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## WE DEFEND FREEDOM

### The Nashville Massacre

Like a recurring nightmare, the horrific news of the Nashville Christian School shooting stunned the nation. Seven dead, three of the victims at only nine years old. Sadly, we've been here before and again our hearts are broken at the senseless taking of young innocent lives. Many on the Left, however, wasted no time to call for gun-bans. Predictably, even before the facts are in, politicians and activists paraded before cameras to attack those who support the 2nd Amendment. Hyperbolic Woke Democrats seized the moment to accuse Republicans of "putting guns before kids." And even before the Nashville Police Chief held his first press conference, Biden took the opportunity to demand that Congress pass his "Assault Weapons Ban."

This is déjà vu. The massacre at the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown Connecticut thirteen years ago was when my journey as a new firearms owner began. As with most folks, I was overwhelmed emotionally and needed to do some soul searching because in the wake of such Evil it was exceedingly difficult for me to even pick up a firearm let alone go shooting for fun. I even questioned why I had firearms, "Why in the world did I fool around with these things, wouldn't the world be better off if I got rid of them?" But once the emotional cloud lifted, thinking with reason and clarity I asked,



"What in the world did the AR-15 Adam Lanza used to kill have anything to do with my rifle?" The answer of course was "absolutely nothing!" As horrific as Lanza's crime was, there was absolutely no correlation or connection to any other people who happened to possess a similar rifle. In fact, responsible gun owners simply never deliberately harm another human being without provocation. To the contrary, overwhelmingly law-abiding gun owners go out of the way to observe proper gun safety protocol. Are there exceptions? Sure, but statistically the overwhelming majority of law-abiding gun owners represent no threat to society as clearly demonstrated by decades of government's own research data (Source: DOJ, FBI, NIJ, CDC).

It wasn't long before I realized what gun-control advocates demand actually damages public safety. That's because they routinely co-opt the conversation to focus only on firearms and rarely the behavior of killers. Consequently, the gun-control noise crowds out honest dialog that seeks comprehensive real-world public safety solutions. Instead, the assault by gun-control zealots, politicians and the "if it bleeds it leads" dishonest media consume all the "oxygen" surrounding the issue sparing none for thoughtfulness and reason. Thus, time and again, good public safety ideas end up the victim. There's a good reason that despite the more than 20,000-gun laws on the books these horrific shootings persist, gun-control does not work!

I've done the research to know unequivocally that gun-control is a Leftwing ruse which undermines public safety and ensnares the law abiding. It is especially maddening when you realize the very people who attack the 2nd Amendment support the Soros funded Democrat prosecutors. These Woke Democrat DAs ignore the laws they're sworn to uphold by releasing felons into their respective districts. The result is a massive spike in violent crime. What's crystal clear is the Left doesn't care about public safety at all.

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I'm reminded that Obama's ex-White House Chief of Staff, Rohm Emmanuel unwittingly revealed their tactical MO whenever Democrats needed a red herring, "never let a good crisis go to waste." Their assault on the 2nd Amendment is a textbook example: "exploit heart wrenching crimes, strangle their 'emotional carotid artery' against guns and advance the anti-2nd Amendment objectives."

So, what's the truth? Over one hundred million Americans own firearms legally and use them responsibly. Better than one third of all Americans are armed but represent no threat to society. The truth is neither the AR-15 Adam Lanza used in Newtown nor the rifle Audrey Hale used to kill in Nashville had anything to do with the firearms you or I own. It is precisely the same reason a criminal drunk driver who killed with his Toyota did not magically make your Toyota a man-killer that must be banned. The Nashville incident has just become another opportunity for Democrats and dishonest media to rob the "oxygen" from other important news stories Americans have a right to know. Stories on the damage by the incompetence and malfeasance of the Biden administration. What happened to the stories of the FBI being weaponized against Republicans? What about the news on investigating Joe Biden Inc. and Hunter Biden's laptop? What's happening at our Southern border with thousands of illegal migrants pouring in at will? What about the fentanyl poisoning of our children? How about the weakness Biden projects to the world concerning the Chinese Communist aggression and their alliance with Russia? Are the GOP Congressional investigations still going on? It sure seems the Nashville tragedy happened at a fortuitous time for Democrats to change the conversation, and their partners in crime in the national media are only too eager to oblige.



Over the course of the next several weeks or months Democrats and gun-control zealots will attempt to redirect the national conversation attacking firearm ownership in America and those who support it. You will hear "NRA" used as a pejorative ad nauseum and liberally used to attack pro-2nd Amendment Republicans. Their attacks will target your "emotional carotid artery" unrelentingly. We must therefore be prepared to stand strong and do our utmost to push back against their hyperbolic false narratives. Call your representatives and remind them to steadfastly defend our Constitution. We must not cede even one inch to their demands lest we permit even more erosion of our sacred Bill of Rights. Unlike the Left, our weapon of choice shall remain the truth, Constitutional rule of law and above all ~ All Mighty God.





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- Counter the anti-freedom narrative of the Left!
- Defend freedom and be a Freedom Ambassador!

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