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WE DEFEND FREEDOM

Here We Go Again

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Like a recurring nightmare, the horrific news of the shooting in Maine stunned the nation. Eighteen dead, thirteen more injured while enjoying an evening at a restaurant bar and a bowling alley. Sadly, we've been here before; shocked, horrified, once again our hearts are broken at the senseless taking of innocent lives. Many on the Left, however, wasted no time to call for gun-bans. Predictably, politicians and activists paraded before the TV cameras to launch their assault on the 2nd Amendment even when Lewiston Maine had a "shelter in place" order and the surrounding communities were still on lock down. Around the country hyperbolic Woke Democrats seized this moment to accuse Republicans of "putting guns before people." Biden likewise exploited this moment as an 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 felt compelled to do some soul searching because in the wake of such Evil it was exceedingly difficult for me to even look at my firearms let alone pick one up to go shooting for fun! I even questioned why I owned firearms, "Why in the world am I



fooling around with these things, wouldn't the world be better off without them?" But once the emotional cloud lifted and clarity of thought and reason resumed, I wondered "What in the world does the AR-15 Adam Lanza, a raving lunatic, used to kill have anything to do with my rifle or me, a law abiding person who wouldn't harm a flea?" The answer of course was "absolutely nothing!" As horrific as Lanza's crime was, and this latest heinous crime by Robert Card, the Maine killer, there was (and is) absolutely no correlation or connection to any other law-abiding citizen who happens 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 their way to observe proper gun safety protocol. Are there exceptions? Sure, but statistically the overwhelming majority of law-abiding gun owners represent absolutely no threat to society as clearly demonstrated by decades of the government's own research data (Source: DOJ, FBI, NIJ, CDC). It wasn't long before I realized what gun-control activists demand actually put the public at greater risk of harm. That's because they routinely co-opt the important conversation that should be focused on legitimate problem solving to be redirected only on banning and restricting firearms ownership and almost never on the behavior of killers. Consequently, the gun-control noise drowns out important 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 this issue leaving little room for thoughtfulness and reason. Thus, time and time again, good public safety ideas end up the victim.

There's a very good reason why despite the more than 20,000 gun-control laws on the books these horrific shootings persist, gun-control simply 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 communities. The result is a massive spike in violent crimes across the country. What's crystal clear is the Left doesn't care about public safety at all. Do you think for a second that Biden cares about your ability to defend yourself against dangerous aggressors when he refuses to defend America's borders allowing millions of foreigners to enter the country illegally?

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Biden is allowing terrorists and known criminal drug cartel actors to enter the United States with no resistance, yet he wants to ban your AR-15! Are you outraged enough yet?

This is an established pattern of attacking our 2nd Amendment by the Left. I'm reminded of Obama's ex-White House Chief of Staff, Rohm Emmanuel, who unwittingly revealed their tactical hidden agenda whenever Democrats needed a red herring, "never let a good crisis go to waste" he quipped. The Democrats' 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 Robert Card used to kill in Maine had anything to do with you or your firearm. 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 Maine incident has just become another opportunity for Democrats and dishonest media to rob the "oxygen" from other important news stories. Stories on the destruction by the incompetence and malfeasance of the Biden administration. We're not hearing any more regarding the FBI being weaponized against MAGA supporters, concerned parents who speak out at

school boards or Catholic Pro-life supports being intimidated by the Feds. What about the news on investigating Joe Biden Inc. and Hunter Biden's crimes? What's happening at our Southern border with tens of 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, their alliance with Russia and Iran? Where's the scrutiny regarding Biden's weakness that enabled the Hamas massacre in Israel? Are we getting truly balanced reporting on the pro-Palestinian protests in America? What about the outrageous rise of antisemitism in America? The Maine incident took away valuable airtime from the War in the Middle East and the frightening prospect that Biden is utterly incapable of preventing what may evolve into, God forbid, the third World War.

It sure seems the Maine tragedy gave Democrats an opportunity 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 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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