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TODAY'S "SHORT TOPIC" A SIGN OF UNYIELDING IDEOLOGY!



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Here's what provoked me:

I believe those fighting for extreme gun control measures are generally the same ones who protest any sort of legislation that would in any way affect a woman's right to choose. In one case the law is absolute for them, and in the other, they sometimes even try to deny the Constitution's original intent or relevance in today's society

Here's my response:

A Sign of Unyielding Ideology!

I read an account of the upcoming case of "Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt." This is the first major abortion case to be heard by the Supreme Court in almost ten years. I also read one of the never-ending commentaries on the Second Amendment re: original meaning of "militia," and what controls were anticipated by the Founders.

First my bias: The Founders own words indicate they didn't limit the value of firearms to acquisition of food and an organized military force. They stated that there was value in the whole body of people possessing arms, and self-defense was just one of the desirable results. On the other hand, they also understood that "well regulated" implies training, order, and competence along with reasonable rules, regulations, and controls.

Back to my main point – generally the people zealously protecting abortion rights are also those who have fought the hardest to limit firearms. They fight hard for what they describe as "common sense" gun control measures – some very restrictive and almost confiscatory! Yet, they automatically reject any modest, common-sense abortion regulations such as the those being litigated in the case above.

Our society has become very polarized and ideologically unyielding. And that's not good!