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 **GUNS: STOP,
LOOK, AND
LISTEN! (But
I repeat myself)**

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More mass shootings and out come the legislators. Legislative solutions abound, but nothing ever happens. There's no lack of concern, but there's decision paralysis reflecting lack of facts and understanding.

Stop this attempt to jump into lawmaking. Look at what we have, and listen to experts. It's embarrassing to suggest this simplistic approach, but obviously there's never been a bipartisan, thoughtful, and deliberate process. It will take time.

- First, find out what laws now exist at all governmental levels.
- Identify where current laws aren't being enforced and why.
- Determine what works, what doesn't, and react accordingly.
- Make what we have work, or consider replacement.
- Have a plan for dealing with mental health considerations.
- Only with adequate information should we develop national, uniform, bipartisan, and effective laws.

Cloaking this process should be a sensitivity to less tangible influences such as religion and culture. Morality standards have lost popularity, and boundaries of behavior have disappeared. Dysfunctional lifestyles have become more acceptable. Government programs have institutionalized poverty plantations as breeding grounds for violence. The sanctity and value of human life has declined.

The result will be far different from what we now have, and our Constitutional rights won't have to suffer.