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## **Deliberate Evil: How Gun Laws Enable Mass Murder**

by Richard Stevens

It's time to separate the agenda-holics from the life-savers. Here's the question to ask. Which is worse: one evil murderer who kills 21 innocent people in a school—or several evil murderers who kill more than 50 innocent people in a church?

The right answer: Both cases are worse. Worse because obvious truth has been systematically drowned out. Both mass murders could have been thwarted.

Most Americans heard about the 19 children and two adults murdered on May 24, 2022 in the Uvalde, Texas, elementary school, by a cold, calculated killer. Few Americans have any clue that more than 50 men, women, and children were mass murdered on June 5, 2022 in Owo, Nigeria, by a group of calculated killers. In Owo, the attackers charged the in-session church with explosives, killing innocents inside. Americans won't know about Owo because the story doesn't support the power-driven leftist agenda. That means you won't see the common factors in both killings, which also appear in the Buffalo, NY mass murder on May 14, 2022, where the killer methodically shot 10 defenseless victims in a grocery store.

In all three murder spree, not one of the innocent targets fought back. The killers faced no resistance at all. Let that sink in: *defenseless targets*. Federal and state laws guarantee that.

Begin to connect the dots. In Buffalo and Uvalde: Were the victims and the on-site staff encouraged or discouraged from arming themselves? In Owo: were the victims encouraged or discouraged from arming themselves and their leaders?

Answer the damn questions. If you honestly don't know, then answer this: Are you aware of any governmental or institutional efforts at any of those three locations—or anywhere in America or Nigeria—to encourage people to either prepare for armed attacks or hire professionals to protect them in group settings?

Facts are: New York has "strict" gun laws designed to discourage citizens from sidarm possession in any public place. Experience shows it has little effect on armed criminals who simply ignore the law. Although Texas has more defense-friendly laws in general, U.S. federal laws forbid private citizens without permits from possessing firearms on or near school premises. Nigeria largely forbids private possession of firearms, with just a few exceptions. All three jurisdictions thus have laws discouraging people from arming themselves for protection against mass murderers.

Therefore, in Buffalo, Uvalde, and Owo, the mass murderers could count on zero armed resistance. Death and zero resistance—that condition is caused by rights-denying "gun control" advocates. Every person who calls for discouraging innocents from protection against mass murders is consciously fomenting evil. (New York, faced with the recent Supreme Court case *NYSRPA v. Bruen* reversing *Continued on Page 2*

## **Mass media error puts public at risk: GUNLESS PEOPLE ARE DANGEROUS**

**Fear and hatred of guns has unintended  
consequences, political fallout**

**Efforts to disarm or subarm public are  
misdirected—education is better option**

Age-old wisdom that suggests knowledge of guns leads to harm is incorrect, according to leading experts on both sides of the aisle, a recent study has found. People who avoid guns, and refuse to discuss the subject, exhibit fear bordering on neurosis or even clinical paranoia, leading to accidents, defenselessness, dangerous legislative proposals and potentially dire consequences.

"A person who knows nothing about guns, and preserves that ignorance with great vigor, which many anti-gun people do, harms society's fabric by promoting counter-productive law. It hampers police efforts and puts children at special risk," said Alan Korwin, a gun-law expert and consultant to JPFO. Starbucks, as a case in point, infamously refused serving armed police officers, highly trained people tasked with protecting society. It was an act of pure bias and unresolved fears. Such civil-rights discrimination is offensive and earns scorn. Gunless people are *free riders*, gaining benefits at others' expense.

"Many people who fear guns secretly harbor internal rage, just waiting to break into violence upon some slight provocation," according to Gary Marbut, a professional expert witness and president of the Montana Shooting Sports Association. "They project this instability onto others, falsely assuming anyone with a firearm will eventually erupt into violence and injure others—as they fear they might do. They cannot imagine that most people are not also plagued by the demons under which they suffer.

"So, they fear guns and believe everyone should be disarmed, just as they don't trust themselves from erupting into violence," Marbut noted. A certified firearms trainer, Marbut appears often in state and federal court cases on self defense, use of force and firearms safety. When compared to 100 million gun owners in America, armed criminal activity is a microscopic percentage of the whole, but amplified by incessant media coverage and unbalanced by the good that guns do, essentially unreported.

Extensively credentialed firearms-training expert and author Stephen P. Wenger speaks of gun-averse folks as having "poor impulse control" and projecting that onto others. And while mass media fawns over Mr. Biden's concern for invented terms like gun violence (a misleading euphemism for crime) the public is rightly concerned with criminal violence and armed perpetrators.

"This lack of understanding gunless people exhibit leads to laws that affect the innocent and ignore the criminal element," said Mr. Korwin, the author of 10 books on the subject. "Red-flag laws are an example," he said. He points out that, "These laws let police confiscate property *Continued on Page 2*

the ban on public carry, is now acting to ignore the ruling.)

Think about the parents who won't let their kids ride a bicycle without protective gear, or who forced pre-schoolers to wear worthless masks. The same parents think nothing of placing their kids in groups as potential targets in defense-free environments. Any parent who said, "I don't want the staff and teachers armed at school," is directly at fault for enabling mass murderers to kill without any fear of resistance. Sorry if that hurts to hear. As Ben Shapiro observes, "The facts don't care about your feelings."

Think about Jewish and Christian clergy who, knowing there are hateful killers targeting religious people, nevertheless convene services but forbid the attendees to carry self- and group-defense tools. The Bible nowhere mandates everyone worship as defenseless targets. *The clergy and religious leaders advocating group defenselessness have helped facilitate mass murders.*

Defenselessness alone does not cause mass murder. In simplest terms, mass murder can occur when these three elements exist:

- 1 Evil people with intent to kill many victims have the tools to do so.
- 2 Innocent people gather, unable or prevented from defending themselves against attacks.
- 3 Evil people are empowered, knowing their targets are defenseless.

As agenda-driven politicians swing into passing laws to prevent "mass shootings," every sober human being should be asking: Do the new laws meaningfully diminish any of the three elements?

Don't dodge this question with statements of horror, fear, outrage, or political rhetoric. Answer the question, people.

Laws that punish behavior can deter only people who fear the penalties. Murder of a single victim is already illegal, and already maximally punishable. Mass murderers don't give a damn about laws and penalties. Mass murderers sure as hell won't be deterred by laws against possessing "large magazines" or so-called "assault weapons" or anything else.

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without a trial, merely on suspicion of potential mass murder or verbal hearsay. Afterwards those individuals are set loose on the streets. How much more dangerous could a plan be?" A person too dangerous to have a gun is too dangerous to be roaming around, which JPFO frequently points out. Politicians seem unaware of this simple reality.

Red-flag laws were drafted by the gun-control lobby, without evidence that they work, and no attention to the many existing laws for the problem, based on fear and a desire "to make guns go away." It's an irrational response to psychotic mass murderers, amoral inner-city killers who shoot with no compunction and face no repercussions, and sociopathic children seeking to slaughter their classmates, now plaguing society. It's a mindless "do anything" approach, committing the logical fallacy *appellare desperadi*, appeal to desperation.

There is no known way to reliably make or staff a "pre-crime" bureau, according to forensic experts, and catch psychopaths before they act out, the imagined purpose behind red-flag laws. It is a fanciful feature of sci-fi films, with no place in the

Which proposed laws will address the fact of evil homicidal intent? These waiting periods, age restrictions, registration requirements, background checks—none of them can address evil intent. Evil is immaterial, spiritual, mental—not subject to mere laws.

Which proposed laws will decrease defenselessness to violent attack? Some laws and governmental policies could decrease defenselessness, but very few are being advanced. Ask yourself this: what behavior will the new law outlaw, that isn't already illegal? You may find these new proposals restrict you, but do nothing about crime, already totally outlawed.

Encouraging the peaceful possession of firearms in public places like stores and churches, and in facilities where people gather, such as schools—that would decrease defenselessness overnight. Programs for universal training of adults in safe and effective firearms use for defense would greatly reduce the possibility of totally undefended groups of people. Implementing presumptions of legality when firearms are used by self- and home-defenders against attackers—now that would encourage private defense, the attackers' worst fear.

What "gun laws" would not "work" to prevent or deter mass murder? Consider each case. The Buffalo retail store: innocents prohibited from armed self-defense, thus attracting a mass murderer. The Uvalde school: innocents unable to self-defend and staff prohibited from mounting any armed defense, thus concentrating powerless targets in enclosed spaces for the convenience of a mass murderer. The Owo church: innocents legally forbidden to possess defensive sidearms gathered as a group in a known place and time, creating a cost-effective target for calculating mass murderers.

Americans must demand answers about each new proposed law: Is this law going to decrease evil, decrease defenselessness, and/or increase deterrence to would-be murderers? Nearly every gun law being considered applies to the millions of Americans who aren't fomenting evil plans or committing violent crimes—and wouldn't think of doing so. Yet nearly every proposed law, however,

real world. "It's hoplophobic," said Dr. Bruce Eimer, Ph.D., a police forensic psychiatrist, "just a manifestation of irrational fears. Those people promoting such things need help, but typically refuse any." *Red-flag laws are delusions, typically put forth by gunless people*, to quell their fears, without any real-world hope of success.

Mass media makes it worse, literally promoting crime (they think of it as "coverage") on a repetitive and daily basis, but do not entertain hard solutions criminal-justice professionals know will work: **Prosecute** and lock up murderers and violent repeat offenders. **Focus** on "the bad parts of town," where gangs and hard-core psychos practice their craft. **Require** prosecutors and judges to mete out justice. **Stop** long-rap-sheet criminals from roaming the streets. **Quit** blaming guns and the NRA. **Start** blaming broken homes with no moral compass, schools that don't teach, and decay that festers in cities run by social-welfare democrats for decades. If the results are not ethnically diverse and equally inclusive (a distorted modern standard) so be it. Accept what is. ✘

discourages innocent, decent people from self-, family-, school-, church-, synagogue-, and community-defense. What we get are more costs, delays, paperwork, hurdles, suspicious authorities and risks of false accusations and arrests. These discourage peaceful possession and use of the only tools that can physically stop mass murderers.

None of the proposed laws address human evil, and cannot. The desire for money, thrills, fame and power, coupled with the willingness to persecute, torture, and kill fellow humans to achieve those goals is immune from law. Evil isn't confined to individual sociopaths, despairing teens or socio-political activists all willing to kill. Known to be true throughout human history, the biggest mass murderers have been composed of people deploying government power. R.J Rummel identified 272 million of these deaths in the 20th century, making criminal murders almost insignificant by comparison (see, *The Blue Book of Freedom* (2007)).

The current crop of anti-gun-rights agitators seeking to discourage defense and disarm innocents has no element of virtue, but may falsely believe they do. The same people thought nothing of lethal fiery riots in major cities in 2020, which they condoned. ✘

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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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**Provide vigorous judicial redress procedures**

When something goes amiss, the people need strong supportive legal structures

**Repeal the ban on interstate sale and transfer of handguns**

Remove bans on sales across state lines, which are infringements and were never proper

**Clarify government emergency powers laws to exclude privately held arms**

Laws granting extraordinary powers to officials during a crisis may not restrict arms

**Reinstate school rifle clubs**

High Schools nationwide need to implement all manner of instruction in arms and their safe use

**Prohibit/punish expulsions or disciplinary actions for student gun speech in schools**

Teachers stifling free speech related to guns should face discipline and expulsion in extreme cases

**Require Congress and the States to comply with Art. 1, Sec. 8, cl. 16, Train the Militia**

Make training available to able-bodied citizens for national defense and maintaining peace

**Adopt the Gun-Free-Zones Liability Act**

Anyone who creates a "gun-free" zone is liable for any harm it causes

**Sunshine Gun Laws**

See this extensive list of additional positive uses of law for firearms

**Implement criminal penalties for politicians interfering with civil rights**

Interference with the rights to arms is infringement, illegal, subject to penalties and removal from office

**Establish statewide 2A sanctuary state status**

No federal law may interfere with state firearm freedoms

**Gun lock-up laws are infringements, invalid and void**

Preventing or encumbering people's access to their own arms is criminal behavior and banned

**Prosecute any official participating in a gun-registration scheme**

Federal law bans gun registries, existing registries must be destroyed, new ones by any name prevented

**Participation in United Nations gun legislation is offensive and must end**

Stop all compliance with U.N. gun-related dictates, offensive to U.S. sovereignty

**Punishment for destroying firearms held publicly from loss, convictions, status changes**

Arms acquired by officials through abandonment, lost property, estates, or confiscations are public property, constitutionally protected, may not be destroyed and can be sold to the public

**Punishment for taking confiscated guns for personal or official use**

It is a felony equivalent to theft of arms for officials to take government-held guns for personal use

**Eliminate waiting periods**

"Cooling off periods" and other delays affect only the innocent and like other infringements must be scrapped

**Decriminalize women who choose to keep a gun in a handbag**

No woman shall be subject to penalty for peaceably carrying a firearm discreetly

**Anti-gun-rights bigotry is as bad as racial bigotry**

It just is, civil rights prejudice is a bane of human existence

**Tax on firearms, ammo and accessories is infringement and shall be banned**

No tax shall attach to arms or ammo, same as printed material like books and newspapers (1st Amendment)

**All ranges funded with tax dollars shall be accessible to the public (this is actually already law)**

Any shooting range created with tax funds must be reasonably accessible to the general public

**Implement a system of civilian medals for people who thwart criminal assault**

This act creates a system for recognizing people who acted to stop assaults, save lives or prevent crimes

**Infringing on the privacy of private gun transfers is a crime with penalties**

Gun ownership and use is a private matter with no nexus to government

**Arrest and prosecute countless criminals identified daily by the Brady program, or abandon it.**

It is well known that the Brady program was never designed to stop criminals, doesn't, and infringes on the public

**Implement the Gun-Free Citizen Act**

Any citizen who seeks to be gun free, may register with BATFE to be banned from arms for life

Signed: A few concerned citizens, Civil Rights Policy Group, Intellectual Power Brokers for Freedom, Safety With Honor, Thought Leaders for a Safer Day

JPFO and editor Korwin have written extensively on many of these topics, details on request.



# The Moyel's Tips

**RED FLAG'S CRITICAL FLAW** If it can be accurately determined that a person is too dangerous to have a gun, the person is too dangerous to be out in public walking around. The heralded fact that red-flagism destroys due process is secondary.

**IS ANYTHING STILL PERVERSE?** Does perversion still exist in the early 21st Century? Of course it does, despite leftist efforts to normalize every type of aberrant behavior. Given how modern society is, what would you say is perverted? Certainly, the trend toward indiscriminate mass murder by a tiny sliver of young men is a perversion, a thing society would do best to root out and crush. Instead, mass media features it with gusto long after it ends. What about salacious debauchery, is that sick? Does promoting degeneracy, even to children, on TV and social media harm the nation? Does it encourage borderline individuals to act out violently? Of course it does. Featuring depravity non-stop (as mass media now does) is bad. Encouraging wanton decadence leads to social disorder. Blaming animalistic behavior on gun rights, as so many politicians do, now, that's depraved.

**THE LESS OBVIOUS THREAT** It seems the anti-gun-rights movement has its share of individuals promoting the idea that what used to be perversion is the new normal. People who are "normal" are revolted by promoting aberrant promiscuity as OK. It is not. How much does the gun movement need to address the introduction of perversion into the culture, as an anti-wholesome-rights threat to the right to keep and bear arms? Some observers are beginning to believe it is a significant component of the threat.

**LANGUAGE** Do you have "pronoun confusion"? According to a leading attorney active in the gun-rights field, pronoun dysphoria is "Narcissism on stilts, wrapped in impenetrable rhetoric, justifying smug hatred of others." Gun owners are he, him, she and her—normal English, easy peasy.

## NewSpeak Translations by The Moyel

**gun control** n. The opposite of crime control. Policies that enhance criminal activity while infringing on self defense and private-property ownership.

**shooter** n. Mass media smokescreen term for "murderer."

**to identify as** v. To believe you are something other than what you are.

**diversity** n. A deceitful replacement term for the discredited word integration.

*CAUTION: Government always interprets gun law in the way least favorable to the public. It ought to be otherwise, but our Founders recognized that when people get into power (i.e. into government), they change, for the worse. It's just the way it is, human nature. So caution is advised, do not rely blindly upon written rules.*

**WHAT IS** "Credible, Informed, Accurate" You don't know? Why it's the new PBS (Public Broadcasting System) motto! Lacking sufficient credibil-

ity, information and accuracy, the geniuses at public radio and TV decided they would spell it out for us. Does that make it so? We report you decide. Perhaps if they made it their acronym...

We're not sure what to do if you dig a hole to hide a body, and you find another body.

**TEN DEGREES OF SEPARATION** Separate the state and the woke religion.

**JPFO AMBASSADOR DUKE CHIMES IN** "Amid celebrations around the *Bruen* Supreme Court case, it seems nobody bothers to mention the fact that the decision still leaves in place the unconstitutional power of the state to demand you beg for permission to exercise the right, comply with every demand they invent to prove your 'worthiness' to bear arms, and bribe them to grudgingly issue that temporary, revocable, at whim, permission slip..."

Dennis Prager, a Rabbi and talk show host, asks whatever happened to the American spirit that so recently said, "Better dead than red!" and, "Let's roll!" That was only 11 years ago. Now, it's "Let's roll up and hide," like Madeline Albright, when mugged in D.C., who "went into a fetal position" in abject fear and was celebrated by the so-called "news" media. Education has become harmful. Silence from the churches and synagogues is shocking. Fear of CNN has become greater than the fear of G-d. You fight, because it's the right thing to do. "The secular world produces great knowledge, but no wisdom," he observed.

Moyel's Note: "Better dead than red," referred to communists, The Red Threat; which was changed in 1992 by democrats (leftists) who reviled being known as the red states, directly associated with the commie values they had, too truthful; so with the NY Times they switched colors on an election map, calling themselves blue, and casting conservatives as red. We never should have let them get away with that.

**TEACH YOUR CHILDREN WELL** If parents don't teach their kids not to steal, shoot, stab, burn buildings, trash stores, shoplift, laser people in the eyes, flip cars, block traffic, attack others, beat strangers on the street, police won't be of any use. The public needs to arm itself as a last resort against such thugs.

**HERE COMES THE NEW BOSS** After four decades of control, the U.S. replaced the Taliban with... the Taliban. Their hatred of Jews has not diminished. Media has stopped covering the subject, after incessant non-stop fixation. They're still there, as awful as ever.

**BAT LIVES MATTER** Bats unfairly got blamed (along with other species... remember "wet markets"?) for the COVID-19 leak at the communist Chinese viral weapons lab in Wuhan. The head of the World Health Organization reportedly confided recently that Wuhan was the source. All the gun restrictions we endured (closed shops, freedom of movement limitations called "lockdowns," ammo restrictions, carry and possession restrictions, supply shortages) based on

the highly contagious lethal virus were a function of communism lying, deception and disease. So-called "gun control" by virus, a new wrinkle.

**IS JUNETEENTH RIGHT?** This newfangled "Juneteenth" holiday seems built on fraud. It was democrats armed to the teeth who kept and fought to keep slaves. It was republicans who used the force of arms to free the slaves. The concept is a gun issue, but the mass-hysteria narrative misses this, and who exactly was on which side. "You can't arm slaves and expect them to remain slaves."

That should be the focal point, and is boldly true, not a petty career criminal like George Floyd, who ended up abused to death and then miscast as a hero. Army General Granger's proclamation in 1865 didn't really end slavery, that came much later. Abe Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation was the real McCoy, in 1863, for the end-slavery concept. Like so many inventions of modern left-wing woke politics, this Juneteenth thing does as much to hide the truth as explore it.

**ARMS BRING FREEDOM** "Today, the Democrats are economically enslaving Blacks and have turned inner city communities into modern plantations of welfare and economic dependence. Juneteenth is a celebration of why the Republican Party was established in 1854, the abolition of slavery." —Allen West

**GUN GAFF** Any remaining doubt has now been removed on the competency and knowledge of the current president, who said: "A .22 caliber bullet will lodge in the lung. and we can probably get it out, may be able to get it, and save a life. A 9MM bullet blows the lung out of the body." —Joe Biden, May 30, 2022. He stated there is "no rational basis" for people to have high-caliber weapons.

**YES, THE FEDS LIE TO YOU** The Federal Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives testified before Congress that it has a searchable database of nearly one billion records of gun owners, with personally identifying information, and they use it regularly. This is blatantly illegal, but that has not stopped them (18 USC §926). Congress hasn't acted on the information they discovered either.

What is remarkable is that when Gun Owners of America publicized these facts, Facebook and USA Today "fact checkers" censored it, labelling it as misinformation and "lacking context." The information, "could mislead people," USA Today said. According to GOA, the USA Today report contained 11 false statements, eight statements missing context, and this whopper: Because a gun registry is illegal, the BATFE searchable database "cannot be a national gun registry."

**FINAL FACTOID** New study finds strong link between supporting communism, socialism and marxism and never having read a history book, ever.

Moyel, n. the person who performs a circumcision.

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# America Was Not Always So Depraved

Know our roots of depravity, and from whence they came

Name withheld by request

William F. Buckley noted in his autobiography two great unexpected and inconceivable transformations that he lived through. He was born and raised in a world where Jews and Negroes were segregated from society, prohibited from entering certain establishments. No one thought this to be odd or objectionable. He also said that people of his generation would routinely throw trash out of their boats into a river or a lake with no thought of potential consequences.

For your consideration, I note the following transformations that I witnessed in my lifetime... of things we grew up with but you don't see anymore.

On YouTube you can watch the 1968 Firing Line interview with Eldridge Cleaver, the Black Panther, whose fame shot to stardom by bragging in his book, *Soul On Ice*, that he was a serial rapist. Not only did he describe the thrill he got in raping women, he dwelled on the exquisite thrill he got raping white women. Leading the Cleaver fan club was the *New York Times*, which named it one of the ten best books of the year.

Cleaver, who declared rape to be an act of political liberation, was able to transform the image of serial rapist from a depraved criminal into that of a folk hero, much like bank robbers of the 1930s, who the public thought of as getting revenge on the banks that lost their savings. In 1970, none other than the world-famous orchestra conductor, Leonard Bernstein, would host an elegant black-tie party for the Panthers in New York, who—as terrorists—were not only to be socially accepted, but revered and treated like royalty, as documented by Tom Wolfe in his book, *Radical Chic*.

Or you can read Robert Caro's meticulously researched multi-volume biography of Lyndon Johnson, where he describes in detail the personal behaviors and events that—today—would have required both LBJ and JFK to list 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue as their address when they would have been compelled to register as sex offenders.

On Wikipedia, you can also read the story of Roman Polanski's rape of a 13 year-old girl in

1977, when the jackbooted left-wing Hollywood establishment immediately rushed to his defense, even as his guilt was so obvious that his attorneys arranged for a plea bargain. When he fled to France to avoid trial, he was greeted by the French public as a hero, as someone who had escaped the tyranny of the U. S. Justice System, which the French described as the dark night of fascism.

In 1979, Jack Newfield, the star reporter for the flagship leftist weekly, *The Village Voice*, felt compelled to defend the Soviet armed invasion of Afghanistan by declaring that Afghanistan was a country that "deserved to be raped."

Those who lust for more extreme violence can relive the glory days of April 1970, when Jerry Rubin, the left-wing Yippie leader, spoke to students at Kent State University, where he openly and unequivocally declared his terrorist intentions. He stated his motives and principles: "Quit being students; become criminals. We have to disrupt every institution and break every law. The first part of the Yippie program is to kill your parents. And I mean that quite seriously, because until you are prepared to kill your parents, you're not really prepared to change the country. Our parents are our first oppressors. To steal from the rich is a sacred and religious act. To take what you need is an act of self-love, self-liberation. While looting, a man to himself is true. When in doubt, burn. Fire is a revolutionary god. Burn the flag; burn churches; burn, burn, burn."

Of course, Rubin could have said "kill the Jews" or "kill the blacks" instead of parents. Just as he could have said "burn the Synagogues" or "burn the housing projects" instead of churches. But he didn't need to. His version of hate speech, calling for universal terrorism, was enough to secure his celebrity status, getting him invited onto *The Phil Donohue Show*, and a book contract with Simon & Schuster. In contrast, today you can't even burn a flag or Quran without being immediately ostracized from society.

All of the above and more were integral parts of the world in which we grew up. We accepted it, many of us without question. ☆



San Francisco, with 1,000-foot federal "gun-free zones" around schools, indicated here by perimeter circles, which overlap. As this map shows, this federal gun ban is a fiction, does not stop psychotic child murderers—or anyone—and is unenforceable. It was typical feel-good legislation under Bill Clinton, and like all pretend gun-free zones, is anything but gun free. The imposition on the law-abiding public is immeasurable, theoretically turning routine travel into non-stop federal felonies, but with no victims, no harm done, no *mens rea* and near-total denial of civil rights. The perpetrators of this unconstitutional travesty (members of Congress) remain at large and unpunished. Denial of civil rights under color of law is itself a felony (18 USC §241 et seq.).

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# Beware the Tunnel!

Chris Beglin, JPFO Webmaster

Tunnel? Tunnel vision, n.—a term describing the tendency many people have to see their environment through a very narrow perspective, while being to varying degrees and for different reasons very out of touch with their surroundings. This is also commonly referred to as a lack of spacial or situational awareness.

The particular importance of this relates to safety, avoidance of being attacked, but before exploring this look at when tunnel vision can quickly be fatal.

You are walking along a sidewalk and decide to cross the road while severely distracted using your cell phone. You fail to see or hear an automobile, which is about to hit you. Things can happen quickly, and the same applies with attacks. Cell phones should never be a sustained focus of attention and perhaps represent one of the worst examples of a lack of situational awareness.

Many factors help you maintain good spacial awareness with so much revolving around demanding use of your senses—especially sight and hearing. One visual asset is your peripheral vision. Though often underused, with practice it can be consciously enhanced by simply staying aware of movement you can detect to your sides, and acting upon it.

A number of tricks are available to enhance your spatial awareness. Notice reflective surfaces such as windows (shops, vehicles)—particularly if you suspect you are being followed. Use this when possible instead of turning your head, which can signal potential attackers that they have been detected. If your movement signals nervousness too, this can be seen as vulnerability, and invite problems. Include the peripheral vision also to reduce head turning.

Interpreting warning signs such as a stranger's suspicious behavior is important when something just doesn't seem right, a feeling you should heed. Following that observation and sensation, formulate a possible escape plan. Whether you're armed or not, using a quick way out should always be a first choice. Remember gun-fighting safety rule number one: It's always better to avoid an attack than to win one.

Environment and time of day are factors that can require heightened awareness even more—dark or bad lighting of course reduces visual input. Hearing then becomes even more important, and it is compromised by the ubiquitous use of ear phones while moving through possibly unfriendly ground—a very bad idea. Daylight obviously helps seeing visual cues but remember, the sun can be an enemy by masking details, back lighting and from intense glare.

Practicing situational awareness need not be a chore at all. Develop the 'mental switch' all the time, however safe surroundings might appear. Make sure to encourage this discipline for loved ones and friends, to enhance protection when in a group.

While this brief look at situational awareness may be taken by some to be preaching to the choir, no apology is made. It's just a reminder to many who may suffer from a bit of complacency. For others, just a pause for thought will encourage living with a heightened sense of the world around you to better be able to survive. ✧

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