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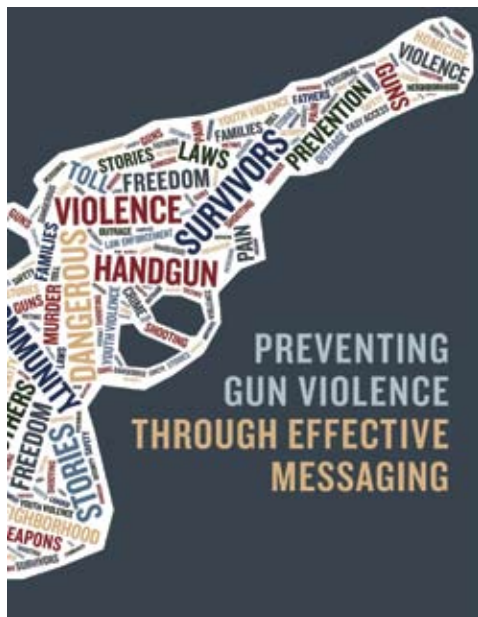
# Important Reminder in Defending our 2nd Amendment

The Governor of New Mexico recently committed an outrageous act in suspending the 2nd Amendment rights of the citizens of her state in a most egregious violation of the United States Constitution. Thankfully, she was stopped by the courts! Did she think she could get away with ignoring the Constitution? Given the massive overreach we've been witnessing from this White House is it any wonder others might not follow suit? Regardless, this episode should send chills down your spine if you still believe in the sanctity of our Bill of Rights and the Constitution. The Democrat Left, however, clearly has little regard for your rights and will continue to chip away at your freedom any chance they get. The lesson is to never let our guard down. We must remain vigilant in the defense of our 2nd Amendment.

The term "gun-violence" should be retired from our lexicon for public policy debate. By focusing on the gun we are already being driven by a narrative that is biased. That's because at the mere mention of guns, much of the public has already been conditioned to believe guns equal violence. This is a direct consequence of a decades long rhetorical campaign by the anti-gun movement to vilify the gun culturally.

The anti-gun establishment funded an eighty-page activist's manual, Preventing Gun Violence Through Effective Messaging (authors: Frank O'Brien, Al Quinlan, John Neffinger and Matthew Kohut), produced by three powerful Washington D.C. communications firms. It's no coincidence that most anti-gun activists appear to use this playbook, because the rhetoric we hear constantly in the media and from anti-gun groups mirror its contents. But why is it not Criminal Violence they wish to prevent? Is that not what we all want? Why obsess over "guns" and not criminal behavior?

By packaging the words gun with violence into a term, the dialog is already tainted. This term suggests gun equals violence, or that they are the same thing. They are not. Quite the trick because a gun by itself cannot be non-violent any more than it can be violent without an operator. It's merely a machine and depending on the operator one can achieve good results or create very bad ones.



Take the automobile, for example, another machine. We all drive one and are well served by it provided, however, it's not misused. If you drink and drive, you put others at risk. If we text and drive, we endanger ourselves and fellow travelers. Yet when vehicular homicides happen, we don't blame the car. Now substitute the car with guns, suddenly, the perception is entirely different. Do you wonder why that is?

When lawful firearms owners and sportsmen and women use firearms, their rights are attacked despite the fact they are clearly not the problem. They are equally responsible for operating their firearms in a safe manner as good drivers are with their cars. Whenever a crisis involving firearms occurs, however, the knee-jerk reaction is always to target guns but giving criminal behavior a pass. Why don't they try to ban cars because of vehicular homicides?

It is completely disingenuous when Bloomberg compares fatalities between traffic and shootings yet operates under a double standard when comparing cars to guns. They do not push for a ban on cars. On Bloomberg.com, an article by Chris Christoff and Ilan Kolet compares death statistics between traffic and firearms predicting the latter will surpass the former by 2015. Not surprisingly, they ignore the lives saved by lawfully armed citizens.

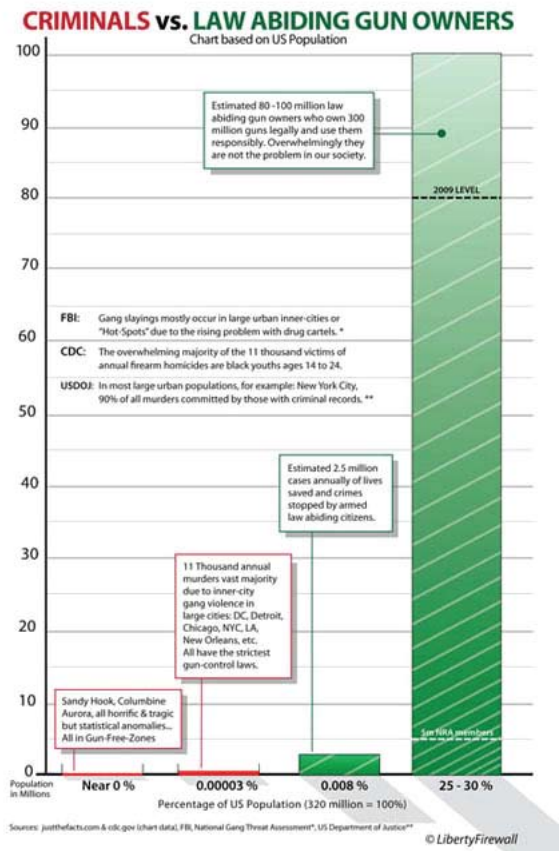
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To ban cars because of a small minority of criminal drunks is of course ridiculous. Yet the anti-gun zealots target the gun as though regardless of a small minority of heinous crimes committed with guns that somehow guns are more responsible for those deaths than a car is of traffic fatalities. For the debate to ignore the behavior of the criminal operators and ignore the vast disparity between those responsible verses those who are abusers, is grotesquely dishonest and manipulative. In fact, the gun debate deliberately hides the truth and has at its core a nefarious motif.

Here are facts about firearms in America most do not know because of a relentless one-sided narrative dominated by the anti-gun establishment. One hundred million Americans own firearms and use them responsibly for a variety of purposes. They are hunters, collectors, sportsmen and women as well as citizens who use them for personal protection. There exists a great deal of objective scientific research on firearms ownership in America from universities of criminology (NW Univ., Kleck & Gertz; Harvard, Kates & Mauser) and statistical analysis by government agencies such as the CDC, FBI, USDOJ.

Empirical research confirms an unmistakable truth that overwhelmingly firearms save more lives than they take every year in America. On average the annual disparity is greater than eighty times more lives are saved by guns compared to those lost (NW Univ., Kleck & Gertz; National Safety Council, Itasca, Il.), but that includes suicides and accidental deaths. The actual firearm-homicides rate averages eleven thousand annually (CDC.gov). When we make a clear distinction between criminals and good citizens, the lawfully armed save lives by more than two hundred times the rate at which criminals kill.

Gun-control only burdens the law-abiding citizen while protecting criminals. That's not an opinion, it's fact (Harvard, Kates & Mauser). Given the statistical proof of lives saved by armed citizens, imagine if the entire nation were a gun-free zone like the nation's crime centers: Detroit, Chicago, Los Angeles, Washington D.C., New York City, etc. These Hot Spots (FBI terminology) or killing zones have one thing in common. They share the strictest gun-control laws in America. We wouldn't cut the antlers off a deer to protect it from attacking coyotes any more than we should disarm innocent would-be victims from marauding predators in our society. If the anti-gun established should achieve its objective of disarming the citizenry, I shudder to think how much unintended carnage we shall have in America as a consequence.







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