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JEFF KNOX spoke during last September's Gun Rights Policy Conference. (Photo © 2015 Dave Workman)

Neo-Nazis, Islamic terrorists, Aryan supremacists, anti-capitalists, anti-Zionists, conspiracy theorists and just plain old bigots hate Jews.

Some bigots are overt. Some are covert. Some don't even recognize their own hatred, while others relish their hatred, rejoicing every time Jews are targeted, injured or killed. Jews are perhaps the single most persecuted people in the history of the world, and the hatred and persecution is alive and well, reaching around the world and threatening Jews, even in the safety and security of the United States.

Unlike the rest of the world, Jews in the U.S. are not forced to be helpless in the face of hate. In the United States of America, Jews have the same right to keep and bear arms as other citizens.

Even Israel has tighter restrictions on civilian ownership, possession and use of arms for self-defense. In Israel, only active and some former members of the Israeli Defense Forces are legally able to carry guns—but the percentage of those eligible and willing to bear arms is high enough that armed citizens are frequently nearby when danger strikes.

Jews Need to Know Guns *by Jeff Knox*

There are numerous stories, even videos, of armed Israeli civilians taking action to stop or cut Islamist attacks short. These stories are so common and widespread that Jihadis no longer consider anywhere in Israel a "soft target." That reputation for fiercely fighting back has probably saved many times more lives than armed civilians have saved directly.

Yet here in the U.S., where Jews have more liberty to be armed and trained too few take advantage of it. Instead many Jews strongly oppose America's freedom-oriented gun laws. Prominent Jewish politicians and activists are leaders of the anti-rights cause. Their position not only leaves Jews defenseless in the face of a rising tide of threats and hatred, but it stirs ill will among the tens of millions of Americans who place value and importance on the right to arms.

The right to self-defense is not just a U.S. constitutional right, and a fundamental human right, it is a right and obligation from G-d.

Rabbi Dovid Bendory, in his excellent seminar and study series, *The Ten Commandments of Self Defense*, provides detailed proofs from scripture and tradition, identifying defense of self, family and innocents, as not just a right, but a Commandment. Just as a father is to teach his child to swim as a life-saving skill, so too should parent teach children to shoot and safely handle firearms.

To stand idly by when violence is proffered against innocents is an affront to G-d and his commands to treasure and protect innocent life, and contrary to Hebrew wisdom.

Religious and ethnic persecution, whether government sponsored, or boiling up from random hate groups, is a recurring theme in history, and the patterns are predictable. History shows us that oppressed minorities cannot always depend on government to protect them. Indeed, it is often been government that instigates persecution. History also shows that oppressors are by-and-large cowards, loath to put themselves at risk to carry out their violent aims.

Hundreds of hate-filled Ku-Klux Klansmen could have overrun black neighborhoods in the South, but often enough they knew they couldn't do it without sustaining casualties.

Black men like Condaleeza Rice's father John Wesley Rice, forming militias like the Deacons for Defense, stood ready at the gates to ensure that assaults on their Black neighborhoods would come at a cost to the aggressors. While Reverend Rice was not a man of violence, he was willing to do violence to defend his family and his people. His willingness was firmly founded in Judeo-Christian scriptures.

All Jews in America should take full advantage of our libertarian laws that recognize the rights of individuals to protect themselves and their way of life, even in the gravest extreme. Without the willingness and the means to physically stand against aggression, the gut-wrenching slogan "Never Again!" rings hollow. Never Again because we have instituted governments that might protect us? Never Again because we will loudly protest? The only way "Never Again" has any real meaning is if Jews themselves have the will, the skill, and the tools to back it up.

Why Jews Must Learn to Shoot by Chris Bird

In 1938, the Dutch passed a law requiring all privately owned guns to be registered. It was thought the law would cut down on crime and make the Netherlands a safer country.

Two years later the Nazis invaded, and armed with the registration lists they went door-to-door confiscating all privately-owned guns, leaving the Dutch defenseless. Many Dutch Jews went to the concentration camps.

It has always amazed me how many American Jews are in favor of gun confiscation and citizen disarmament. Fortunately, there is no shortage of guns among Jews who live in harm's way—in Israel. There is also no shortage of guns among members of pro gun-rights groups including JPFO.

Yet, especially in large Northeastern cities, many Jews have adopted a corrosive passivity and a belief that the government will keep them safe.

Ed Lovette, retired CIA officer and former firearms instructor for the New Mexico State Police provides a dose of reality: "Recognize that today's world is a tough place to be and the only one responsible for your personal security is you."

Abdicating your responsibility for your own safety is stupid at best and can result in death at worst.

As always, your primary weapon is between your ears—your brain. However, in a life-threatening situation a firearm in hand and the training to use it are effective tools.

Every month magazines and websites carry stories the mainstream suppresses about ordinary people who use guns to defend themselves or others. Liberals and anti-rights politicians want you to believe owning a firearm is more dangerous to you than to criminals, but it just isn't so:

Sylvia Hall, a 68-year-old grandmother, was home alone when a Volkswagen van drove up the long driveway to her Kentucky home. Hall wasn't expecting anyone so she grabbed Old Betsy, her Smith & Wesson M&P 40, and held it behind her back when she met three men at the door. They said they were evangelicals and had to come in to read to her from the Bible. She said she was Catholic, read her own Bible and she wasn't going to let them in. When one of them violently shook the screen door she brought out the gun and the trio left in a hurry. Hall has since become an NRA firearms instructor. What would have happened to her if she hadn't had a gun?

Melinda Herman was at home in her Georgia home with her nine-year-

old twins. It was about noon when an SUV pulled up in front of the home and a man she didn't recognize got out and went to her front door. When the man repeatedly rang the bell, Herman called her husband at work and as the man was breaking in, he called 911. Herman retreated to the attic with her children and a small revolver. When the man opened the attic door she opened fire hitting him several times. The man escaped and was arrested, later, by deputies. What would have happened to Herman and her children if she didn't have a gun?

Sarah McKinley, 18, lost her husband to cancer on Christmas Day. She was at home in her mobile home with her three-month-old son on the last day of the year when a man apparently looking for the pain-killing drugs her husband had been taking broke in. She shot and killed him with a shotgun—just before the police arrived. What would have happened to McKinley and her son if she had not had a gun?

This is why Jews in the United States—and all decent people—need to have guns to defend themselves and their families. The "news" hides these stories from you. Surf the web for "guns used in self defense" and get a life-changing perspective.

Everyone Should Learn to Shoot

Ultimately, not just Jews, but every thinking person should come to the understanding that they are their own first responder—the only one they can depend on to take the first steps to make their way out of a bad situation.

Law enforcement can usually be counted on to show up in time to mop up the blood, take reports and try to track down the perpetrator du jour. What cops can't do is magically know ahead of time when you might stumble on mugger, basher or other assailant—at best they will run across a crime in progress or be able to respond swiftly enough to intervene.

The reality is that each of us is on our own in a world with a distinct shortage of saints and no shortage of predators.

Whether an attacker is out pursuing profit or attempting to express an especially violent form of bigotry is of little difference to the target of their attention. *The pain, suffering and expense remain the same.*

Members of groups held out for special bigotry (Jews, LGBT folks, persons of color, etc.) simply enjoy higher than average odds of this kind of negative attention. Other and less special folks are not left out.

We each make a choice about our safety and the safety of those we care about when we choose (or don't choose) our safety strategy. Failure to make a conscious choice is a choice to be defenseless.

A gun is the most effective tool to level the playing field. Think on it.



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Understanding the Ted Nugent Firestorm

by Rabbi Dovid Bendory, Rabbinic Director, JPFO



Perhaps this is the end of the firestorm surrounding Nugent's Facebook post of a blatantly anti-Semitic graphic that asked "Who is really behind gun control?" and was then backed by statements from Nugent like "Jews for gun control are Nazis in disguise." ("Ted Nugent defends anti-Semitic message on gun control" by Stephen Rex Brown, NY Daily News, Feb. 9, 2016)

But I think clarification is called for. What was anti-Semitic about the original post? Is Ted an anti-Semite? What do the Jews think? Why are so many Jews supporters of so-called "gun control" in the first place?

Allow me to attempt to clarify.

First and foremost, "the Jews" don't think anything. An old joke says that if you ask two Jews a question, you'll get three opinions in response. Questions surrounding Second Amendment issues are no different. There are plenty of Jews on all sides of the debate. JPFO has historically, on many occasions, called attention to bagel-brained Jews who promote victim disarmament, and we have befriended and promoted Jews who favor the right to keep and bear arms.

It is true there are many people of Jewish parentage or faith prominent among the "gun-control" crowd. But let's be clear: what these people are

doing is not "Jewish." In fact, the vast majority of gun-grabbing Jews are liberal secular Democrats, and they are adhering to a leftist script and agenda that is no more Jewish than a Christmas tree in July.

This, in fact, is what made Ted's first post anti-Semitic. The fact that some Jews or even many Jews hold a particular opinion does not make that opinion Jewish. It does not mean that Judaism promotes that opinion, and it certainly does not mean that all Jews promote that opinion. Ted's graphic implied that "gun control" is some sort of Jewish undertaking. Further, by putting Israeli flags on each of the faces—though not one of those pictured was Israeli—it applied the classic anti-Semitic canard of "split loyalties" to at least the Jews pictured if not to all Jews. Look at graphical rhetoric used throughout history to promote Jew hatred and you'll see the similarities to Ted's post.

"Can I say oy vey? I sincerely apologize for my irresponsible re-posting of such a nasty and offensive meme. In my rush between songwriting jams and musical recording frenzy, all I saw was the images of people dedicated to disarm us, I made no connection whatsoever to any religious affiliation," Nugent said. ("Ted Nugent apologizes for anti-Semitic Facebook post" by Stephen Rex Brown, NY Daily News, Feb. 18, 2016)

So let's be clear: there are people of Jewish parentage or faith prominent among those promoting the right to keep and bear arms.

It is the opinion of those of us at JPFO that any people who promote or enforce victim disarmament are at best engaged in immoral and unethical behavior based on ignorance, emotionalism, blindness or evil intent.

However, neither group can claim to speak exclusively or authoritatively regarding the views of Jews or Judaism worldwide. The decision to own, carry and use a firearm is an intensely personal decision.

And the fact that it is a personal decision is why we believe it is a decision left to the individual. The right to

self-defense is granted to us by G-d, not by government. That is why our Founding Fathers established a Second Amendment to restrict government from abrogating that right. They do so at their peril, illegally and immorally, for which they earn rebuke, removal from office and ultimately punishment.

As for Ted? Only the L-rd knows what is truly in his heart. I just hope he stops to think next time before foolishly sharing every meme he sees on Facebook.

Have a Plan

Other writers address the importance of a home security plan later in this issue, but if you leave your home, consider that—in addition to a side-arm—you might need other tools to improve your safety should things go awry in your travels.

Most of us have heard of the famed "bug out bag"—that bundle of goodies, tools and other supplies that would theoretically sustain us for three to five days. Having a bug out bag in your trunk, closet or office drawer is a great idea and can save you if it all falls apart.

But what about your car bag? A car bag, at a minimum, should have a few basic tools that actually fit *your* car, some road flares (or the modern substitutes), a blanket or two and possibly even a coverall. Think of it as the kit for when you have to respond to your own accident.

The car bag is just one example. Think through the common risks in your life and, as the Boy Scouts say, "Be Prepared!"

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TOO MANY JEWS DO HATE GUNS

Rock-and-roll legend and gun-rights champion Ted Nugent took a lot of heat for identifying 16 vicious leaders of the anti-gun-rights movement in Congress who happen to also be Jewish. His list was dead accurate about the people but his implication that Jews are “really behind gun control” was dead wrong, and the world came properly crashing down on his head for the false implication.

It turns out that Jews are at the head of the pro-gun-rights movement too, a point made all over the Internet (but mysteriously missed in mainstream reports). Google it to see lists—from an NRA president to the heads of gun companies and many other rights groups and writers.

The unfortunate fact remains that too much of the Jewish community is aligned with the dark side on this issue. The reasons were explored by Rabbi Dovid Bendory, JPFO's Rabbinic Director, and gun-rights author Alan Korwin, a Jewish consultant to JPFO, in their *White Paper, Why Jews Hate Guns*.

Their research identified ten reasons why gun-hating Jews feel the way they do about self defense in general, firearms specifically and your own right to keep and bear arms:

- A desire for utopian moral purity
- A disproportional incidence of hoplophobia
- A quest for power through victimization of peers (a political driver)
- A utopian delusion that if guns would just “go away,” crime would end and the world would be a peaceful safe place
- Self hatred and a wish to be helpless, acting out guilt-based behavioral problems that develop in childhood
- The Ostrich Syndrome
- Garden-variety hypocrisy
- Adulterated religion—Jews In Name Only (JINOs)
- Feel-good sophistry
- Abject fear that yields irrational behavior

Read the whole essay at JPFO.Org.

ARMED SLAVES DON'T OBEY

Milwaukee County Sheriff David A. Clark, writing for CNN, pointed out that, “Abolitionist Frederick Douglass supported the right of blacks to arm themselves against mob violence. As noted in Stephen P. Halbrook's book, *That Every Man Be Armed*, Douglass believed that “slaves without arms” could never attain freedom. Even the U.S. Congress at the time recognized the key role that arming blacks played in the ending of slavery. “You can't arm slaves and expect them to remain slaves.”

JPFO asks how often this perspective is circulated in the community where black lives matter, or how often the “news” channels propagate this message. Does the education system teach this, or provide it as a balance against whatever they do teach about guns, if anything? Is it about time we demanded the schools and “news” media present the value and social utility of guns, along with the constant harping on the maniacal acts of society's worst vermin?

OBAMA SAID IT'S INSANE

Obama finally announced his intent to confiscate firearms on national television. You likely saw his Australia confiscation pitch, but that went over many folks' heads. Along with Hillary and Bernie, they came out in favor of “reasonable common-sense” gun bans, like they have in Australia—that confiscated guns from the public and destroyed them in front of cameras.

Obama got more blatant though with his recent “no-fly list” approach. On national TV he said, (this is an exact quote) “Right now, people on the no-fly list can walk into a store and buy a gun. That is insane. If you're too dangerous to board a plane, you're too dangerous, by definition, to buy a gun.”

This is a secret list of people neither charged or convicted of anything, free to roam the nation, just not by air. This arbitrary secret police list would deny your right to keep and bear arms. If that isn't tyranny then what is? The list of 400 (under Bush after 9-11) has grown to 47,000 people charged with nothing under Obama.

What's worse, his Democratic party minions crowding the audience cheered the suggestion. You get no notice, no due process, there are no rules for who goes on the list, or how to get off. The supporters may as well have been brown shirts.

Our president wants the no-fly list, with no controls, to be a no-buy list. What a power grab. And if you can't buy a gun, you certainly can't have the guns you already have. The effort to preserve gun ownership ceases to exist if this man can take your guns by writing down your name—and he is telling you it is insane, by definition, to resist this plan. We told you so. It's happening.

TED NUGENT HALF RIGHT

It's like getting half a bris. Nugent's Israeli-flag meme was half vast. The anti-rights anti-gun leadership in Congress is indeed Jewish. The Nuge got that part right in his now infamous face-meme picturing Jews who hate guns who have finagled their way into the halls of power.

But it is Democrats that vote as a bloc to deny our right to keep and bear arms.

He missed that—the overwhelming support against the right to keep and bear is by people who should preserve protect and defend that right and they do not.

The fact that Jews are helping lead the charge is disgraceful and they should be ashamed. They forget the Holocaust and how to prevent it.

Never Again! means prevent government from keeping all the guns. Nugent outed the anti-gun bigotry among our brethren and that part wasn't half bad.

However, associating that idea with the Israeli flag, or suggesting it somehow represented all Jews, that was just plain nuts.

Ted Nugent earned the heat he took.

JPFO laments those Jews that work to deny 100 million decent and innocent people their fundamental rights.

JPFO also laments when a fellow traveller goes horribly wrong even while hoping for their recovery.

JPFO'S "DON'T INSPIRE EVIL" INITIATIVE FINDS AN ALLY

As early as Feb. 2015 JPFO was hatching plans to persuade the media away from its detestable infatuation with glorifying mass-murder villains on page one and then forever. Our official announcement launched in Sep., 2015—to stonewall silence from the corrupt mainstream media. **The D.I.E. initiative** calls for adding a **new ethical guideline to existing codes**: “Refrain from gratuitous or repetitious portrayal of mass murderers’ names and images.” Response so far indicates reporters and editors detest the concept.

An organization of victims already exists promoting a parallel program that is gaining traction, **No Notoriety**, with the motto: “No Name. No Photo. No Notoriety.” These people, unlike the “news” media, recognize that heinous criminals crave the adulation heaped upon them, and copy cats are spawned by the praise they get from mainstream “news” outlets. JPFO commends and endorses the effort of these courageous freedom fighters, while condemning the unethical behavior of the so-called Fifth Estate, which undermines the values of this great nation. Reporters hide behind the First Amendment in a way never anticipated or intended by our Founding Fathers, promoting illegal gun use as a way to attack the right to keep and bear arms.

No Notoriety wisely points out: “Media driven infamy can be removed with little or no negative impact to society... eliminate the gratuitous use of the name and likeness of rampage mass killers, and shift the focus to the victims, heroes and survivors.” Visit NoNotoriety.com.

“LAW-ABIDING” BROKEN

“Law-abiding gun owners” is no longer a term Americans can use—not with outrageous infringement laws being passed, and Americans being forced by morality and higher law to disobey. City Councils for example are enacting bills to confiscate legal property, (firearms they don’t like, etc.), in clear violation of 2nd and 4th Amendment protections, and 2nd Amendment protection of the right to keep and bear arms, so people refuse to comply.

These people remain decent, innocent Americans, but it also means they are now (theoretically) in possession of contraband, subject to arrest and prosecution. This is how gun confiscation now works.

Once property you legally own has been outlawed, you are an outlaw for owning what is yours. You can’t use it, carry it, have it repaired, sell it or even be seen with it, for fear the gestapo-like authorities will haul you in for merely possessing what you own. Confiscation is alive and well in the tyrannical cities, counties and states of the increasingly despotic nation.

CASE IN POINT: Sixty days after the L.A. City Council passed an ordinance banning all magazines holding more than 10 rounds, (Nov. 2015) you’d expect them to be turned in by the hundreds, right? AmmoLand reported: During the sixty-day period, not a single one has been turned in! An apologetic LAPD Police Commander said Angelenos can still surrender now-illegal magazines at any police station without fear of arrest. *City Council members reportedly exempted themselves from the ban.* New York and Connecticut experienced similar defiance. When will it be time to use the front end of the gun for its intended purpose?

THE JPFO MORAL COMPASS

“People can morally have guns, with no government involvement whatsoever—so if things go south in a hurry, at least they have that. This is true for every decent human being.” *That is the moral high ground.* That is where your rights really are if things get desperate. Your rights are there... before things get desperate. While everything is normal, calm and delightful, if your rights are not there, your rights are lost, a fantasy.

In fact, the government should have no involvement with you having a gun whatsoever. You should have involvement with them having guns—we delegate power to them, just who do they think they are?

But at this point, you have almost none (and if you went to government school, this may be mystifying to you). They have machine guns, organized dynamic-entry teams, massive armed might, body armor up the wazoo, and you have single-shot rifles

and sidearms (held with great pride, we might add). The balance of terror is upside down.

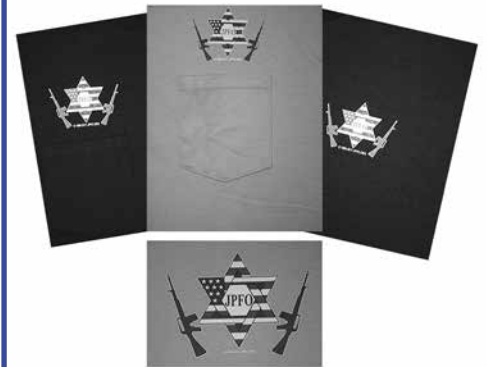
JPFO keeps tabs on the forces of statism that would demote the public to inferior status, weaponless or sub-armed, to keep control of a subservient populace, with no limits on elitist power, and we know where that leads.

You know in your heart where True North lies on the Moral Compass, and you recognize the lies that disguise its direction. Stay true to your inner voice! JPFO exposes the deceptions, peels away the cloaking devices and illuminates the true heading that liberty demands. Join with us in this great moral quest, this discrimination between right and wrong, no longer available from mainstream sources.

You don’t need to be Jewish to fight by our side.

“I don’t believe gun owners have rights.”
—Sarah Brady, *Handguns in America, Hearst Newspapers Special Report, October 1997*

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Testing Customer Loyalty

By Charles Heller

You might wonder what customer loyalty has to do with JPFO, but stick with me for the premise. Recently I took a little drive from Tucson to Dallas to attend a wedding.



Upon entering Texas, I carefully checked each truck stop I patronized for its signage. In Texas, Penal Code 30.06 (no kidding) makes it a crime to be there with a gun if a proper sign is posted, even with my permit. A 30.07 sign makes it OK to carry, but not openly.

Let me be clear here: JPFO does not endorse, condone or approve of permits. We support freedom, which does not require government permission to exercise a G-d given (and in America, constitutionally enumerated) right. That said, there are infringed places in our country where you cannot even get a permit to exercise those rights.

Texas violates the rights of its citizens to Keep and Bear Arms, by requiring a permit, but at least makes it a “shall issue” permit. It also recognizes most other states permits.

I thanked the people at a 7-11 I frequented, for not having a sign. They told me, “Oh, we have one on order, we don’t want to get shot.”

Huh... what?

We then had a heart-to-heart chat in which she (the clerk) revealed her belief that such a sign would stop people from coming in with guns.

I told her that it certainly would do that, but not the way she expected—it would cost her business.

Response: “Oh no! We have very loyal customers.”

Now we all know the fallacy here, but the point of this story is that they don’t. This poor dear was embarked aboard the HMS Clueless, and was secure in her passage on board. What is it about the non-gun mindset that leads people to believe a magic sign on a wall, or a law on paper in a book somewhere, was all it takes to keep criminals under control? What makes them think decent people, legally armed, will enter and shoot them? Why do they presume banning honest people is a good thing, or that only good people will obey the magic signs? It took some more “reasoning.”

Me: Uh, are you from Texas?

Her: Yes.

Me: Do you think the state that remembers the Alamo, will forget their guns in the car?

Her: Oh yes, they’re very loyal.

Me: Do you think bad guys will?

Her: I hope so...

Me: Well, if you put up the sign, I won’t. If I see that sign I’ll pass you this card from the doorway, and not come back till you take the sign down. (It’s a no-guns-no-money card, there are many varieties available.)

I left her with a “Kermit The Frog” look on her face.

Here’s the moral. First, this is a face-to-face engagement that can achieve good results. Businesses with such signs must be politely engaged at the local and national level. As the pile increases on the manager’s desk, let’s see how well the glue sticks to their sign. The cards are available at azcdl.org and elsewhere.

If it’s a corporate policy, why not send a copy of your receipts from their competitor to the president of the company with this rights-squelching policy? How about taking to social media with it, and having fellow activists do the same?

The other thing we have to do is find people like that clerk at 7-11, and get them to the range. Gunpowder aroma therapy is a miracle cure.

Let me tell you the other side of this coin. A few years ago I attended an event at one of Tucson’s more exclusive resorts, open carrying in stylish leather my then new G 27. One of the front ramp employees strode up to me purposefully and said, “I’d like to ask you about your gun.”

I thought, “Here it comes...” but he said, “Is that the new Glock 26?”

I said, “Good eye, same frame, it’s the 27.” He said, “I’ve been looking at them.”

Here’s the second point. Don’t ignore our allies in this fight. If you find someone excited about some aspect of the RKBA, be willing to take that guy or gal to the range, or at least trade e-mail addresses. We generally win hearts and minds to our cause one human being at a time.

In closing remember that FAR more of them, when approached reasonably, have come to our side, than the converse. Please keep presenting the good face of the RKBA, will ya?

Idaho Legislature Passes Constitutional Carry

On March 17 the Idaho Legislature passed SB 1389, a modified Constitutional Carry measure.

The measure allows persons over 21 to carry a firearm openly or concealed throughout the state and persons 18-21 to carry concealed within city limits at the discretionary permission of the county Sheriff.

While imperfect, the measure will clearly advance the right to keep and bear arms in Idaho.

Constitutional Carry, already legal in 8 states, is the next frontier.

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“News” Media: Undermining JPFO’s mission

JPFO’s mission to destroy so-called “gun control,” with its false promise of safety at the hands of government, is being seriously compromised by public reporting managed by the so-called Fifth Estate—America’s reporters and editors, especially in print. You can help!

It appears deliberate because it is so absolute, but the unanswered question is whether Jewish business, politics and media mogul Michael Bloomberg is behind it all.

USA Today, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, Associated Press and others have been promoting a veritable biblical flood of stories on how bad firearms supposedly are, with no shred of balance. It’s as if balance and ethics do not exist when the Second Amendment and gun ownership are the topic.

The flood began in earnest after Bloomberg staged his “orientation” class in Phoenix, AZ, with a secret list of hand-selected “qualified” journalists paid to attend, on how to report on firearms issues.

No one outside the inner workings of the program, co-sponsored by Arizona State University’s Cronkite School of Journalism, knows who attended, or how the program was conducted. Bloomberg’s personal

anti-rights gun agenda is no secret.

Now however, every positive aspect about firearms is invisible to the public eye in the mainstream “news” media.

Instead, an onslaught of gun crime, social problem, race-based violence, gun-control disguised as “gun safety” and other fear-based stories assault the public on a near daily basis. Recent *New York Times* headlines include:

“Rampage Killings Linger in Memory but Toll of Gun Violence Is Constant,” “Killers Fit a Profile but So Do Many Others,” “Chaos, Horror And Heroism In Snyder Hall,” “How They Got Their Guns,” “Obama to Meet Victims of Families,” “How to Reduce the Gun Carnage,” and these are just some, from a single month. *USA Today* is just as bad. Not a word about guns protecting people appears anywhere on their pages.

In contrast, FBI statistics indicate thousands of crimes avoided and lives saved by people armed with firearms on a daily (not weekly or monthly) basis, but *The New York Times* and others never report on these.

Some of the crimes covered by *The New York Times* happen thousands of miles away from their local area—but this doesn’t stop *Times* staff from

engaging in saturation coverage for days on end.

Media with a tiny fraction of their reach do cover stories that show guns and gun owners in a favorable light and JPFO supporters get them, in local reports, *Concealed Carry* magazine, Armed American Radio, the NRA’s Armed Citizen column, and on the GunLaws.com website, which pays to run the stories in *USA Today* as advertising, the only way they see the light of day.

ACTION ITEM

When you see a “guns are bad” story in local media write and say: “I saw your story about (title). Journalism ethics calls for balance in reporting. Will you be reporting about lives saved by privately owned arms, and how marksmanship classes help prevent accidents soon?” If they’re calling for more “gun control”, ask about “laws that protect the right to arms and remove barriers to the right to carry.”

Keep at it—persistence wins publication.

Add this great line at the end: “The reason gun-controllers can’t get any common-sense gun laws passed is because they haven’t proposed any.”

The Fifth Seder Question: Why Must We Have a Home Security Plan?

by Michael L. Schwartz and Stan Kephart

Why must Jews learn to shoot? Who, more than the Jews, should realize the need to protect their families from the Jew-haters? We read from the Haggadah: “In each and every generation they rise up against us to destroy us.” From the tribe of Amalek trying to thwart our escape from Egypt, to Haman’s planned genocide of the Jews of Persia, to the nearly successful German attempt in WWII to make the European continent *judenrein*—free of Jews.

What did those monsters do to achieve their grotesque desire? Something not very different from some of politicians’ goals for all Americans:

“On November 11, 1938 (the day after Kristallnacht) the Regulations Against Jews’ Possession of Weapons were promulgated by Minister of the

Interior, Wilhelm Frick, effectively depriving all Jews living under the Third Reich of the right to possess any form of weapons including truncheons, knives, or firearms and ammunition.” –Wikipedia.

Rendered defenseless, Nazi’s raided Jewish homes and stores, without fear of reprisal, and slaughtered Jews.

“Victory is gained not by the number killed, but by the number frightened.”
–Basque proverb.

In the present generation, it has morphed somewhat. In addition to slaughtering us, Jew-haters look to leave us physically and psychologically scarred. This holds true for the approach Islamists take towards us.

The Copenhagen Synagogue, the Paris grocery, Overland Park, Kansas,

San Bernardino, the list revolts us.

The Torah is filled with examples of Jews standing up for themselves, as well as enemies seeking our demise. Do you have an in-home security plan for your own family?

Most likely you depend on the police or your alarm company. But the average police response time is about four minutes, so how wise is that?

You are your own First Responder. At the very least learn more about self reliance, and take a class in firearm safety. How many lives could have been saved if all those Jews assaulted like helpless victims had the means and knowledge to defend themselves?

Always be the wise son—choose knowledge.

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