
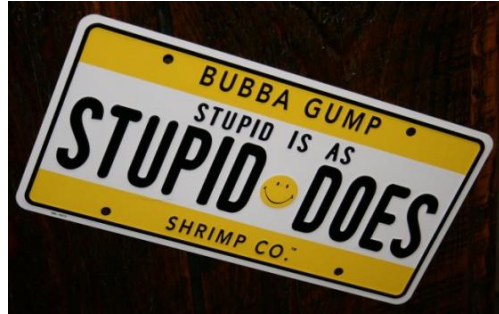


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 **STUPID IS AS STUPID DOES! Part 2**
☺ There's a lot of really silly talk about gun control!

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And that's all I have to say about that!

Following is a continuation of the “digest of stupidity and foolishness” that I started in my last report. Listening to and reading this sort of distortion and demagoguery is what got me started on this project of examining the Second Amendment and the “right to bear arms.”

Send the guilty monsters directly to Guantanamo Bay for all eternity and let them rot in their own mental squalor. No, no, no. Not the wannabe sick kid who blew up the Boston marathon or the freak that's mailing ricin-laced letters to the president. I'm talking about the real terrorist threat here in America: the National Rifle Association. – Aurora (Colorado) Sentinel editor Dave Perry

[T]his is the NRA's America. Guns for everybody. Gun shows for anyone who wants to buy one. And ladies and gentlemen, that means anyone. Felons, criminally insane, wife beaters. ... And this NRA creed ... is the de facto platform of the Republican Party of Abraham Lincoln. Guns killed Lincoln. Killed James Garfield. Killed McKinley. Killed -- almost killed Ronald Reagan. All that's forgiven now by the NRA-infested Republican Party. – MSNBC's Chris Matthews

Mallard Fillmore by Bruce Tinsley



[W]e have an obligation to tell each other and to try to convince people that if they're going with the NRA they're going against the lives of our children and of you and me. – New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg

To use the vernacular, there's suddenly a lot of senators out there who have seen the Lord. You find out that the senator from New Hampshire [Republican Kelly Ayotte] is in trouble; she voted no. I can name you four senators who called me and said, "Jesus, I guess you were right -- maybe we can find some other way of doing this. Can we bring this back up?" - a patronizing Joe Biden acting inappropriately and childishly.

Can we just get to, first of all, how ridiculous it is for people to think that the Second Amendment protects them from tyranny? ... Thinking the Second Amendment can protect you from tyranny, it's like thinking the First Amendment protects you from Thor. It's ridiculous. It's nonsensical. - HBO's Bill Maher

[We couldn't have a public debate on my new gun control legislation, lest it] cause a rush on the market of people who wanted to buy assault weapons. - New York Governor Andrew Cuomo's comments after issuing a "Message of Necessity" as permitted by the state's constitution to expedite legislation in case of an emergency. He suspended the usual democratic rules and public debate (a three day waiting period) normally in place as a check on lawmakers.

We're talking about MILLIONS of kids dying - being shot down by assault weapons. This is not just a political issue, it's a moral issue. - Rep. Charlie Rangel (D-NY) - HE'S NOT EVEN CLOSE!! The truth is that, of the 12,664 murders in 2011, there were 323 homicides committed with a rifle of any type, and likely fewer than 50 children under age 18 killed with rifles. By comparison, there were 496 murders committed with hammers in the same year.



We need to institute background checks! - So "protesteth" the increased gun control advocates. We already do background checks. I really can't disagree with certain forms of education and regulation (refer to prior reports), but it seems to me that given that the current background checks are notorious for not being enforced, why "pile on" with more laws which also won't be enforced? It makes more sense to ask, "why aren't we enforcing our current laws?"

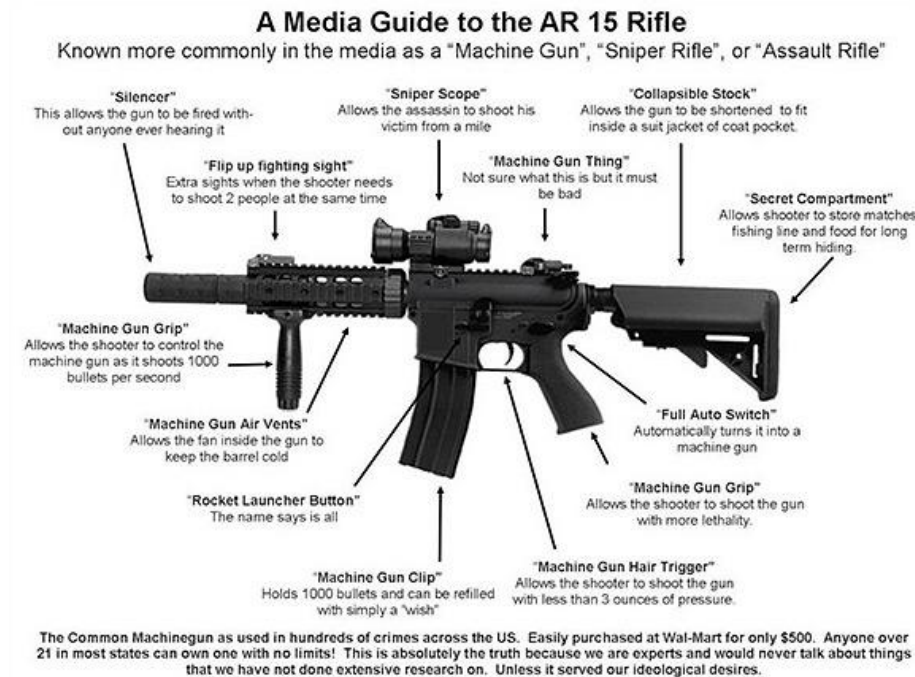
One of the major problems is the "gun show loophole" in which people buying guns at gun shows aren't subject to having a background check. - So claim the hysterical gun control amateur analysts. In fact this claim is untrue. **Almost all sales at gun shows are made by licensed fire arms dealers, and all of those ARE subject to the same regulations as for that licensed dealer selling in a store or anywhere else. The only individuals permitted to sell at gun shows are licensed dealers.** If there is a loophole, I understand it to be for sales between private individuals attending shows. That's an entirely different issue, and won't be solved by new "gun show" legislation.

Since assault weapons are not a major contributor to U.S. gun homicide, and the existing stock of guns is large, an assault weapons ban is unlikely to have an impact on gun violence If coupled with a gun buyback and no exemptions, then it could be

effective. – So reads the recent report from the National Institute of Justice, the research and evaluation agency of the Justice Department. These statements give some explanation for the “paranoid” insistence by some that there will eventually be an attempt to confiscate guns – the legal ones, but it isn’t possible to confiscate the illegal ones.

Is the gun lobby hell-bent on aligning our country with such great friends of liberty as Iran, North Korea and Syria by opposing efforts [to increase gun controls]? – The Washington Post’s E.J. Dionne

It is possible for us to create common sense gun safety measures that respect the traditions of gun ownership in this country but also make sure that we don’t have another 20 children gunned down by a semiautomatic weapon – by a fully automatic weapon in that case, sadly. – Barack Obama – GOOD GRIEF! Fully automatic weapons have been illegal and virtually non-existent in the U.S. for decades, and this crime DID NOT involve fully automatic weapons! No wonder there’s confusion!!!



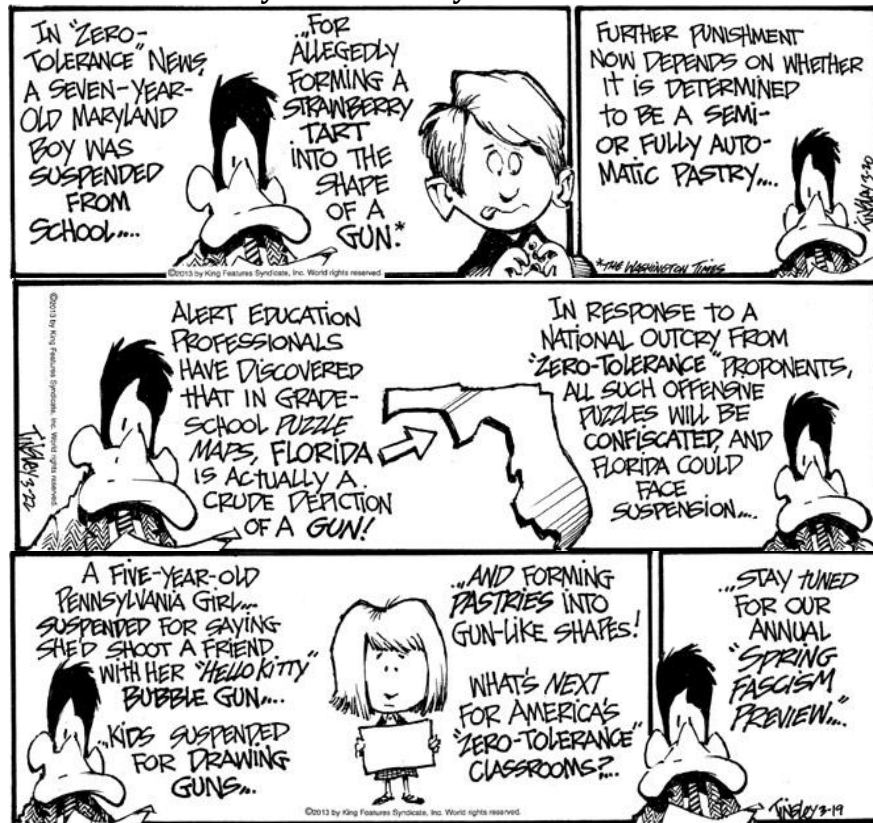
40% of all gun purchases are made without a background check. – So proclaimed Barack Obama in many speeches in the last 3 months. The problem with that claim is that it’s not true. In fact, all sales from a licensed firearms dealer are subject to background check. His fallacious claims are based on a 16 year old survey that had ONLY 251 RESPONDENTS!

If I could have gotten 51 votes in the Senate of the United States, for an outright ban, picking up [every gun] Mr. and Mrs. America, turn ‘em all in. I would have done it. – Sen. Dianne Feinstein, a leading force in the failed 1994 assault weapon ban, told this to CBS’ “60 Minutes” in 1995. She also led the recent unsuccessful effort to expand gun control, and you can count on her to be there leading future attempts.

[This gun control] effort is not over so long as the American people don’t give up on it – Barack Obama – Obama and Feinstein won’t stop trying – ever!

Remember the reports of 5 to 7 year olds who make goofy statements or do goofy things at school with their food, etc? – Call in the cops I say! Let’s “nip this in the bud” and stop this potential terrorist while we have the opportunity. **GOOD BLEEPIN’ GRIEF!** Following are several statements about this “foolishness” as seen through the eyes of my favorite cartoonist, Bruce Tinsley. Check out his “Mallard Fillmore” comic strip every day in some newspapers, or on the internet!

Mallard Fillmore by Bruce Tinsley



A small white coffin was closed recently in the Buffalo, NY area. But no one shed a tear. The coffin was full of toy guns which were then buried inside the coffin. Children could exchange a toy gun for a “non-violent” toy. “The reason why we turn in toy guns is because we don’t want you to get too comfortable with holding them If you desensitize yourself enough to play with toy guns, you’ll be comfortable enough to pull the trigger on a real gun when you’re old.” – Thus was the situation recently and such were some related comments of participants and officials. So much for analysis and reason in the decisions about the right to bear arms! Panic, emotion, and “feel good” prevail!

Recently, someone called family services in New Jersey about a photo a proud father posted on Facebook. The picture was of his 11 year old son holding a .22 rifle. The call precipitated a full-fledged raid of the family’s home. Major problems ensued for the family until things got straightened out. – This is another foolish and emotional reaction by uninformed people and officials. The youth has a New Jersey hunting license and has passed the state’s hunter training course. The father is a certified firearms instructor for the NRA, a range safety officer, and a New Jersey hunter education instructor. This hit very close

to home. I have a 12 year old grandson who is well trained in firearms and is a successful and enthusiastic hunter. His father proudly emailed his son's picture, showing him with his rifle and a felled deer. What if someone objected and "turned them in"? Shame on all who precipitated the foolish distortion of logic and justice in New Jersey!

I only ask that we strive to do what works! If availability of guns is the problem, then what's the evidence. If there is evidence, then how much of the problem is due to the availability of guns. And what is the solution? How much of the problem is mental illness and what's the solution? Is it an economic issue or a cultural issue? I say that the test should not be "it feels good doing this." Rather, after much patience and study, let's investigate the situation independently, and implement a combination of things that address the problem and not just administer an emotional sedative. DON'T JUST JUMP TO EMOTIONAL KNEE-JERK CONCLUSIONS! We have neither the time nor the resources to waste time looking for the wrong answers. – Stefano Bachovich, obscure but very wise political pundit, and an enthusiastic and prolific purveyor of opinions on just about everything – SB's major "go to guy."

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But, more on gun control will follow soon!**

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