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Mercy Is For Nice People

by Valerie Smylie



Another rape. Another murder.
Another day.

As the number of violent crimes increases daily, so does my awareness that we, as innocent people, need to take charge and do our part to protect our selves and our families.

Seven years ago I became a widow. Without any knowledge of gun use, I took a gun class because I couldn't live with the thought of my children being victimized from a possible intruder, or an altercation in a parking lot. The fact that my husband had left a gun here in the house, and that I was afraid to even touch the thing was a major concern—a powerful motivation if ever there was one.

Two years later, when I started organizing gun-safety classes for women in my community, it was no easy feat. Just like me, the gals were frightened to touch the gun, and were sure they would not be able to fulfill the practical portion of the class.

That's the part where you have to actually pick up the thing and fire it.

After three hours of classroom theory, they gained an understanding of using and handling a gun. Education replaced ignorance—a wonderful thing to behold. A few still didn't know if they were prepared but you know what? Not only did they fire that gun, they asked for more ammo! The women who were the most frightened left the range elated.

Everyone had conquered their debilitating fear of guns.



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Did they run out and buy one? Not all. But, the majority went on to take advanced classes, and it proves one thing. We can replace built-in gun fear with simple education, if we can just get our sisters and brothers out to a class and range.

Education is pure gold. That does more to preserve firearm ownership than any essay I can pen. I intend to continue down that path.

Every single woman thanked me for the opportunity to better themselves, to conquer their fear, and learn a life-saving skill. Today, I can't make enough room for the gals who want to attend my classes.

I recently hosted classes for many of the orthodox Rabbis in my community, and I was pleasantly surprised when they requested a carry class to follow soon after. I wish I could say the same for the reform Rabbis I invited. Not a single one even responded to my email, offering them a sponsored (read: free) position in one of the upcoming classes.

Guns aren't for everyone. Okay, I get that. But shouldn't we be making some effort to better our odds of not being victimized? Isn't that especially important for Jews, given our history? Do we cling to a victim mentality, and remain helpless, unable to protect our own children, in a world as dangerous as the one we see reported daily? Can Rabbis, of any kind, really avoid the subject, when our enemies are so outspoken about our destruction? Should the vermin prowling our streets deserve mercy when they attack, or should they face strong countermeasures in our own righteous hands? What does "Never Again!" mean to you?

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We Must Not Get In Our Own Way

by Rabbi Dovid Bendory, Rabbinic Director, JPFO

We are witnessing an unprecedented campaign against legal gun ownership. No longer content with their attempts at “gun control,” the anti-freedom crowd has taken to new tactics: *maligning legal gun owners for their willingness to defend themselves*, their families, their communities, and a core freedom upon which our nation was built.

We are seeing more attacks on legal gun owners and anyone willing to take a public position on the virtue of gun ownership. We are witnessing increased use of intimidation against human beings who exercise their G-d-given rights to keep and bear arms.

“The tragic history of civilian disarmament cries a warning against any systematic attempts to render innocent citizens ill-equipped to defend themselves from tyrant terrorists, despots or oppressive majorities,” - Daniel Schmutter, lawyer for JPFO.

And yet the reality comes down to a simple truth: so-called “gun control” not only doesn’t work to decrease violence, it increases crime and violence by disarming the innocent and letting criminals prey on them.

Worse, “gun control” aids and abets crime - and it kills.

In New Jersey—rated “A-” for its restrictive gun laws by the Brady Campaign—39-year-old Carol Bowne had a restraining order against her former boyfriend. Concerned for her safety, Bowne installed a security camera in her home.

On April 21, 2015, Bowne applied to her local police department for a pistol-purchase permit. The law in New Jersey requires local police to reply to such an application within 30 days, but as is common practice in the Garden State, the law was ignored (without recourse or penalty, enabling official misbehavior).

On June 1, Bowne visited her local police department to try to speed the issuance of her permit, but she had no success.

Like signs proclaiming a supposed “gun-free” zone, restraining orders

and security cameras routinely fail to protect the innocent from the violent.

Two days after her failed attempt to expedite her illegally stalled permit, Bowne’s former boyfriend brutally murdered her. The horrific scene was captured on her security cameras—hopelessly worthless in preventing the murder or protecting her.

Perhaps a firearm would at least have given her a fighting chance.

Wrong Mission, Wrong Goal

Our Mission as the Gun Violence Prevention Group of Congregation Beth Elohim is to encourage our Brooklyn community to learn more about gun violence and gun control, to urge legislators to enact and demand enforcement of sensible gun violence prevention laws, to persuade businesses to enact responsible gun-related policies, and to demand that investors divest from gun manufacturing companies.

We believe that by raising awareness of key issues and opportunities and by networking with advocacy groups, we will help create an informed and united community that will hold elected officials and businesses accountable and make our country a safer place to live.

- Congregation Beth Elohim

Bowne was killed by her ex-boyfriend, but New Jersey’s gun laws, police and politicians who support them, were bloody-handed accessories to her murder.

Just recently, in synagogues around the world, we read the verse in Deuteronomy 11:26: “Behold, I place before you today a blessing and a curse.” The words ring as true today as when they were first spoken nearly 4,000 years ago. With defensive arms we have a life-saving blessing, the fruit of our G-d-given intellect and skills, to deter the curse of evil that pervades our world. But only if we don’t allowed failed ideologies to get in our way.

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Cities, states and schools across the nation are moving toward arming our teachers, and we need eyes and ears on this for our upcoming special projects.

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Be part of our volunteer effort and make a difference.

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BOOT THE BATFE

Dobyns v. USA, An Agency Gone Rogue



Retired Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Explosives Special Agent Jay Dobyns stands today battered yet determined in his quest to seek out justice after his former agency burned him—again and again—after he became a whistleblower.

Dobyns alleged and the courts ruled that BATFE withdrew basic protections from Dobyns and his family (in the face of threats of torture, rape and death against them), the destructive arson of Dobyns' home by persons as yet unknown, participated in a cover-up of BATFE/DOJ retaliatory actions against Dobyns and his family, and continues to engage in a smear campaign.

Awarded \$373,000 in an initial lawsuit, the continued harassment has resulted in Dobyns being awarded another \$173,000 in the most recent lawsuit regarding claims the federal government has continued to engage in unlawful and retaliatory harassment of Dobyns.

Dobyns tale exposes—yet again—a venal and fundamentally corrupt agency that is rotting from the core outwards, with the taint poisoning all it touches as it metastases throughout the agency.

BATFE and their Holder Justice Department cronies proudly display in their interactions with Dobyns the thuggish retaliatory tactics of petty tyrants and mobsters writ large in the manner only government agencies can achieve.

Every law enforcement agency of any size has a few pus-filled pockets of poisonous corruption, with new ones popping up as swiftly as prosecutors and Internal Affairs can squeeze the old out of existence.

But BATFE in its vindictive attempt to make an example of Dobyns, when taken with its actions in the Waco, TX massacre, the Fast & Furious debacle, its tortured and bizarre interpretation of laws in attempts to harass gun owners and make gun ownership so onerous as to be impractical, has painted itself as an entirely different and fortunately rare creature—an agency thoroughly corrupt from the top down, with only small oases of morality being squeezed out of existence, one at a time, by the forces of darkness.

It is time to end the farce and end BATFE now and the badly written, immoral and unconstitutional laws they were spawned to enforce—for the good of the nation, the well-being of fellow citizens and for all those in law enforcement tainted by its very existence.

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JPFO Announces: "Responsible Media Initiative"

"Spree" or "mass" killers' identities and actions must not be glorified either overtly or inadvertently through over-publicity.

Such glorification of evil is not only inappropriate, it encourages would-be copycat killers even as it rewards the murderer with a twisted sort of fame. No ethical journalistic purpose is served by such publicity, and no responsible journalist tries to drive sales or viewer numbers through sensationalizing multiple murders and repeated mug shots.

At the same time, responsible members of the media must also cover these arrests and trials—and lest we see a return of secret trials and star chambers, at least identify the accused. Such killers are not victims and should not be afforded the privilege of confidentiality extended by ethical media to sexual assault and youth crime victims—but neither are they pop stars to be lauded and their every utterance declaimed from the rooftops.

JPFO calls on responsible media outlets to refrain from showing the images of these murderers or those accused of such murders and to use those names no more than is required to fulfill the media's basic responsibility to report the news.

Media must focus on empathy for victims, real solutions, the value of deterrence, voluntary *arms training for the innocent* and vilification of the guilty, rather than aggrandizement of criminal or psychotic perpetrators.



The Rising Bonfire: Berlin Redux?

by Maxwell Dolor

Today, we of JPFO face the ire of anti-rights bigots with a particular fetishistic hatred of firearms generally and firearms owners particularly, calling for death and ruin to befall us.

“Can we now shoot the #NRA and everyone who defends them?”

- John Cobarruvias, Texas Democrat
<http://www.examiner.com/article/texas-democratic-party-leader-blogger-calls-for-shooting-nra-members>

Author Sarah Hoyt, when speaking of the recent Hugo Awards conflagration could easily be speaking of those that oppose the right to keep and bear arms, with only minor changes.

“Now we’re down to the raw hate of the thing: the vengeance-minded outliers and weirdos, determined to punish wrongdoing and wrong-thinking and wrongfeeling. Which means, of course, smoking out all the wrongfans having all the wrong-fun with their wrongstuff.”

- Sarah Hoyt, Author
August 13, 2015

Anti-rights activists seek to silence JPFO and our RKBA allies, waging unrelenting campaigns of personal destruction against pro-rights activists and organizations.

“Quiet! You’re not recognized! Shut up! You’re not recognized... I’m tired of having people from the audience interrupt me! I’ve listened to all you people from 5 p.m.! Shut up!”

- Councilman Joe Rich (D)
Poughkeepsie, NY
TheBlaze.com, June 2015

Through ad hominem attacks, character assassination, misleading or false calls for law-enforcement response (Swatting) that place both police and law-abiding gun owners at risk of injury or death, and publication of law-abiding gun owners information (“doxxing”—the practice of revealing home and work addresses, etc.) anti-rights activists seek to silence gun owners and their advocates.

The anti-rights activists seek to

“If you see someone carrying a firearm in public—openly or concealed—and have ANY doubts about their intent, call 911 immediately and ask police to come to the scene. Never put your safety, or the safety of your loved ones at the mercy of weak gun laws that arm individuals in public with little or no criminal and/or mental health screening.”

- Committee to Stop Gun Violence
Facebook, July 2015

Source: <http://bearingarms.com/radical-gun-gun-control-group-urges-swatting-abuse-911-system/>

create an environment of fear and shame so toxic that law-abiding gun owners give up as gun ownership becomes “too much trouble” and would-be gun owners are deterred

Recommended Reading: *National Review* <http://tinyurl.com/nr000001>

Show-Stoppers for Women

A relatively new group *A Girl and A Gun* (<http://www.agirlandagun.org/>) reports six reasons why women are reluctant to get involved in shooting and gun education, according to the National Shooting Sports Foundation.

Founded by Julianna Crowder four years ago in response to the model “have the dudes show the little ladies how to shoot at Women’s Night at the range,” the all-womens group *A Girl and A Gun* has surged to success with 72 chapters in 25 states and strongly supports firearms education, recreation and competition using the model of women teaching women.

The six most common “show-stopper” barriers for women approaching shooting, *A Girl and A Gun* has found are:

1. I don’t own a gun.
2. I don’t know what kind of ammo to buy.
3. I don’t know how to shoot.
4. I don’t want to hurt myself or anyone else.
5. I don’t have time.
6. I am afraid.

The recent and revealing survey

by the campaigns of vilification and harassment—and threats of downright assault.

“If I see anyone Open Carry a gun, I’m pepper spraying them immediately, taking their gun and holding him until police arrive.”

- @Jennifer4130, Twitter

April 3, 2015

<https://twitter.com/Jennifer4130/status/584001856684199937>

An environment where mere advocacy for the right to keep and bear arms draws threats of death and assault serves the anti-rights movement well, suppressing opposition to their goal of seizing all firearms.

And it’s corrupt—it’s Berlin Redux.

provides important insights as we seek to introduce more people to the benefits of firearm ownership, particularly as we reach out to women and the wide variety of other non-traditional populations.

A Girl and A Gun is far from the only group focused on bringing more women into the shooting community. *Diva WOW (Women Outdoor Worldwide at http://divawow.org)* offers women another gateway into the shooting community and “*The Well Armed Woman*” (<http://thewellarmedwoman.com>) offers yet a third option.

Women and members of other groups that fall outside “traditional shooter stereotype” run into not only the barriers above, but often other barriers on both sides of the fence. New shooters may fear of being the “only one”; while at the same time, old myths may drive bad advice and bad choices, such as “well, little lady – what you need is a .38 snubnose revolver! Semi-automatic pistols are just too big and complicated and big calibers are just too much for a woman to handle!”

Have you noticed other barriers to entry for new shooters? Tell us, and we’ll include them in a follow-up.

The Moyel's Tips

Word of the Day

subarmed, adj. A point between disarmed and fully armed

Obama Insights

6/9/15: Former Attorney General Eric Holder on C-SPAN-2, on what it will take to disarm the American public: "We just have to be repetitive about this. It's not enough to have a catchy ad on a Monday and then only do it every Monday. We have to do this every day of the week and just really brainwash people into thinking about guns in a vastly different way."

**"If you make yourself Sheep,
the Wolves will eat you."**

-Ben Franklin, 1773

Food for Thought

Even if we strained our imaginations to think banning guns could actually result in abolishing all guns currently in existence, a gun ban would still be futile.

If the failed government-run war on some drugs has taught us anything, it is that making something illegal, when there still exists a demand for the illegal item, absolutely results in a vigorous black market.

There is no doubt a lucrative, vibrant and violent black market in guns will immediately grow to whatever size is necessary to manufacture and supply the public that still desires guns, and violent criminals, with all the guns they want. Aside from making them here in clandestine plants, the communist Chinese and every other bad actor overseas would flood the market worse than the black-market drug trade does with its products.

Criminals would also be enticed to engage in even more criminal endeavors knowing most of their law-abiding victims are entirely unable to defend themselves against such aggressions, having acquiesced to the ban on their right to keep and bear arms."

-Attorney Marc Victor

"Gun Control" Based On Mental Fitness

A lot is being said about taking guns away from crazy people, or people who may be crazy, or may go crazy one day, or who someone may declare may be crazy.

Deny gun rights to everyone who is mentally unfit. Psychological testing. Blanket denials for psychotropic drug use with state-certified prescriptions (which provides a convenient list). Denial on the word of psychoanalysts, who are all licensed by the state to operate and are subject to license revocation and loss of livelihood for failure to comply with official policy, including federalization of medical records for safety.

Stop mass murderers by at least taking *their* guns away based on mental instability determination by law, and observation.

What the heck, cast a broad net, better safe than sorry. No one wants crazy people to have guns, right? It's just common sense. Sound familiar?

Remember, "be careful what you ask for." We all remember the vile Soviet tactic of declaring dissidents mentally unfit (some actually were).

The wise old Moyel points out the JPFO policy on mental capacity to keep and bear arms: "Mentally unfit" requires a court ruling, due process, and a reasonable restoration process, one of our *Kosher Gun Laws*. And he adds, such a person maybe shouldn't be roaming around on the streets alone either, maybe; is it after dark?

The Moyel's Lesson

"Quis custodiet ipsos custodes?" (Juvenal, Roman Poet) or in English, timeless question "Who will watch the watchers?" It is a question we must assume the founding fathers gave great weight to as they assembled the checks and balances they dreamed would create a limited government.

Given the historic abuse of mental-health orders by both governments and private parties in the United States and abroad (China, Russia, the former Soviet Bloc, Cuba, etc.) what checks or limits should be placed on mental-health claims?

1) In the 2014 session of some state legislatures, laws were proposed allowing a family member or friend to report a person as unstable and have their guns siezed by the court without psychiatric evidence or analysis.

Should JPFO oppose such measures?

2) State laws on mental health issues vary widely.

Should involuntary commitment and the loss of firearms rights require at least two or more independent diagnoses and a judge's concurrence?

3) Mental health includes many diagnosis and syndromes—at what point should a potential patient lose their gun rights? Voting rights? Be committed?

THE LAWS WERE PASSED WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THEY WOULD ONLY BE USED ON MINORITIES - IMMIGRANTS AND PERSONS OF COLOR. THE "GOOD WHITE FOLK" WOULD BE EXCUSED WITH A WINK AND A NOD. BUT AS GOVERNMENT GREW BIGGER AND MORE HOSTILE, THE LAWS ENDED UP BEING USED AGAINST EVERYONE, REGARDLESS OF COLOR OR STATUS.



HELLER HIGHWATER

By Charles Heller

The Shtetl Mentality Is For Slaves

Shtetl is a Yiddish word derived from German. In German it meant “small village,” but the Yiddish connotation is “ghetto.” These were the neighborhoods where European Jews were forced to live in the pre-World War II era. It is an apt metaphor for the way some U.S. gun owners today view their state gun laws.

Many of us grew up and still live in extremely restrictive jurisdictions. Ideally, we would all vote with our feet and move to where freedom thrives, but family and career frequently gets in the way of that. Property values can make it financially difficult to leave your current state.

While I’m not suggesting you sacrifice your bank account on the altar of your Right To Keep and Bear Arms, you should maybe do a cost-benefit analysis and look. Are you really locked into your shtetl, suffering under draconian law, bitching and moaning? Jews (everyone!) always have options.

If you won’t leave, be a mensch and fix things. I have talked to people from New York and New Jersey (horrific states for rights), who try to tell me “you don’t know the way it is here.” Well, I’m from Chicago, and yes I do. I left Chicago for Arizona in 1978 -- specifically for the Right To Keep and Bear Arms. I thought I heard the Hallelujah Chorus at the state line.

People in Chicago said the same thing—it could never change. Then came Dick Heller and Otis McDonald, and the attorneys and organization to bring their cases forward. It changed, the shtetl mentality collapsed. You can now go legally armed in Illinois.

What that took was a concerted effort on the part of dedicated individuals, with the help of dedicated organizations.

They discarded the shtetl mentality.

Remember what General Patton said about sacrifice? Force the enemy to give up dearly for the cause, not us. That needs to be your attitude. We need to band together to make the anti-freedom bigots uncomfortable, not us. If you have an effective state organization use it to go after individual legislation or decision by court. If not, gather and form a Citizens Defense League like we did in Arizona. Contact me and I’ll advise anyone who wishes to do so.

This may disgust you, but it’s important: Read Saul Alinsky’s *Rules For Radicals*. Start applying their tactics to them. Learn how to use existing law and procedure to bend their tailpipe back down their carburetor, and let them choke on their own exhaust. A small core of dedicated intelligent activists is all it takes to start causing *tsuris* (Yiddish word for trouble and heartache) to the opponents of freedom.

Identify a perfect, harmed victim, where rights-denying “gun-control” laws did damage, and champion that case using the same process the so-called civil-rights movement has used against us. Find one that can gain standing in the courts, with sympathy from the media, and with appropriate counsel make the anti-freedom bigots defend their bad laws, instead of passing harmful new ones.

Mordechai Anielewicz was a leader and a hero of the Warsaw Uprising. He lacked a shtetl mentality. Look him up. We can honor the memory of people like him—by using lawful means to take the fight to the enemies of freedom, so it doesn’t get to the point where we have to start shooting them.

To learn more about the Warsaw Uprising, visit <http://www.ushmm.org/outreach/en/article.php?ModuleId=10007745>

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Twenty Minutes To Midnight

Government’s current demeanor provides a bleak outlook in the struggle over the right to keep and bear arms. The person currently in the White House has announced he is “stymie,” intent to use his remaining 18 months there to increase so-called “gun control,” a human rights fraud JPFO is pledged to destroy. The clock’s hands inch forward as:

- 4 million people are poised to lose their right to arms for using accountants, relatives and others to do their bookkeeping if they’re on Social Security;
- Obama removes the requirement that “I will bear arms on behalf of the United States when required by the law” from the oath of citizenship which was placed there by Congress in 1906, without Congress’ knowledge or approval, as he works to increase naturalization;
- The “news” media steps up its incessant drumbeat against RKBA without balance, using secretly Bloomberg-trained propagandists;
- Brainwashed pundits argue ‘black lives matter’ but ignore 16 blacks who kill each other daily on average in ghettos, focusing instead on psychotic murderers as an excuse to disarm or subarm the public who did nothing.
- Countless examples of armed self defense are censored from mainstream public view.

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Moyels Tips, Continued

Led by rabidly anti-rights Senator Chuck Schumer (D-NY), thirteen other anti-rights democrats have joined in sending a letter to Cabelas, the National Shooting Sports Foundation and various large retailers that demands they refuse to sell or transfer guns until a background check is completed, regardless of what the law actually says.

Federal law clearly states if the NICS background check on a buyer is not completed within three business days of sending a buyer's information to the NICS processors, the transaction can proceed—passed after intense debate over long (and useless) “cooling off” periods endangering law-abiding gun purchasers urgently needing self defense tools.

On July 7, New Hampshire Gov. Maggie Hassan (D) vetoed the NH Constitutional Carry bill, keeping a promise made in April to “gun-control” advocates by rejecting a Senate bill that would have made the Granite State the eighth to recognize permitless concealed carry.

On the eve of the final vote, Hassan met with members of Moms Demand Action and pledged to veto the carry measure if it reached her desk.

Hassan made good on that vow and scuttled people freedoms.

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo's (D) administration and state Senate Republicans agreed to change gun-control laws enacted after the 2012 Connecticut school shooting.

Officials said a moratorium on Internet sales of ammunition will be lifted and development of a state-wide database requiring background checks for ammunition buyers is being suspended.

The head of the state police has said technology needed for the database doesn't exist.

This is according to an agreement signed by Senate Majority Leader John Flanagan, a republican, and top Cuomo aide Jim Malatras.

New York, originator of the seminal Sullivan “gun-control act,” remains a gun-hostile territory.

The North Carolina Senate kept the status quo, passing a compromised House version of a hot-topic gun bill, sending it to the governor.

There has been unanimity among advocates on all sides as the Senate took up the bill. They only asked that lawmakers pass the compromised bill without additional changes.

Sen. Jeff Tarte, a Cornelius republican, introduced the bill on the floor saying while he understood some wouldn't be able to vote for it, he asked that no amendments be put forward. “It is not a stand-alone bill in and of itself,” he said. “The primary purpose is to standardize and unify statutes. It clarifies who can use certain guns and in which instances,” Tarte said.

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A temporary emergency gun ban by the City of Columbia, S.C. to disarm Confederate flag protesters around the State House was scrapped after the state attorney general warned it was likely illegal.

The city council passed the local ordinance banning weapons within 250 feet of the building earlier this month in anticipation of a planned demonstration by groups to include the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and the New Black Panther Party.

The ordinance, set to run for 30 days, included a \$500 fine and up to 30 days in jail.

The Attorney General stated that the ban violated Second Amendment rights, and the city had no power to pass it in the first place.

The Seattle City Council passed and on August 21st, Seattle Mayor Ed Murray signed into law a punitive new tax on gun sellers designed to drive sellers of firearms and ammunition out of the city under the guise of “collecting money for gun violence prevention and research.”

Testimony by council members and advocates of the measure made clear that any tax benefit to the city would be purely coincidental to the primary goal of making firearms and ammunition less available.

Under the proposal, every gun sold in Seattle would taxed at \$25 and each round of ammunition five cents (two cents for .22 LR).

City officials estimate the new tax would collect between \$300,000 and \$500,000 a year.

Others, equipped with a minimal understanding of economics, point out that purchasers will buy outside of city limits or purchase ammunition over the internet—that the only persons that will be deterred from purchase will be those unable to afford a trip to neighboring jurisdictions.

The Second Amendment Foundation, National Shooting Sports Foundation, National Rifle Association, Outdoor Emporium, Precise Shooter and individual plaintiffs filed suit against the measure on August 24th—“this law is clearly in violation of state law regarding preemption and shows a long-standing pattern of disregard by the City of Seattle and its officials for the rule of law.”

The Tennessee state attorney general issued an opinion making clear that under Tennessee's new guns-in-parks law that city and county governments (and third-party contractors who run such events as concerts and festivals in public parks) cannot ban handgun-carry permit holders from going armed into those events.

Attorney General Herbert Slatery said the opinion stands regardless of whether the park is operated by a contractor or fees are charged for admission.

Tennessee parks are a little safer.

THE DESTRUCTION WROUGHT BY “GUN CONTROL”

The world has learned, to its chagrin, that the Grand Theater in Lafayette, La., where a deranged murderer killed two people and injured at least seven others, was a make-believe gun-free zone. Such zones are well known to be dangerous, reckless and negligent.

The theater chain had an official policy against possession of firearms which the perpetrator ignored and the theater failed to enforce. By failing to act upon its strict stated policy and remove the armed perpetrator as its policy *requires*, some experts claim it bears some responsibility in the deaths and injuries and should be sued, brought up on charges, or both.

The policy (at right) bars the possession of self-defense tools by any person visiting the theater, regardless of license status or carry method.

The perpetrator failed to follow the agreement, the theater failed to remove him and then, as a result, patrons were then harmed by the theater’s failure to perform under the terms of their own agreement.

After first insisting the victims make

If you fail or refuse to follow this Code of Conduct, you will be asked to leave the theatre...

OUR THEATRE PROHIBITS

- Possession of firearms or weapons of any kind regardless of whether openly or concealed, with or without a permit
- Disruptive or disorderly conduct
- Violence, intimidation, or physically threatening behavior
- Unlawful conduct or activity

(Since Updated, current at <http://www.thegrandtheatre.com/corporate?tab=faq>)

themselves vulnerable, the theater then failed to provide minimal protection. It’s an outrage!

The creation of dangerous, reckless and negligent “gun-free zones” must end. This is why JPFO demands the destruction of “gun control”—it does nothing but cause harm, and in this case death.

JPFO Reader Survey

1. Gun-free zones, created by posting signs on buildings, help keep people safe.

Yes No

2. If people are harmed in a gun-free zone where no alternate means of protection is provided, the people posting the sign should bear some level of liability.

Yes No

3. Gun-free zones, where no alternate protection is provided, should be banned.

Yes No

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Background Checks, A Failed Strategy

The brazen daylight murders of a news reporter and a camera person in Virginia by an angry gay black man bent on some deranged form of vengeance show the utter futility of “gun control” based on some inherently outdated snapshot of a point locked in an individual’s past—not the current state of mind of any person.

NICS is broken, has been broken from the day it was put in place, and will be forever broken because of bad data and conflicting directives.

Yet every time we hear of a shooting that fits the anti-rights narrative, we hear politicians and pundits call for stronger background checks—as if “doing it harder” would help.

Buying his weapons, the murderer passed the very FBI background check anti-rights cultists demand.

Neither more or new background checks, or bans on legal private

sales. Sales between criminals are already illegal. The failure is in enforcement.

The basic test of a law is “does it do any good?” With background checks, there is no way to know.

We do know that thousands have been wrongly denied, and must suspect that an equal number wrongly passed. We know that only a tiny number of denied applicants are arrested.

The system itself is broken. Fraudently filling out a Form 4473 is a crime by itself, even before offenses related to attempting to purchase a firearm as a disqualified person. Where are the arrests?

If reducing violent crime is the actual goal—rather than a false flag operation trying to deter and obstruct lawful gun ownership with the end-game of confiscation of private

arms—then actual thought will be required, given the astonishing lack of a magic “ban **this**” wand that will somehow make it all better.

Elements of any policy to reduce violent crime must at least include improved funding in the states for mental health, meaningful sentences for those who engage in unlawful violence, and reforming correctional systems that today often serve as advanced training institutes for criminal activity.

“Gun control” and its ban, registration, background check and licensing schemes—often based in illegitimate concerns regarding color, race, creed, orientation, frequency/size of political donations or economic condition—is clearly not the answer.

“Gun Control” is a failed strategy and “doing it harder” is unlikely to make it work any better.