

# Making a Difference



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The Ugly. Like ghouls hovering in the shadows ready to pounce upon any carnage, the gun-grabbers have been honing their multiple pieces of legislation and regulations, waiting for the event that could be used to whip up public horror and revulsion to the necessary degree to ram them through Congress. The shooting in Connecticut was their dream come true.

The description of the massacre of tiny children was heartbreaking. Everyone was touched by the senseless destruction. Everyone could imagine the agony of such loss.

The politicians and media who have been waiting and waiting for the opportunity immediately shifted the focus from the dead children and the mentally and emotionally bereft shooter to an inanimate object. They don't care why and don't really care who caused the slaughter. Instead, they rush to blame guns, gunowners,

## The Ugly, the Bad and the Good... and You

gun manufacturers, ammunition, and scream for more and more restrictions. All the while insisting that they “uphold the Second Amendment” and proclaim “this is not a Second Amendment issue.”

To ask “What is it about ‘... shall not be infringed...’ that escapes these people?” is to miss the point of their actions. Their goal is the restriction of the right of the people to keep and bear arms. That is the ugly truth about these people. They are not attempting to stop violence; they are attempting to take away the basic human right of self-defense.

The Bad. States and the federal government are tripping over themselves trying to introduce legislation to infringe upon various parts of the right to keep and bear arms. Some concern specific guns, some concern ammunition, some concern the amount of ammunition; some concern the people who will be allowed to buy guns and ammunition.

The President held what was billed as a “discussion” with a variety of participants, but limited the pro-arms groups to very few, including the NRA, which, importantly, left the meeting saying there was much about guns and little about safety. The language is altered, but the mission is the same: limit the ability of the American public to own firearms.

The Vice President has come up with a plan and the President is about to resort to Executive Orders to limit the rights of the honest citizen. (In a world of instant, 24-hour news, magazines still have a long out-time. This is being written and rewritten long before you will read it, and much conjecture will be fact.)

The Good. Two pieces of legislation have been introduced in the House of Representatives that deserve our full support. I have included the language as submitted, including the Constitutional Authority Statements.

Number one. HR 35 The Safe Schools Act of 2013, sponsored by Rep. Steve Stockman (TX-36) introduced on 1/3/13.

### SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.

(a) Findings—Congress finds--

(1) that the Supreme Court has found language nearly identical to the “Gun Free School Zones Act” to be unconstitutional;

(2) that the enactment of the “Gun Free School Zones Act” has been met with an almost uninterrupted series of horrific and tragic shootings at Columbine, Newtown and in other American schools;

(3) that the “Gun Free School Zones Act” has been a deadly failure. According to research by GeorgiaCarry.org, in the 22

years prior to enactment of the “Gun Free School Zones Act” there were two school shootings in which four or more people were intentionally murdered in a short period of time, and in the 22 years after the enactment of the “Gun Free School Zones Act” there have been 10 such school shootings;

(4) that American schools had not been plagued with this succession of horrific shootings prior to the enactment of the “Gun Free School Zones Act”;

(5) that horrific massacres on school campuses in Pearl, Mississippi, and southwestern Virginia, were averted by armed staff and students;

(6) that none of the murderers in any of these horrific school shootings were deterred by the fact that, in addition to murder, gun possession was also illegal in those locations; and

(7) that the reason that the “Gun Free School Zones Act” has made American schools unsafe is that shooters now know that they can victimize American school campuses with no fear that victims will be armed.

(b) Purpose- It is the purpose of this Act to restore safety to America’s schools by allowing staff, teachers, and administrators to defend the children and themselves.

### SEC. 3. SAFE SCHOOLS.

Subsection (q) of section 922 of Title 18, United States Code, is repealed.

Constitutional Authority Statement: Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I of the U.S. Constitution, Second Amendment, with Amendment and Tenth Amendment

Number two. H.R.133 Citizens Protection Act of 2013, sponsored by Rep. Thomas Massie (KY-4), introduced 1/3/13.

### SEC. 2. REPEAL OF THE GUN-FREE SCHOOL ZONES ACT OF 1990 AND AMENDMENTS TO THAT ACT.

(a) In General- Section 922 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by striking subsection (q).

(b) Related Amendments-

(1) Section 921(a) of such title is amended by striking paragraphs (25) through (27) and redesignating paragraphs (28), (29), and (32) through (35) as paragraphs (25) through (30), respectively.

(2) Section 924(a) of such title is amended--

(A) in paragraph (1)(B), by striking ‘(k), or (q)’ and inserting ‘or (k)’; and

(B) by striking paragraph (4) and redesignating paragraphs (5) through (7) as paragraphs (4) through (6), respectively.

Sec. (3) The Gun-Free School Zones Act of 1990 (18 U.S.C. 921 note, 922 note; section 1702 of Public Law 101-647; 104 Stat. 4844-4845) is repealed.

Constitutional Authority Statement: Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: This Act is justified by the lack of a mandate or assertion of authority in the United States Constitution for the Federal government to establish the laws affected by this Act; by Article One of the United States Constitution that grants legislative powers; by the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution that recognizes the

right to bear arms; and by the Ninth and Tenth Amendments to the United States Constitution, which recognize that rights and powers are retained and reserved by the people and to the States.

Sheriffs in several states have issued statements that within their jurisdictions they will neither enforce nor allow others to enforce what they consider ‘illegal’ laws such as Executive Orders that effect Constitutional rights States have passed legislation refuting and in at least one case threatening criminal actions against any federal enforcement of orders or federal legislation or regulation which they deem un-Constitutional. The Tenth Amendment is gaining momentum as a foil to the encroachment of the federal government farther and farther into the running of the several states.

You. My original column was all about what each of us as individuals can do to withstand the onslaught we knew would come after the election of 2012. I look back on the days when I was composing it as blissful. At the time I felt besieged. My first reaction to overwhelming outside forces is rather bird-like: I duck my head and want to curl fetally in my comfy chair. Those days and emotions are nothing like what came after the Sandy Hook shooting.

There is much we can do. First, if you are not a member, join! Join your local gun club; join national organizations: Second Amendment Foundation (the folks who brought you Heller and McDonald), Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms, Gun Owners of America,

National Rifle Association; join your state gun protection group, and, if you can, join those in other states, such as Illinois State Rifle Association.

Go public. Let your friends and coworkers know you are a gunowner. There is nothing belligerent about owning firearms. Rather, for years I have been advocating that women show that they own and use guns, because women are not threatening. It softens the face of the gunowner to the general public when they learn that the sweet little old ladies and the charming young women are part of that group that the media tries so hard to demonize.

Use social media. You can find lots of people and sites on Facebook (and other newer cooler places, I am sure). Share the information with your public friends. If you need a start go to me on Facebook and poach. (Caution: not all my friends, even my political friends, are gunnies. But I “like” many good gun sites.)

Educate yourself. Read everything you can, while you can. Nothing is harder to argue against than facts.

Write letters to the editor. Comment on the internet news sites. Short, to the point, correct spelling and no ranting! We want everyone who is on our side to make us proud. Nothing hurts the cause like a crazy advocate!

Buy, buy, buy! If, like me you have been thinking of something you want, but putting off the purchase, do it now. If it is not too late at publication.

Train, train, train! You will never know enough, and you need to be ready if ever you need to use your gun. Classes are good places

## NY Mag Finds Female “Gun Nuts”

The Cut, a lifestyle portion of the website of *New York* magazine, recently discovered women gunowners and were a little afraid.

The piece was titled Rise of The Female Gun Nut and bylined by Marion Cogan.

The story looked at transplanted New Yorker Niki Jones who is now running a group called Austin Sure Shots in that Texas city. The free club started with a handful of women and now numbers over 300, according to the report.

Many of the women had their AR-15-style rifles customized

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to meet other people with similar concerns and interests.

As the apron I brought back from GRPC says, Keep Calm and Carry. If you don't have a license and live in one of the states that require one, start the process, now. Even if you choose not to carry, having the license is something that can be counted, and politicians will always be influenced by numbers, even when their agendas send them in a different direction. It is the numbers that have slowed down the President in his surge for dictatorship. Opposition must be eliminated before politicians can run roughshod over the populace.

Do not be Anne of Green Gables: no wallowing in the depths of despair. We have been on this precipice before. We have gone over the precipice before. However, we have right on our side, and our numbers are legion. We shall overcome.

after a class, and that seemed to make Cogan nervous. Cupcakes, daisies and “Hello Kitty” were motifs sited in the article.

“Spend a few minutes scrolling through the websites of gun dealers and you might be forgiven for thinking America is a nation of Gayle Trotters: women using the language of feminism to demand the ‘right to choose to defend ourselves,’ as the gun-rights activist put it in her Senate testimony last week,” Cogan continued.

She mentioned (and linked to) a number of firearms manufacturers, related products and *Women & Guns* magazine (although we were not contacted for the story).

Cogan did speak with Paxton Quigley, noting her long involvement with women gunowners and her seminal book *Armed & Female*.

The tone of the piece was mainly wonderment that there were so many gunowners out there, and it appeared to have been prompted by the International Women's Forum's Trotter, whose testimony at Senate hearings on gun control surprised many (see related story in this issue).

Interestingly, given *New York's* target audience, reader comments on the story mainly chided the use of term “nut” in the headline and generally supported gun rights. Several endorsed Trotter's testimony, noting how difficult it is for most women to fight against generally bigger and stronger men.

Comments that supported the piece focused heavily on the embellished guns.