

 **SUPPORTERS  
OF AGGRESSIVE GUN  
CONTROL**



**- Turnabout is fair play!  
- Isn't it?**

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In recent days you received two of my reports on the topic of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment and gun control. Here's a recap of what I've concluded so far (refer to the reports dated February 1 and 7, 2013 on my website in the "Policy and Political Commentary" tab):

- *Obama prefers quick reaction over careful study of the problem of mass violence;*
- *the Founders were reacting primarily to the threat of British tyranny and its intention to disarm the American Colonies;*
- *the Founders were also very sensitive to the right of general self defense;*
- *the term "militia" must be understood to represent an individual's right to bear arms, as well as more formal, hopefully temporary, joining together to form a military;*
- *there are in fact modern applications for establishing a "militia" (e.g. school security);*
- *recreational hunting can't be stretched into a modern interpretation of the intent of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment;*
- *since the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment is part of the "unalienable" Bill of Rights which were "endowed by our creator," it is unlike another phrase in the "Constitution" and any elimination thereof would be a Constitutional war beyond imagine. It won't happen;*
- *embedded in all of what the Founders said and wrote seems to be a presumption of order and competence, achieved through rules, regulations, and limited controls - i.e. gun control of some kind isn't contrary to their intentions;*
- *after reviewing modern legal commentary, I find that they DON'T preclude some form of required training, control, and regulation; and*
- *given the extreme comments by certain leaders of the gun control movement, some "paranoia" by gun enthusiasts can probably be understood and forgiven.*

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Think about all the demagoguery that has gone on targeting the "evil conservatives." It never ends! The message is ongoing that conservatives don't care about the lives of citizens. They are interested only in the oppression of the meekest among us. That's hogwash! There's a biased and unbalanced "open season" on supporters of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment and other causes, **so I will present an equally unbalanced enumeration in the other direction - totally "unfair." After all, that's only fair!**

**I will be biased and totally unbalanced** so that readers can see, if the conservatives used the same ugly strategy as the liberals, just how disgusting the discussion would become. Remember, I am not opposed to all regulations of any sort regarding firearms (refer to the **blue** highlighted item in my "conclusions" section above) - but the liberals' emotional knee-jerk reactions to this debate are not helpful for reaching any real solution for reducing mass violence.

**Quick, Emotional, Often Irrational, and Inflammatory Responses is the Style of Many Liberals**

**Two years ago, when Representative Giffords was shot**, six killed, and many others wounded, within a day the New York Times tried to make this into a politically motivated assassination attempt. They wrote: **"... it is legitimate to hold Republicans and particularly their most virulent supporters in the media responsible for the gale of anger ..... setting the nation on edge."** The

local sheriff, a highly politicized democrat, admitted that while he had no proof, he still named those who should be blamed for inciting this man to violence against a democrat – he mentioned specific conservative politicians, commentators, and the Tea Party - without a shred of evidence! The murderer was actually a mentally unstable anarchist without conservative connections.

**Radical liberal and strict gun control advocate Ed Shultz, MSNBC host, can be truly an offensive fellow** and often says things that could incite listeners to violence. About Dick Cheney he said: *“He is an enemy of the country, in my opinion ... Lord, take him to the Promised Land, will you?”* ... then in 2010 he screamed that *“Dick Cheney’s heart’s a political football. We ought to rip it out and kick it around and stuff it back in him.”* How about: *“I will fight these bastards every night at 6 o’clock because ... I know what they want to do ... they want to destroy the American dream.”*

**MSNBC’s outspoken strict gun control supporter Chris Matthews from NBC and MSNBC** has been very critical and self righteous in accusing others’ of inflammatory comments leading to violent attacks with guns. He is the guy who, on the one hand, was upset with the inflammatory rhetoric of Rush Limbaugh, and in a moment of weakness said that: *“Somebody’s going to jam a CO2 pellet in his (Limbaugh’s) head and he’s going to explode like a giant blimp.”* Wow!

**Radical Keith Olberman**, referred to conservative columnist Michelle Malkin as *“a big mashed-up bag of meat with lipstick on it.”* She gets this reaction from him because of her conservative commentary which has included being a vocal advocate for strict adherence to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment.

**Anti-gun and liberal radio host Mike Malloy, a former news writer for CNN**, went a little overboard a couple years ago. This was just a few days after conservative radio host Rush Limbaugh was hospitalized for chest pains. He actually wished for Limbaugh’s demise by stating: *“I’m waiting for the day when I pick ..... up a newspaper or click on the Internet and find he’s choked to death on his own throat fat or a great big wad of saliva or something ..... Go away, Rush, you make me sick!”* How can you get more inflammatory than that?

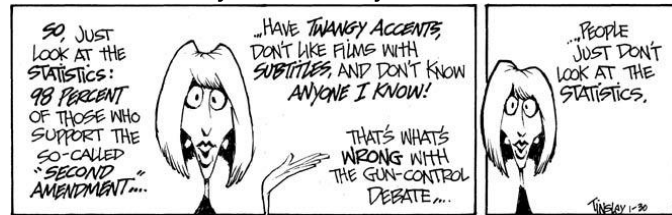
**Montel Williams Even Got Into the Act** – In 2009, Williams was a radio host for now-defunct Air America. He urged Minnesota Congresswoman Michele Bachmann to kill herself – or so it seemed – by saying: *“Slit your wrist! Go ahead! I mean, you know, why not? I mean, if you want to – or, you know, do us all a better thing. Move that knife up about two feet. I mean, start right at the collarbone.”* He may now claim comedic license with that comment (I don’t know that he has), but it was rude, crude, violent, disgusting and most certainly inflammatory to the MAX!

**Consider Bill Maher - onetime comedian, now a pretend political pundit** – I wouldn’t have considered this fellow for inclusion here, but CNN has been called on Bill to share his wisdom on all things political and societal. He holds himself out as a voice of wisdom. In 2007, talking about then-Vice President Cheney after al Qaeda exploded a truck bomb at a base in Afghanistan near where Cheney was visiting, said: *“I’m just saying if he did die, other people, more people would live. That’s a fact.”* In 2008 he fanaticized about Rush Limbaugh being a better candidate for death than a recently deceased actor: *“Why couldn’t he have croaked from it instead of Heath Ledger?”*

**The Democratic Leadership Council (DLC)** – Sarah Palin used a map with “cross-hairs” on it to represent districts and states which should be targeted for serious republican effort in the hope of defeating the incumbent democrat. This was one thing she was criticized for after the Tucson

massacre. She was accused of inciting violence. What is ignored is that not long before that, the DLC issued a similar map with (not cross-hairs but) true targets/bull's-eyes on it. What's the difference?

Mallard Fillmore by Bruce Tinsley



### In Recent Years Libs Have Been Tough on Conservatives

How many times in the last four years have journalists rushed to blame random acts of violence on the Tea Party, conservative, Fox News; or conservative talk radio? Nearly a dozen? Michelle Malkin reminds us of a few in addition to some of those already listed above.

**There was a 2009 massacre of three police officers in Pittsburgh.** Liberal journalists falsely blamed Fox News, Glenn Beck and the **“heated, apocalyptic rhetoric of the anti-Obama forces.”**

**The 2009 suicide insurance scam/murder hoax** of Kentucky census worker Bill Sparkman, which New York magazine falsely blamed on Rush Limbaugh, “conservative media personalities, websites and even members of Congress.”

**There was a 2009 Holocaust museum shooting** which MSNBC commentator Joan Walsh blamed on Limbaugh, O'Reilly and Michelle Malkin.

**In 2010 a Times Square jihad bomb plot** was blamed on Tea Party activists protesting ObamaCare – that's how the ever-irrational Mayor Bloomberg tends to think.

### Take a Look at Some Quotes from a **Rogue's Gallery of Radical Gun Control Supporters**

*This year will go down in history. For the first time, a civilized nation has full gun registration! Our streets will be safer, our police more efficient, and the world will follow our lead into the future!* – Nazi Party leader Adolf Hitler

*The measures adopted to restore public order are: First of all, the elimination of the so-called subversive elements ..... They were elements of disorder and subversion. On the morrow of each conflict I gave the categorical order to confiscate the largest possible number of weapons of every sort and kind. This confiscation, which continues with the utmost energy, has given satisfactory results.* – Benito Mussolini, Italian dictator during WW2

*If the opposition (citizen) disarms, well and good. If it refuses to disarm, we shall disarm it ourselves.* – Soviet Union leader Josef Stalin

*A system of licensing and registration is the perfect device to deny gun ownership to the bourgeoisie.* – Russian communist Vladimir Ilyich Lenin

*Only an armed people [workers, not the middle class bourgeoisie] can be the real bulwark of popular liberty. – Lenin*

*One of the basic conditions for the victory of socialism is the arming of the workers and the disarming of the bourgeoisie [the middle class]. – Lenin*

*I have thought fit to issue this Proclamation to require all Persons who have yet Fire-Arms in their Possession, immediately to surrender them at the Court-House, to such Persons as shall be authorized to receive them; and hereby to declare that all Persons in whose Possession any Fire-Arms may hereafter be found, will be deemed Enemies to His Majesty's Government. – The British governor of colonial Massachusetts regarding the confiscation of weapons, 1775.*

## **Quite a group isn't it!**

### **Modern Day Rogue – a Closer Look**

*Whether by [Obama] executive order or thru a bi-partisan congress an assault weapons ban needs to be re-instituted. Period!!! Mr. Vice President, do your due diligence when formulating a concise and permanent national AWB plan. .... Gun control is no longer debatable, it's not a conversation, its a moral mandate. Sen. Feinstein, you are doing the right thing in leading the re-institution of a national AWB. The time is now to reinstitute a ban. .... I want you to know that I agree with you 100% on enacting stricter firearm laws. – from rogue ex-LA cop Christopher Dorner's manifesto (Dorner died during a standoff on February 12.)*

Ben Shapiro picked up on this and reminded me of a few things. Let me refer back to the Gabby Giffords shooting and mass killing. The media jumped all over it quickly and blamed conservative politicians, conservative commentators, Sarah Palin, the Tea Party, and many other conservatives – claiming they “bathed” the killer, Jared Lee Loughner, in the “water of political incivility.”

Next, when Adam Lanza murdered 20 children and 6 staff at Sandy Hook, the media largely blamed the NRA for creating the gun culture that influenced the killer and made weapons available to him.

But when it came to Dorner, the media suggested that his manifesto (quoted above) meant nothing and the references he made in support of politicians, gun control, and numerous celebrities (several not included in the above quote) were not relevant to the discussion. Piers Morgan, TV host and vocal anti-gun celebrity, blamed Dorner’s “deranged criminality,” while not using that characterization for Loughner or Lanza. Here’s what Dorner wrote: *“Mr. Morgan ... I want you to know that I agree with you 100% on enacting stricter firearm laws ... If you had a well regulated AWB [assault-weapons ban], this [mass killings] would not happen.”*

Dorner went on to praise liberal journalists: *“Chris Matthews, Joe Scarborough, Pat Harvey, Brian Williams, Soledad Obrien (sic), Wolf Blitzer, Meredith Viera (sic), Tavis Smiley and Anderson Cooper, keep up the great work and follow Cronkite's lead.”* Of course I wouldn't be so foolish as to blame his murders on this group, but *in a similar situation, liberals would make insinuations about even the most remote connection to anything right-wing would be enough to lay the full blame at the feet of conservatives.*

**The recent murder attempt at the conservative Family Research Council** is another example of the liberal media “clamming up” when there is some actual or implied connection to a liberal individual or organization. The perpetrator, Floyd Lee Corkins confessed that he wanted to murder as many as possible and smear Chick-fil-A sandwiches in the victims faces. **He used a “hate map” produced by the radical Southern Poverty Law Center to identify opponents of gay marriage.**

### **William A. Levinson Put Together an Article: “Felons for Gun Control”**

**Marrio Biaggi, former democratic U.S. Representative from NYC,** said that only the police should have firearms, two of which he surrendered when convicted on felony corruption charges.

**Bobby Rush, democratic U.S. Representative from Chicago,** is an advocate of frivolous lawsuits against gun manufacturers. He’s a convicted criminal through his activities with the Black Panthers.

**Former democratic Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich,** now a convicted felon, advocated a ban on all semiautomatic firearms along with a prohibitive gun owner registration fee.

### **No Convictions Here, but it Smells Anyway**

**Jon Corzine, former democratic U.S. Senator and Governor of New Jersey,** contends that firearm ownership is not an absolute right. He was head of the disgraced investment firm MF Global in which so much money was mysteriously lost. He hasn’t been convicted of a felony.

**Liberal columnist Carl Rowan** wrote that anybody who possesses a gun should go to jail. Probably because of his celebrity status, he escaped a felony conviction for aggravated assault for firing a warning shot using an unregistered firearm.

### **Is Tyranny Out of the Question Today?**

**Ray Nagin, former democratic mayor of New Orleans,** ordered the illegal state confiscation of firearms from legal gun owners during Hurricane Katrina. He was indicted on 21 federal corruption charges. **Is this the government “tyranny” the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment was guarding against?**



**Remember when the democratic Roosevelt administration,** paranoid about Japanese U.S. citizens doing subversive activities in support of their Japanese “homeland”? They took the guns, and put them in “War Relocation Camps.” That was 1942 and included 110,000 American Citizens. I recall no such actions against U.S. citizens with German or Italian heritage! **Yes, tyranny can happen even today!**

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**I must admit, “mud-slinging” and demagoguery can be mesmerizing, fun, and satisfying! I’d better stop before I’m addicted!** It really helps me understand the liberals and their tactics if I dabble in them temporarily. Now it’s time for me to go back to a more balanced and objective enumeration of the facts and arguments about the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment and gun control!