ownership of guns with respect to child safety. Doctors and nurses are: 1- unqualified to lecture on the subject, 2- are generally ignorant of the subject, 3- typically have hatred or hoplophobia about guns, making them a terrible choice for this, and 4- if education is needed, it's the role of teachers, not the medical community. Teachers however generally demonstrate a fierce anti-rights position constantly... but at least they're mostly ignorant of the subject. A doctor's job is doctoring, not armed-force training, a legal “boundary violation.” Why do schools refuse to teach these basics? Are they culpable when accidents occur?

— Due process of law would be replaced with accusations only, to disarm people convicted of nothing. It was nicknamed red-flag law. This was defeated, but what kind of person suggests such a thing. Maybe there's a hint in the nickname—the commie flag is a red flag.

— The lock-up-your-safety deception was reintroduced, making it a crime to have a gun ready for use. We defeated that.

— Use of physical (not deadly) force is justified by law, if a person honestly needs it for self defense. This would have been repealed by democrats, affecting the use of deadly force, which is predicated on legitimate need for any force at all. Defeated. Democrats attempted to do the same for police—they sought to repeal justification for use of force or deadly force, by cops. Also defeated.

— A sexual-assault survivor, Lauren Snyder, testifying on the need for the right to carry, was told by Arizona senator Lupe Contreras that if she was afraid harm might come to her, she should, “stay home, behind closed doors.” He's a democrat of course, showing no respect for freedom, the rule of law or the right of citizens—even assault survivors—to act in their own best interests. What happened to #MeToo?

— Cheer up—good bills are moving, we're waiting to see what creeps through the process and gets governor Ducey's signature. Learn a lot and support AzCDL, on their website. ☆

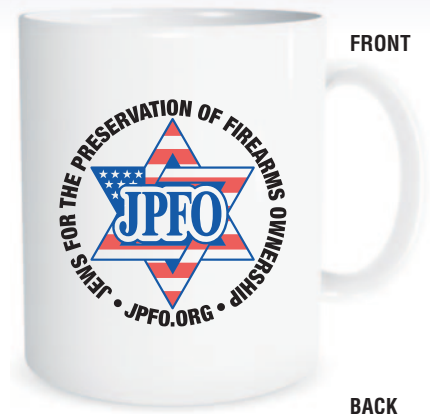
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How Many Damned Guns?

by Alan Korwin, Editor

A good friend recently let me know that “news” media now knows how many people own guns in my home state Arizona. It’s 64.3 % of the population. I wrote back:

“How can anyone estimate 46.3 (not 46.4) percent of Arizonans have a gun at home? No one can. The number is completely unknown. Surveys that have attempted to figure this out ran into an obvious problem. A stranger calls, says they’re conducting a survey, and asks, ‘How many guns do you have,’ or just, ‘do you have a gun at home?’” How accurate and open do you suppose the answers are? (‘C’mon over pal, and find out!’)”

Oh wait. I see. It’s from CBS, where you... see BS. They’re not usually this self-evident though.

A very thorough guy, my friend wrote back, asking, “What’s your best estimate?” To which I replied: “I haven’t got one, Joe (real name withheld to avoid making nice guy look dopey). There is no way to know. No one knows. Estimates are barely informed guesses.”

And so I elaborated, and at the end, realized the actual discussion delved into something much deeper and more meaningful. You could conceivably collate all the 4473 forms required for retail purchases, but that’s illegal. And a partial picture, not an inventory.

Many of the forms for out-of-business retailers (huge mountains of yellow sheets), are stored by

BATFE, but because it’s strictly illegal for them to collate or catalog them, they don’t know a number for these OOB retailers. And that would only be a small fraction of all the forms. Many people suspect BATFE is or has already created the database, but since it’s a strictly criminal act, they won’t admit and insist they have not. You believe that, right? Doesn’t matter. They’re not providing info.

Buying a gun at retail doesn’t mean you still have it or still live in the state.

Because private sales (like from you to me or vice versa) of this constitutionally protected product is perfectly legal, making a current inventory of state’s residents is impossible to derive. As far as a percentage to a tenth decimal point, the population changes too rapidly to even attempt that.

The real question though is often overlooked. What would the number do for you? Exactly nothing. If it’s a thousand or 20 million it has no impact on anything beyond curiosity, and barely that. Leftists will say it’s too much no matter the number. Folks on the right kid, “If you know how many guns you have you don’t have enough.”

In America, guns are very much like books (First and Second Amendment subjects). Constitutionally protected goods, they are nobody else’s business, and beyond the purview of government agents. I imagine we could dream of totaling up how many people (and which people!), have *The Turner Diaries*, *The Anarchist’s Cookbook*, *Korans*,

Bibles, *The Complete Book of Witchcraft Spells*, *Medicine Cabinet Explosives*... The point is until you commit a crime none of this matters. And it’s none of the government’s or CBS’ business.

Thanks for asking. This will make a good column in the upcoming *JPFO Bill of Rights Sentinel*. What are those Jews up to anyway? Where is that list of them all?



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