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TODAY'S "SHORT TOPIC" TERRORIST GUN PURCHASES – WHAT IS THE NRA'S POSITION?



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Here's what provoked me:

While I'm not a gun owner nor an anti-gun control zealot, I do get fed up with the empty accusations about what the NRA is really all about. I am quite confident, on the other hand, that much of the abuse thrown at the NRA results from the NRA's own approach to debating this issue – ideological and non-compromising.

Here's my response:

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I believe the 2nd Amendment does provide an individual right to “bear arms,” and that it allows for firearms regulation of some sort. Embedded in all I have read, from our Founders' comments through the current debates, there seems to be a presumption of order and competence, achieved through rules, regulations, and limited controls – i.e. “a well-regulated militia.”

If you cut through all the rhetoric and claims that Republicans and the NRA don't want restrictions on suspected terrorists buying firearms – what you find is quite different.

Chris Cox, of the NRA, is on record stating that “terrorists should not be allowed to purchase or possess firearms, period.” Then what's the argument? Cox also insists on “due process protections should be put in place that allow law-abiding Americans who are wrongly put on a watch list to be removed.”

It seems to me that this aggressive insistence on somewhat cumbersome “due process” protections is what gives pause to Democrat legislators. While I'm sure they have their reasons, this seems like a difference for which compromise can be reached.

But my main message here is that we remember the NRA stands foursquare against terrorists obtaining guns. Statements to the contrary are untrue.