

When Only Tyrants Have Guns...

By Chip McLean

The death of innocents is always tragic. To feel empathy for those who lost their lives and their grieving loved ones is a normal, healthy reaction. To feel any less would be less than human. Unfortunately, a far less noble part of humanity – the “never let a good crisis go to waste” mindset of those who see human suffering as a means to an agenda – always display their ugly faces at such times. So it is with the recent Sandy Hook shootings.

Predictably, before the mourning families could even make funeral arrangements, the usual suspects were already inundating the airwaves with a cacophony of anti-gun gibberish. People such as Michael Bloomberg [were already demanding](#) “immediate action”. Naturally by “immediate action”, Bloomberg and others of his ilk mean to strip gun owners of their right to bear arms.

The gullible that rely on emotion rather than logic are easy prey for such opportunists as Bloomberg, Dianne Feinstein, Eric Holder and of course Barack Hussein Obama. Governmental anti-gun types are shameless in their efforts to exploit a tide of mindless emotionalism by advocating what they euphemistically refer to as “sensible gun laws”. While they bend over backwards attempting to sell their notions as “sensible”, there is nothing sensible about it. To these control freaks, the only solution to gun shootings is to disarm the law abiding. Take for example [Obama’s flippant response](#) to the NRA’s idea of posting armed guards in schools:

“I am not going to prejudge the recommendations that are given to me. ***I am skeptical that the only answer is putting more guns in schools.*** And ***I think the vast majority of the American people are skeptical*** that that somehow is going to solve our problem.” (emphasis added)

Such vapid “reasoning” and presumptuousness are unfortunately typical of this administration...

Apparently it hasn’t dawned upon Obama *et al*, that high profile school shootings such as the recent Sandy Hook incident, occurred in “gun-free” zones. Ever since the passage of the [Gun-Free School Zones Act of 1990](#), students and faculty alike have become sitting ducks. By 1995, the law was found to be unconstitutional by the USSC, but in 1996 Bill Clinton, with assistance from his anti-gun zealot attorney general Janet Reno, found a “creative” means of simply bypassing the constitution and keeping this horrendous law in effect. Based on the exponential increase in school shootings (can you say Columbine, Virginia Tech and yes, Sandy Hook) it is more than safe to say that this “gun free zone” idea has been an abject failure - and has actually led to an **increase** in school shootings. Armed guards - or better yet - faculty members who have concealed weapon permits would provide a far more effective deterrent to lunatic Columbine wannabes, than leaving our children and teachers defenseless against such attacks.

How about rephrasing "more guns in schools" to "more guns in the right hands" Mr. Obama? That would be a "sensible" gun policy.

Here's the dirty little secret – for all their hysterical anti-gun rhetoric, the gun grabbers really don't care about saving lives – what they care about is power. They use tragedies like Sandy Hook to pursue their real goal, which is to disarm American citizens. They attempt to disguise their real intents, and in some cases even give lip service to the second amendment. One especially comedic example is that of John Kerry, who during his unsuccessful 2004 presidential campaign went on a photo-op "hunting" trip, complete with camos in order to show he supports "hunters". Understand – and this is a crucial point – the second amendment isn't about "hunting". ***It never has been.*** The fact is that the right to bear arms was put into place by the founders as a means of protecting the citizens from tyranny. That is why would-be governmental gun grabbers hate that pesky second amendment. An armed populace is the one thing standing between them and what they want – an omnipotent central government accountable to no one and free to impose its will on a defenseless public. Sound harsh? Consider the gun policies of Adolph Hitler, Joseph Stalin and Mao Tse Tung and think again...

Reading the founders' own writings about the right to bear arms makes it quite clear what their intent was when adding the second amendment. Chuck Baldwin wrote a [recent column](#) that addresses this issue and I will repeat here two quotes he used from Thomas Jefferson and George Washington:

"The strongest reason for the people to retain the right to keep and bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in government."

– **Thomas Jefferson**

"Firearms stand next in importance to the Constitution itself. They are the American people's liberty teeth and keystone under independence... From the hour the Pilgrims landed, to the present day, events, occurrences, and tendencies prove that to ensure peace, security, and happiness, the rifle and pistol are equally indispensable... The very atmosphere of firearms everywhere restrains evil interference. When firearms go, all goes."

– **George Washington**

In [Baldwin's follow-up column](#), he puts forth a three point plan of action for combatting these assaults on our freedom. I agree strongly and recommend you read Chuck's complete column on this, but allow me to boil it down here with a couple of observations:

- 1) Make phone calls to our representatives and senators on Capitol Hill. It is imperative that our congress critters hear from us regarding our complete and total opposition to any new gun control measures. They need to hear from us NOW and *en masse*.

- 2) If Congress passes any new gun bill, the states themselves need to stand up to Washington – therefore our state governors and legislatures need to hear from us as well...they need to be reminded that the federal government serves at the pleasure of the people – not the other way around. When the federal government oversteps its bounds and tramples the very constitution that limits its scope, it is incumbent on the states to preserve the rights of its people. I would say that governors need to prevent the enforcement of any unconstitutional seizure of firearms by the federal government using every means at their disposal, including arresting and incarcerating any federal agent who attempts such action on the individual state's soil.
- 3) Baldwin's third point is that we as individuals must be prepared to draw a line in the sand... *"(I) refuse to comply with any law requiring us to register or surrender our firearms—including our semi-automatic rifles. Ladies and gentlemen, whatever the consequences might be, and whatever anyone else does or doesn't do, I am prepared to become an outlaw over this issue! I don't know how to say it any plainer: I will not register my firearms, and I will not surrender my firearms. Period. End of story. It's not just a saying with me: when my guns are outlawed, I will be an outlaw!"*

Amen Chuck Baldwin! Freedom is worth fighting for – now, as it was in 1776. Our right to bear arms is the one freedom that preserves all of the others. It is time to let the Obama-coms and any spineless representatives who would simply cave in order to “get along”, know that **enough is enough**. It is time to let them know that their days of shredding our constitution are over, and that their idea of a socialist utopia with the elite feeding at the taxpayer trough – all the while issuing unlawful edicts to the rest of us that threaten our liberties – is not going to happen. There are millions of law abiding gun owners in this country...but an out of control federal government coming after them will do so at its own peril.

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