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THE U.S. CULTURE OF FIREARMS AND THE NEW NORMAL

A presentation by

Dr. Warren J. Blumenfeld

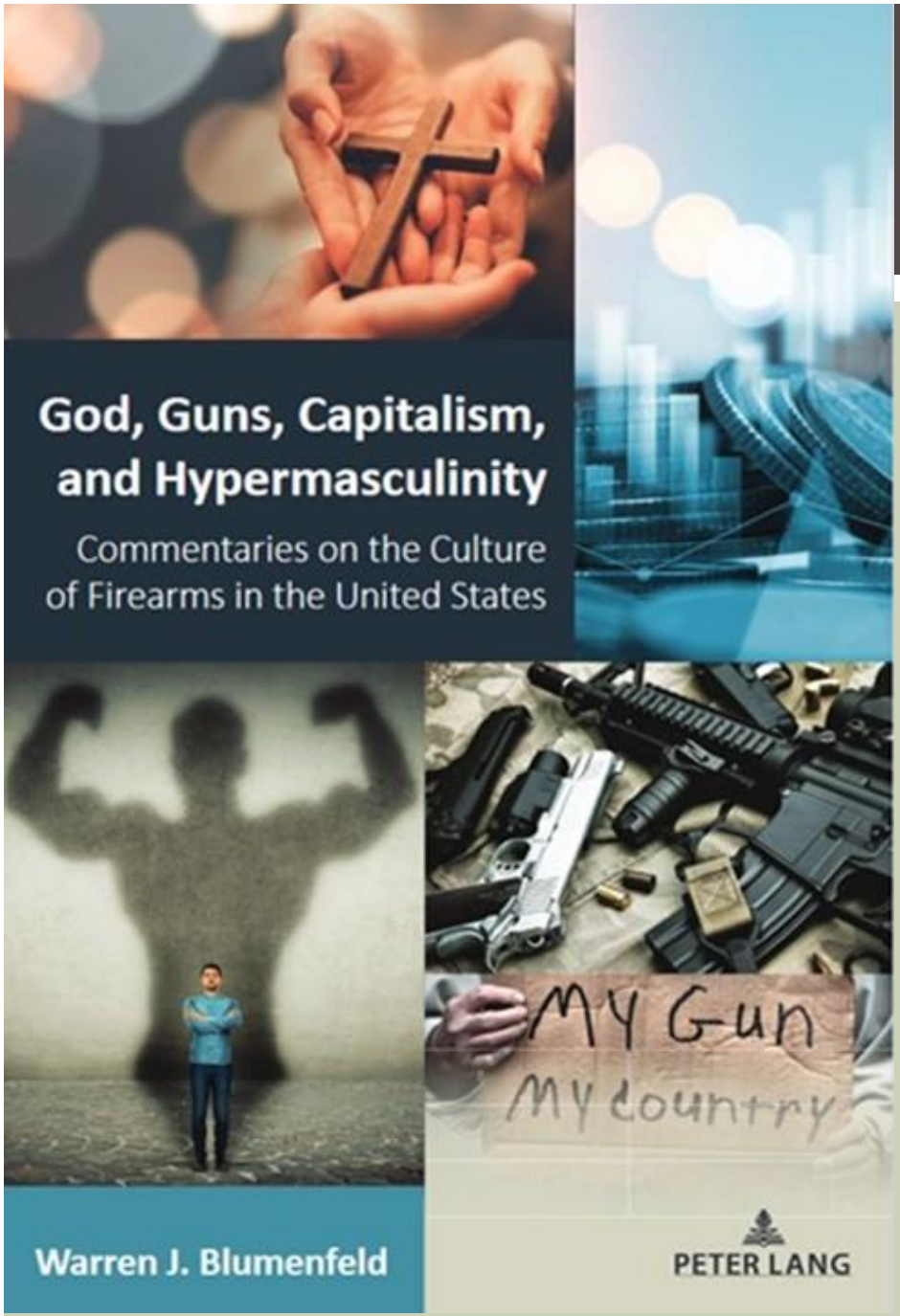
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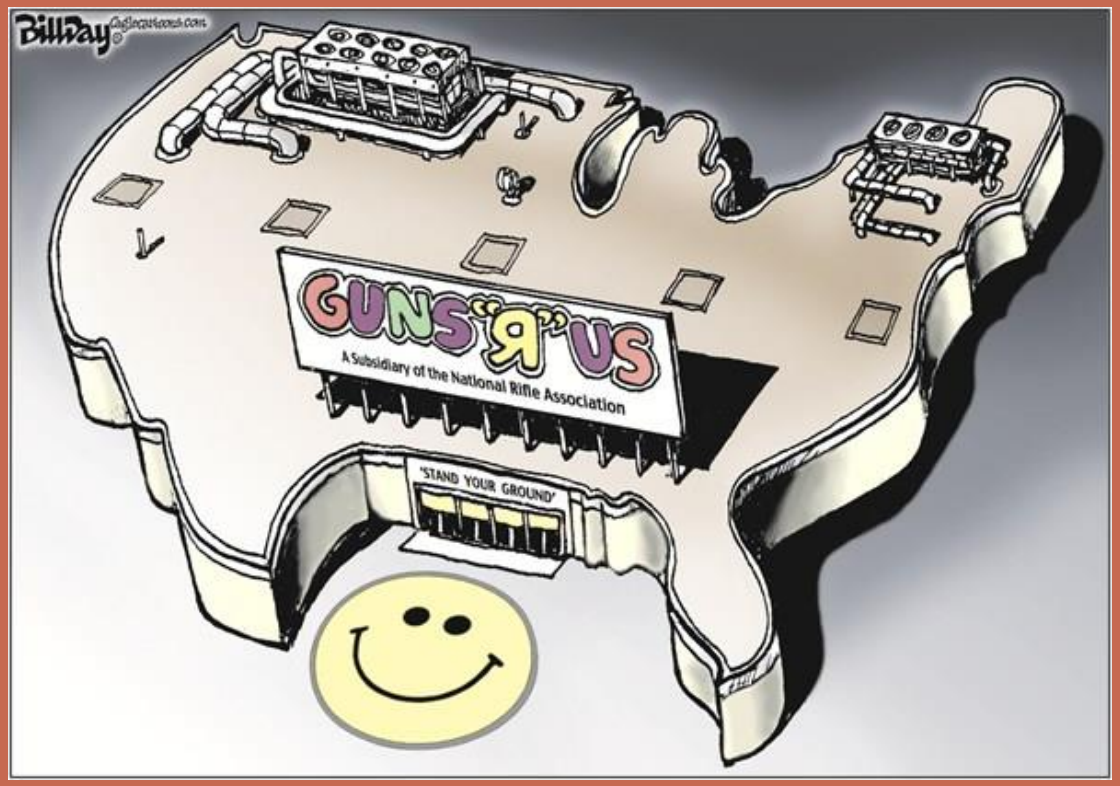
MY POSITIONS

- Firearms violence plagues our nation.
- I have deep concerns over this plague.
- I advocate for several governmental firearms safety regulations.
- I am always open to respectful discussion and debate on these important topics.

THE FLOW



1. A Culture of Firearms in the United States
2. Shooting by the Numbers
3. What Can We Do?



1. A CULTURE OF FIREARMS IN THE UNITED STATES

CHINA (GUN POWDER)

- 1232: Chinese invented gunpowder (black powder)
- Mixture: sulfur, charcoal, potassium nitrate



- Filled tubes with powder, lite a fuse as rocket aimed at enemy



MATCHLOCK GUNS

- 1400s: Matchlock guns – Portuguese - first mechanically firing guns
- Wicks attached to clamp that sprang into gunpowder
- 1607, Pilgrims brought these guns
- Spanish first brought to the North American continent



CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS

- Columbus: matchlocks & hand cannon
- Sailed from Haiti, ordered shot fired through shipwrecked hull of Santa Maria to scare Native Americans to the power of European firearms.
- He also had breech-loading wrought-iron cannon, and arquebuses -- an early type of portable firearm supported on a tripod or a forked rest.



WHEELLOCK GUNS

- 1509 wheellock guns - Europe
- Wicks replaced by friction wheel mechanisms
- Generated spark to ignite gunpowder



FLINTLOCK GUNS

- 1630 Flintlock guns
- Flint striking ignition mechanism.
- Common in Colonial America



LONG RIFLE

- Long Rifle ("Kentucky Rifle," "Pennsylvania Rifle")
- French and Indian War, Revolutionary War
- Spiral grooves giving iron balls spiraling motion improving stability and accuracy



REVOLVER

- End of 16th century – Germany & other European countries
- “wheel gun” (revolver) included revolving cylinder containing several chambers and at least one barrel for firing
- 1836: Colt revolver, first mass-produced, multi-shot, revolving firearms



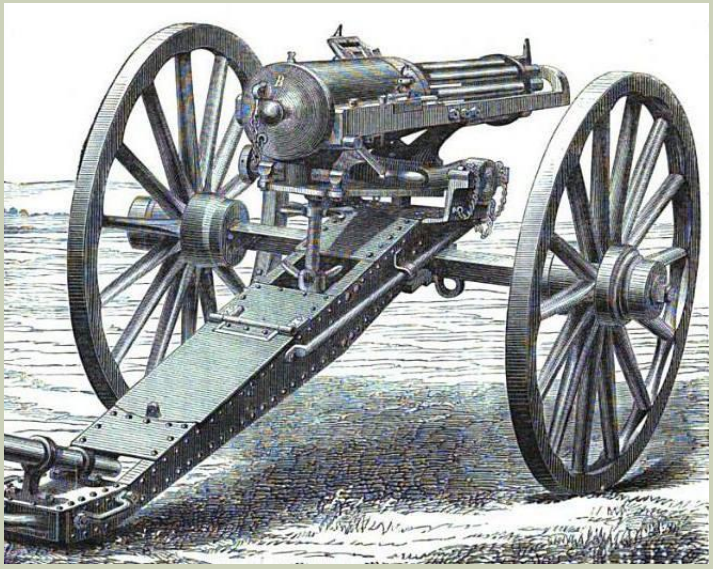
SHOTGUNS

- 1850: shotguns, also called “scatterguns”
- Usually fired from the shoulder, they use a single-fixed shell to fire numerous small spherical pellets called “shot” or a solid projectile called a “slug.”
- Today, these firearms range from single action to semi- and fully-automatic.



GATLING GUNS

- 1862: Gatling Gun, rapid-fire
- Forerunner of machine gun
- Richard Gatling
- Union forces, American Civil War



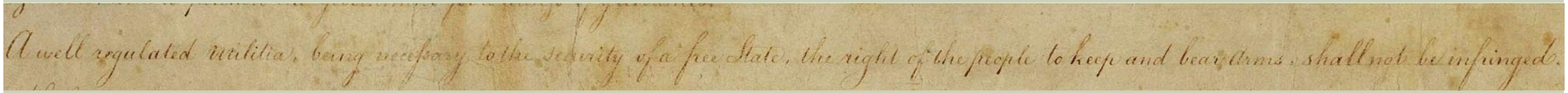
CARTRIDGE REVOLVER

- 1871: Cartridge revolver
- .44-caliber, rear loading, 1872 by Colt



SECOND AMENDMENT
U.S. CONSTITUTION

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.


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UNITED STATES V. MILLER
U.S. SUPREME COURT, 1939

- Congress could regulate sawed-off shotguns in interstate commerce under National Firearms Act of 1934
- This shotgun does not have “some reasonable relationship to the preservation or efficiency of a well regulated militia . . . ."



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA V. HELLER
U.S. SUPREME COURT, 2008

- Plaintiff challenged constitutionality of Washington D.C. handgun ban
- Existed 32 years
- 5-4 decision, Second Amendment established an **individual right for U.S. citizens** to possess firearms
- Struck down D.C. handgun ban
- *Miller* as an exception
- Law-abiding citizens cannot use sawed-off shotguns
- Convicted "criminals" & "mentally ill" could be restricted from owning firearms



OTHER COURT CASES

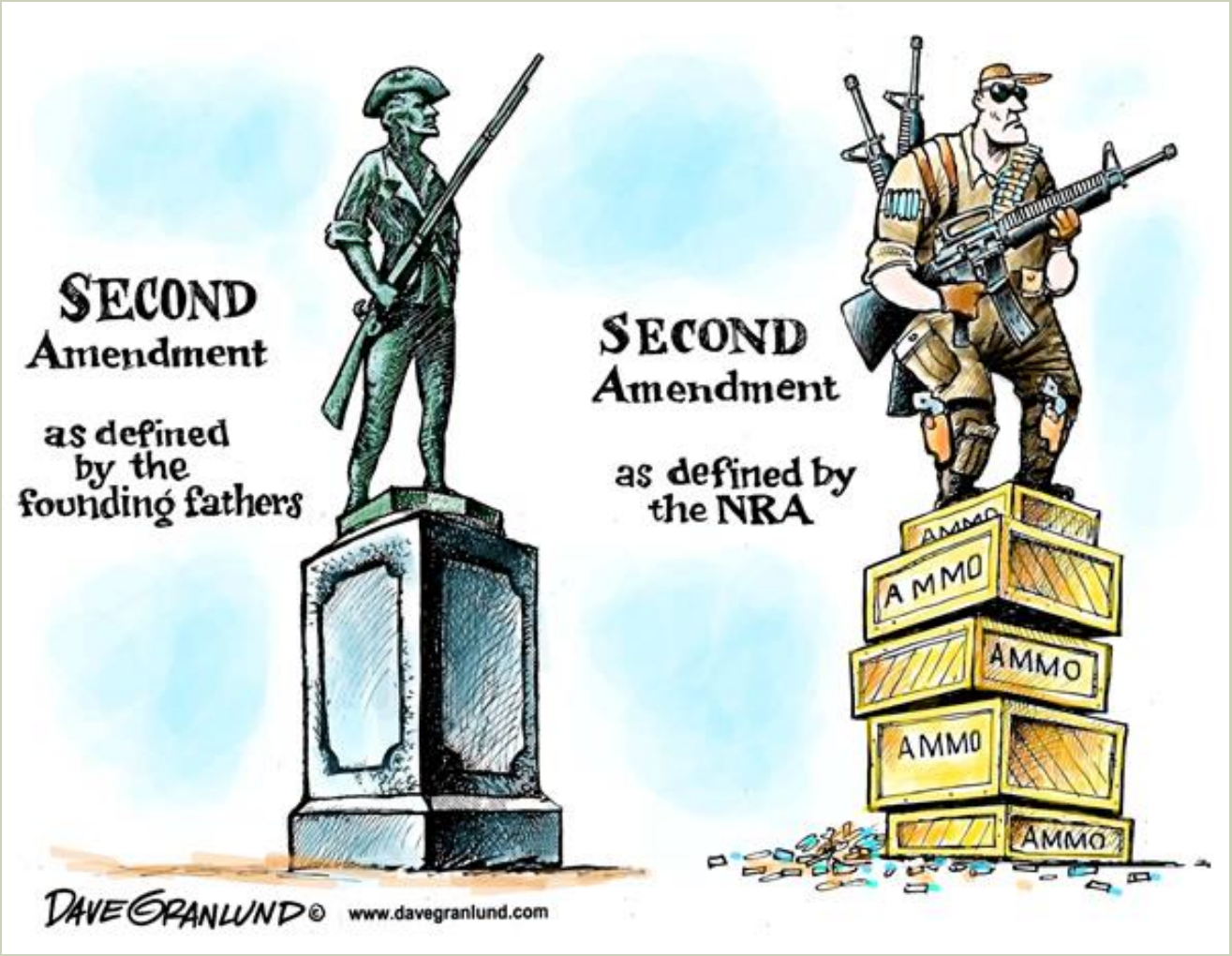
- 2009: *U.S. v. Dorosan*
  - Upheld banning firearms on government property



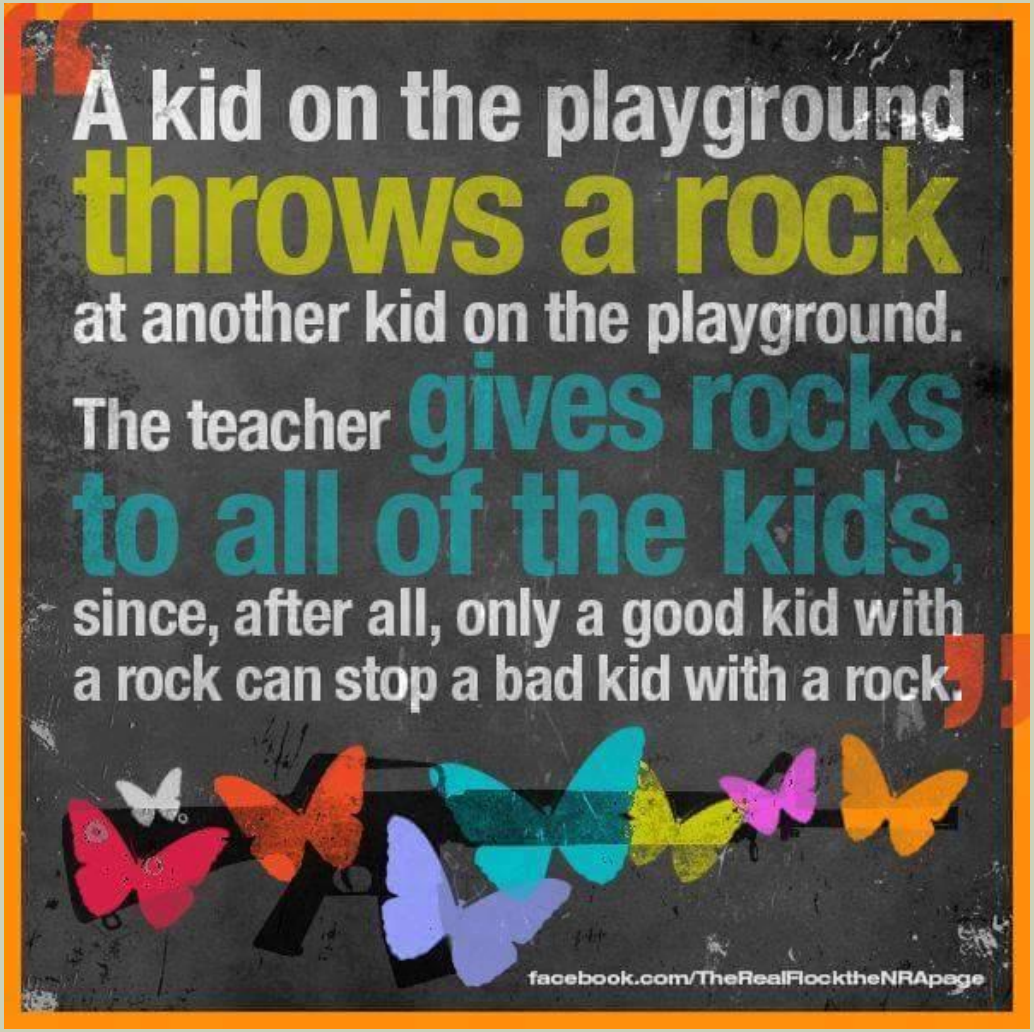
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  - Upheld banning firearms from "juveniles" in Juvenile Delinquency Act



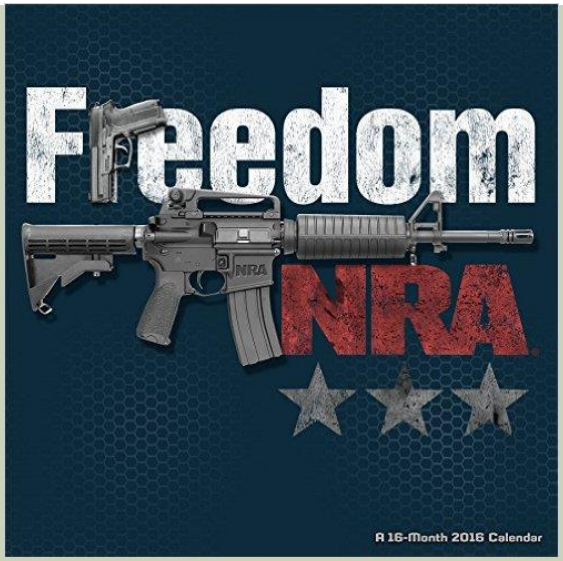
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NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION

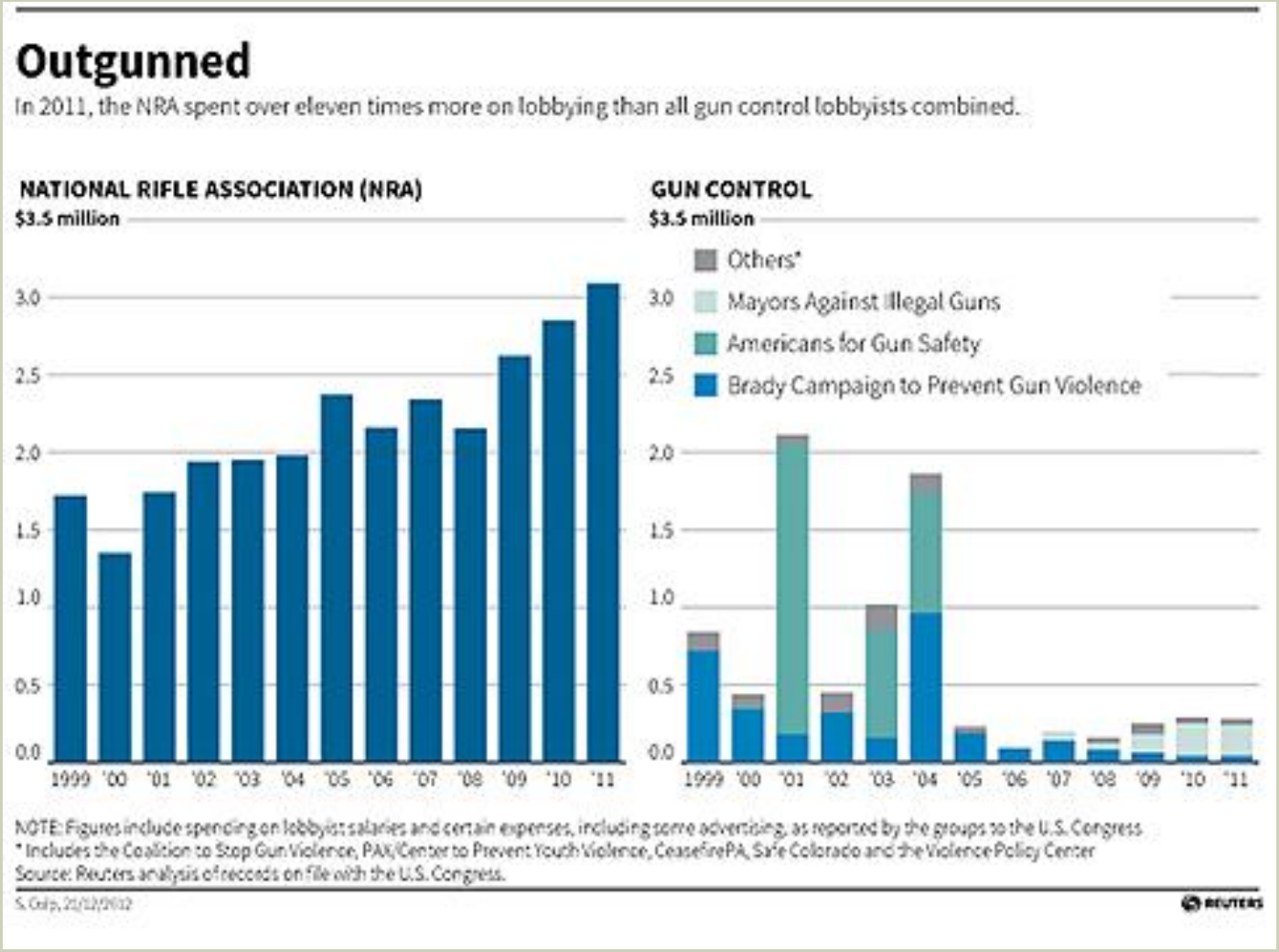




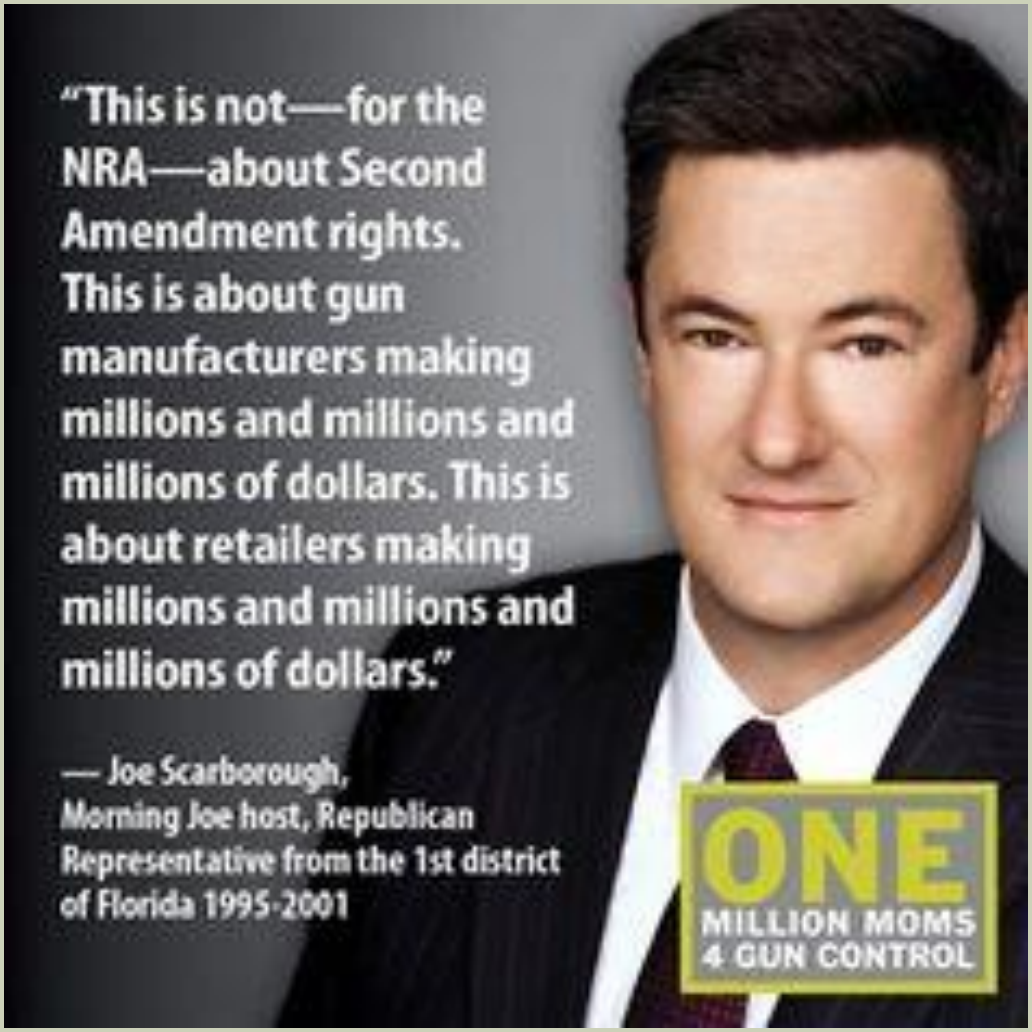
"Owning guns is a mainstream part of American culture and it's growing every day. My God, there's nothing more mainstream in this country than 100 million Americans who own firearms."

Wayne LaPierre, Executive VP, NRA, USA Today, Dec. 2012

NRA SPENDING V. GUN CONTROL SPENDING



JOE SCARBOROUGH



CHRISTIANS IN MICHIGAN



ANTI-MASK & SOCIAL DISTANCING ACTIVISTS



SPIKE'S TACTICAL SHOP
APOPKA, FLORIDA

Engraved on Side of Gun





- Special AR-15 assault rifle
- Spokesperson, Former Navy SEAL Ben "Mookie" Thomas,
- "designed to never be used by Muslim terrorists"

SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA GUN CLUB





Joy to the World?



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Peace and Goodwill?

HOLY SMOKE BULLET URNS

STOCKTON, ALABAMA

- $1250 for One Pound of Cremated Ash
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- 100 Rifle Cartridges, or
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- $100. extra for Decorative Wooden Coffin-Like Box for storage.







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STOCKTON, ALABAMA

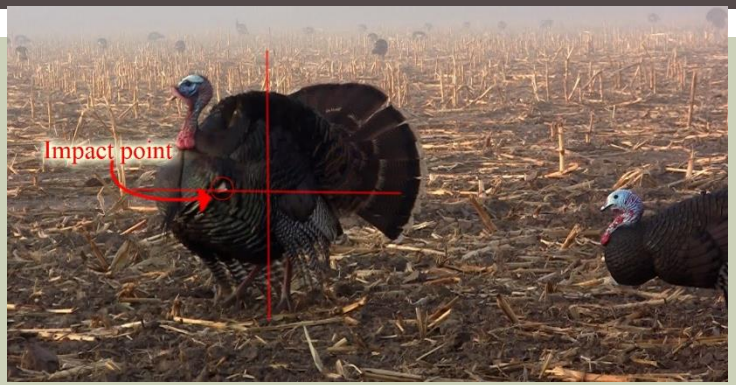


Thad Holmes & Clem Parnell, Owners



Tony Landenwish loading cremated remains into ammunition

CLEM PARNELL



"You know I've thought about this for some time and I want to be cremated. Then I want my ashes put into some turkey load shotgun shells and have someone that knows how to turkey hunt use the shotgun shells with my ashes to shoot a turkey. That way I will rest in peace knowing that the last thing that one turkey will see is me, screaming at him at about 900 feet per second."


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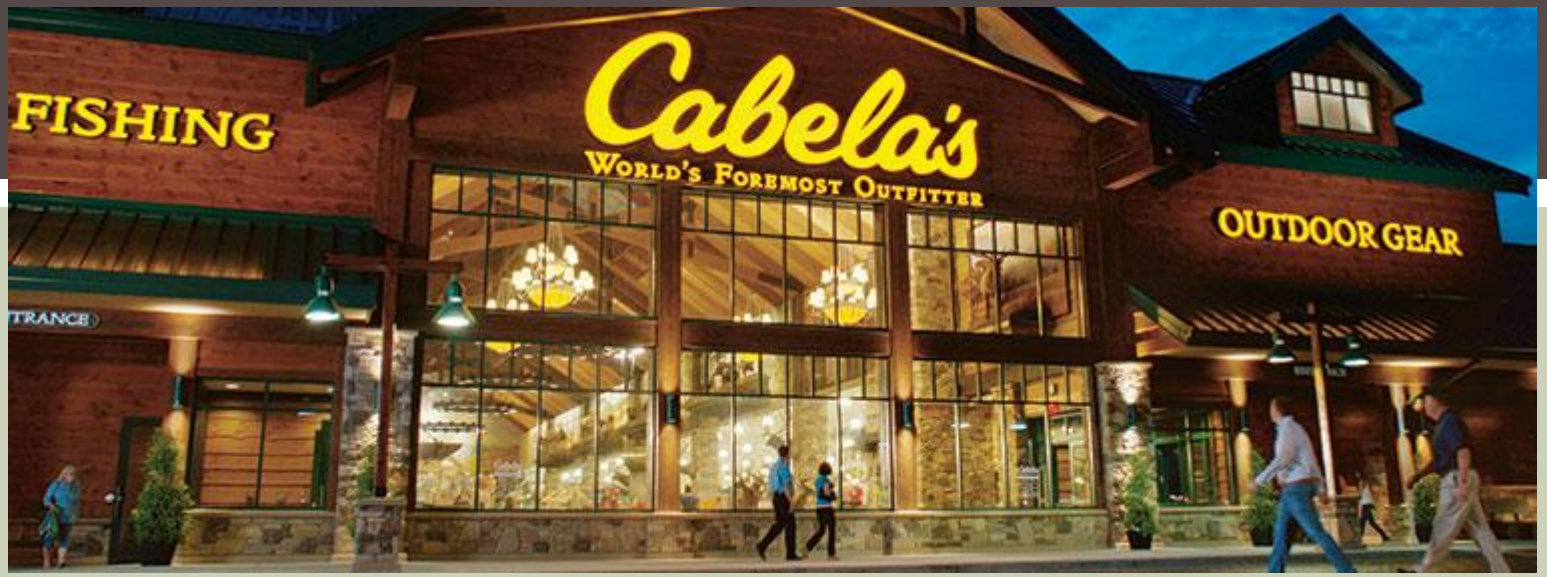
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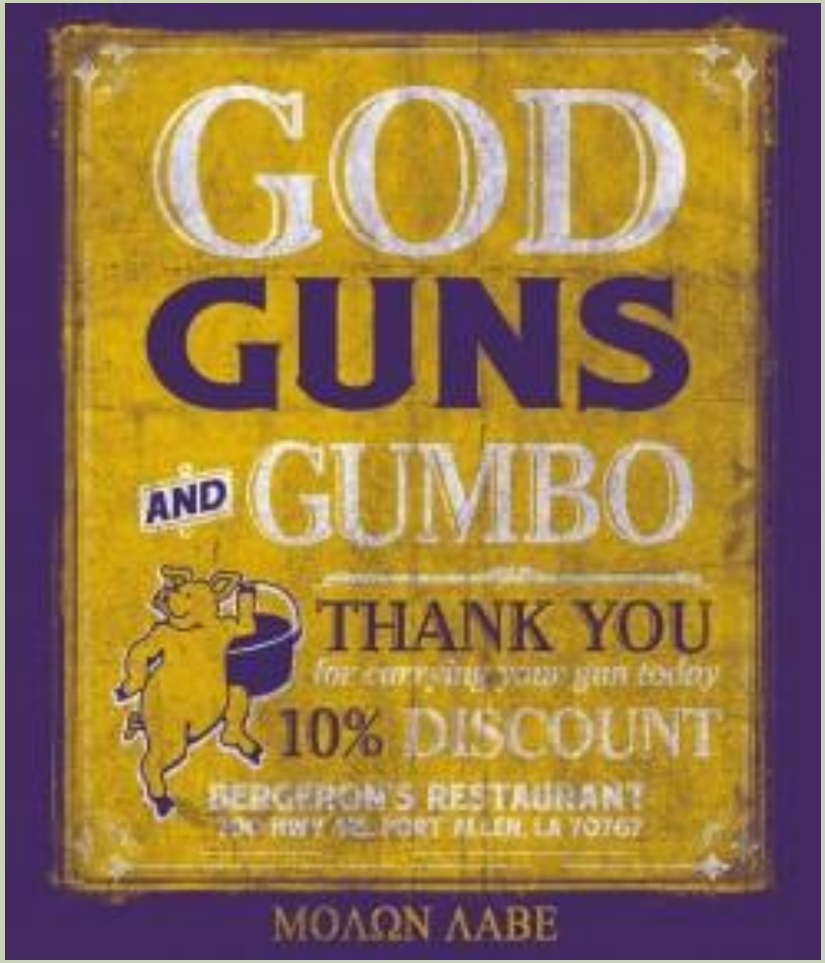


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LGBTQ Nightclub

Orlando, Florida

Latinx Night

June 12, 2016



Early Morning Hours

Shooter Murdered 49 People

Wounded another 53 People

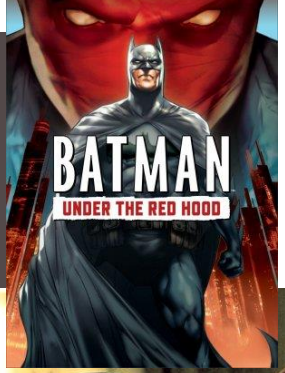
SECOND AMENDMENT SPORTS
MCHENRY, ILLINOIS

- Sold Raffle Tickets
- AR-15 military-grade assault rifle
- Similar to one used in Pulse shooting
- Backlash: Outrage, Insensitivity
- Cancelled raffle not because of backlash
- Stated raffle conducted by for-profit company might be illegal in state's judicial system



VIOLENT MOVIES



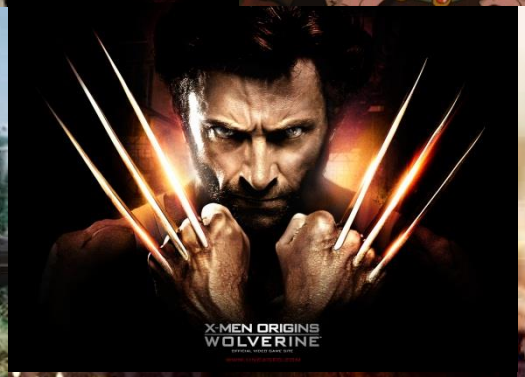


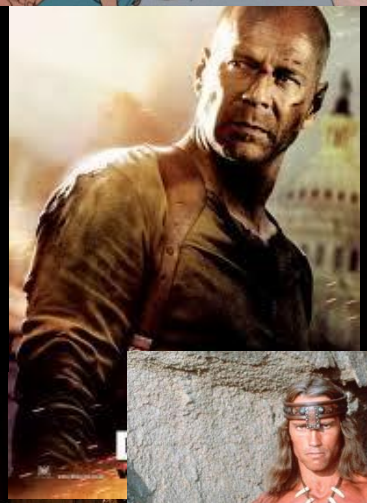


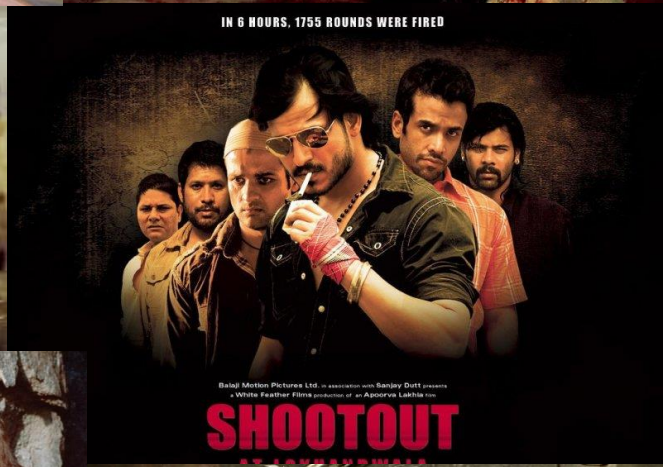


















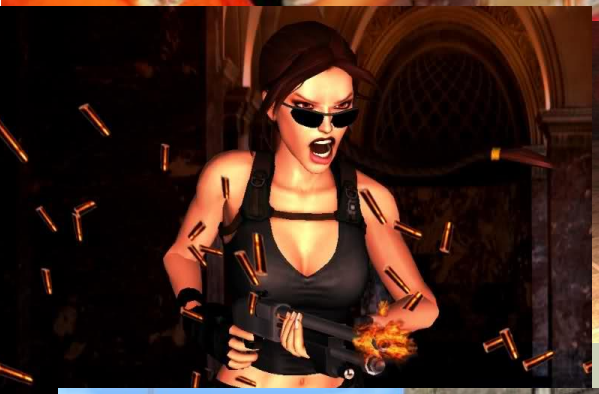


VIOLENT VIDEO GAMES









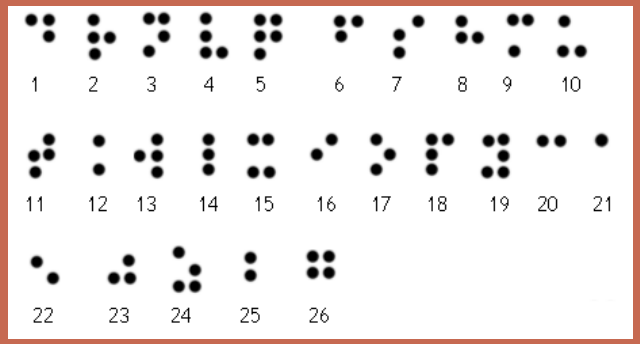












2. SHOOTING BY THE NUMBERS







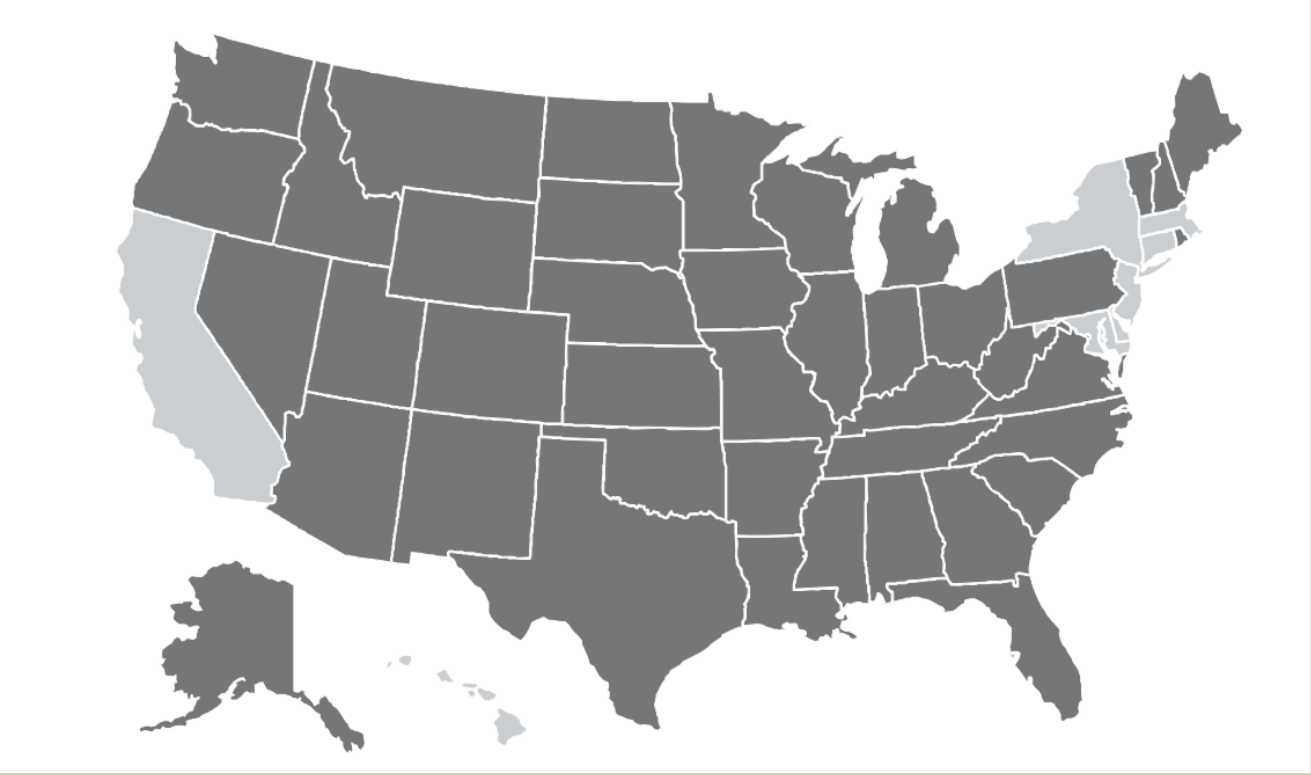
MATTHEW GILMAN
GUN OWNER, AUTHOR



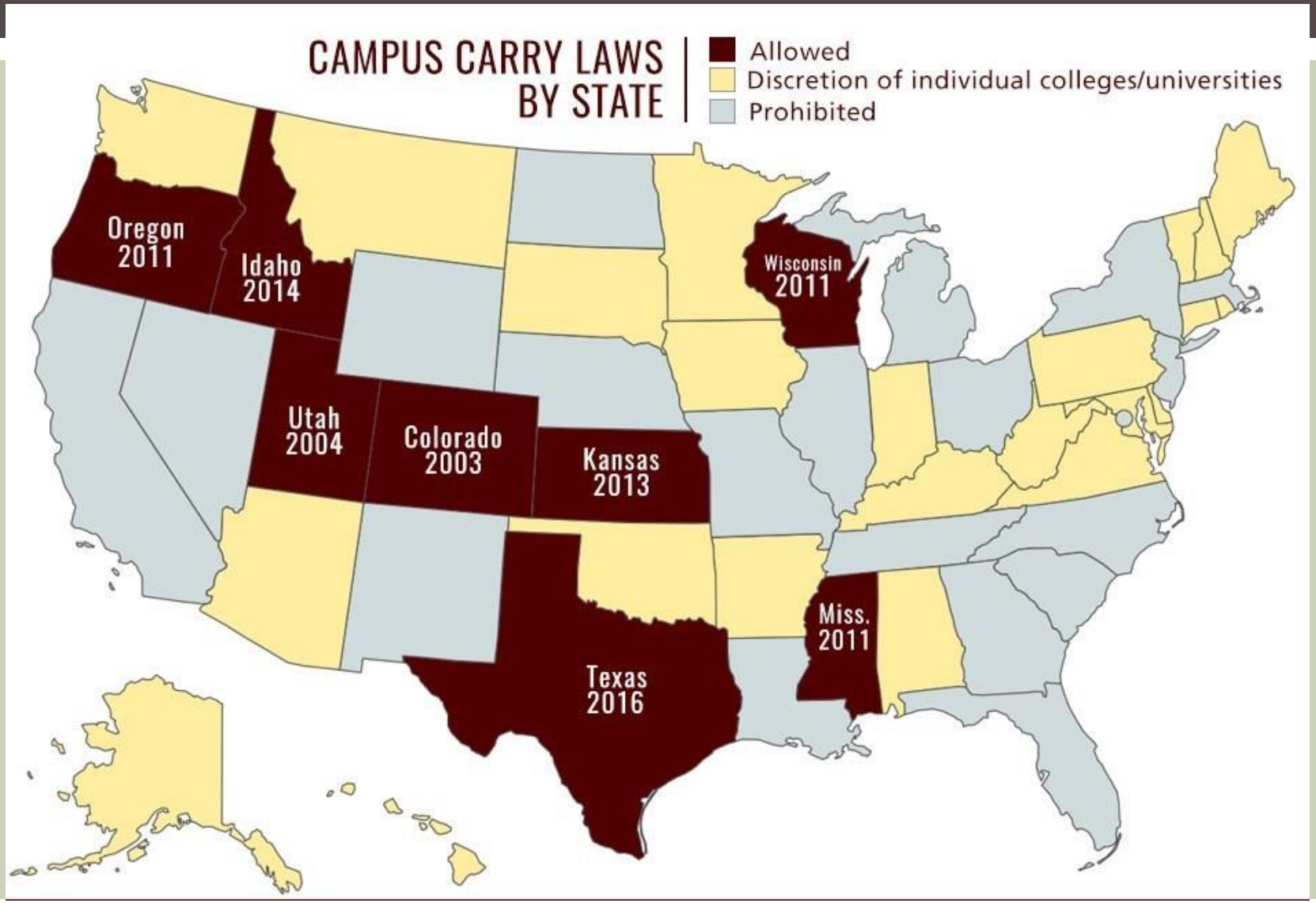
"Driving is more regulated than owning a gun….Currently, in my home state, I can walk into a store and purchase a firearm with a quick run of my driver's license number and walk out minutes later. There isn't a test, a required class on gun safety I have to take, or a background check to see if the person buying the gun is on medication making the purchase a bad idea for himself or others."

“OPEN CARRY” LAWS (IN CHARCOAL)

States that **allow** the practice of "openly carrying a firearm” in public in plain sight.



"LEGAL" CONCEALED CAMPUS CARRY



"LEGAL" CONCEALED CAMPUS CARRY

- 2013, 19 states introduced legislation to allow concealed carry on **campuses statewide**
- 2014, 14 states introduced similar legislation
- 2013, two bills passed,
  - **Kansas** allows concealed carry generally. Colleges & universities cannot prohibit unless a building has "adequate security measures."
  - **Arkansas** allows faculty to carry
- 2016: **Tennessee** allows faculty to carry
- 2016: **Texas** concealed carry generally

- 2022: 41 states allow concealed carry in the community.


God, Guns & Country!
That's what made America Great!
HOLY
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LIBERTY UNIVERSITY
LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA

- President, Jerry Falwell Jr.
- Founder, Jerry Falwell Sr., Southern Baptist Minister
- At mandatory convocation assembly
- Falwell Jr. urged all students to apply for concealed weapons permits



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"I've always thought that if more good people had concealed-carry permits, then we could end those Muslims before they walked in. I just wanted to take this opportunity to encourage all of you to get your permit. We offer a free course. Let's teach them a lesson if they ever show up here."

LIBERTY UNIVERSITY
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Liberty University first U.S. university with its own National Rifle Association-compliant "anti-terrorist" firing range facility



CASE BY CASE
CONCEALED CARRY CAMPUSES

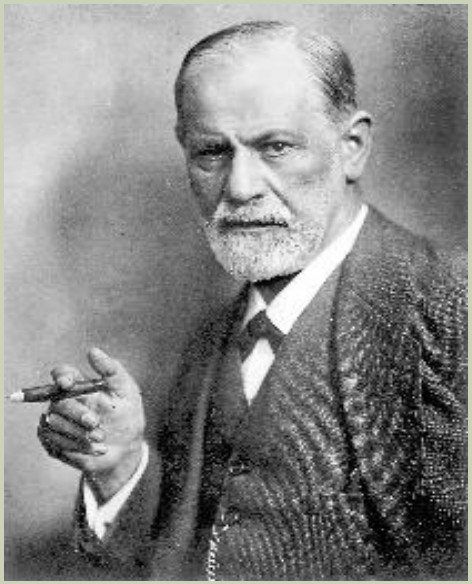
23 States, Decision Made by Each Campus Individually

- Alabama
- Alaska
- Arizona
- Arkansas
- Connecticut
- Delaware
- Hawaii
- Indiana
- Iowa
- Kentucky
- Maine
- Maryland
- Minnesota
- Montana
- New Hampshire
- Oklahoma
- Pennsylvania
- Rhode Island
- South Dakota
- Vermont
- Virginia
- Washington
- West Virginia

STATES CONCEALED CARRY CAMPUS ILLEGAL

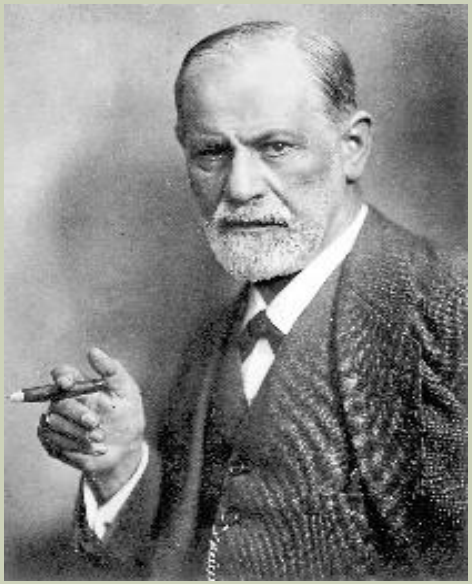
- California
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- New Jersey
- New York
- Rhode Island (partial)

SIGMUND FREUD



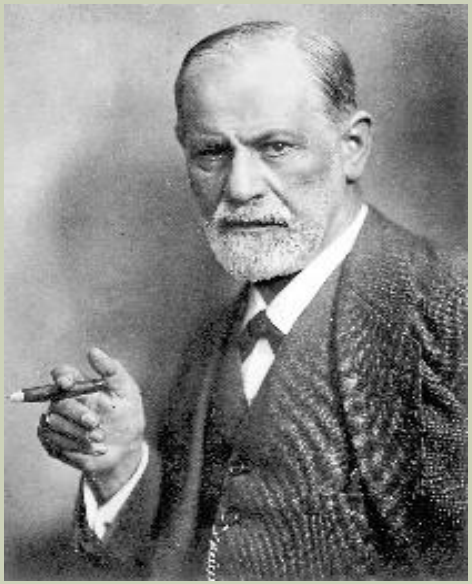
"Sometimes a cigar is just a cigar."

SIGMUND FREUD



Sometimes a gun is a penis.

SIGMUND FREUD

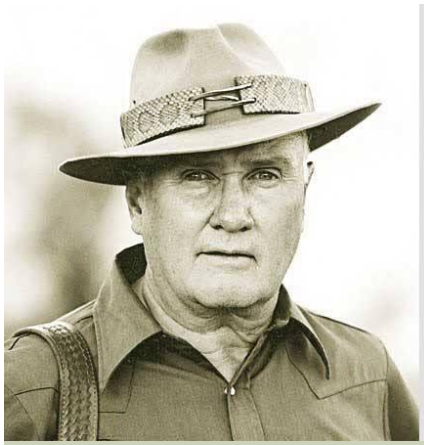


"All complicated machines and appliances are very probably the genitals -- as a rule the male genitals -- in the description of which the symbolism of dreams is as indefatigable as human wit. It is quite unmistakable that all weapons and tools are used as symbols for the male organ: e.g., ploughshare, hammer, gun, revolver, dagger, sword, etc."

“BIG DICK” TOY MACHINE GUN
MILTON BRADLEY CO., 1922



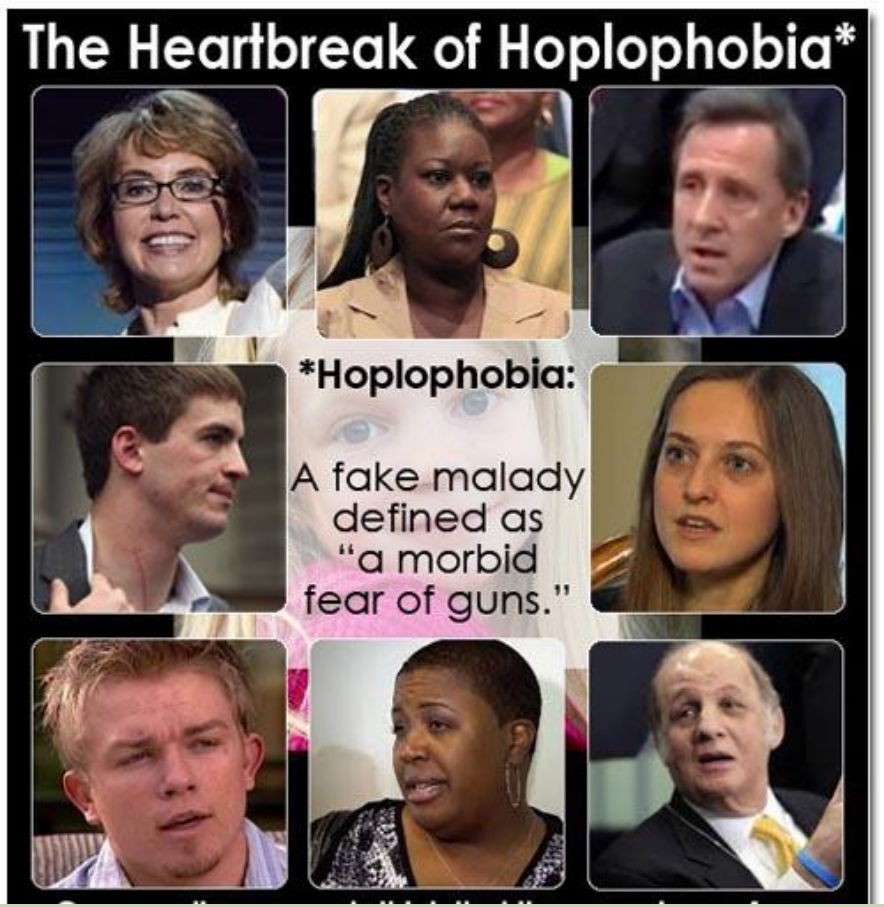

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"HOPLOPHOBIA"

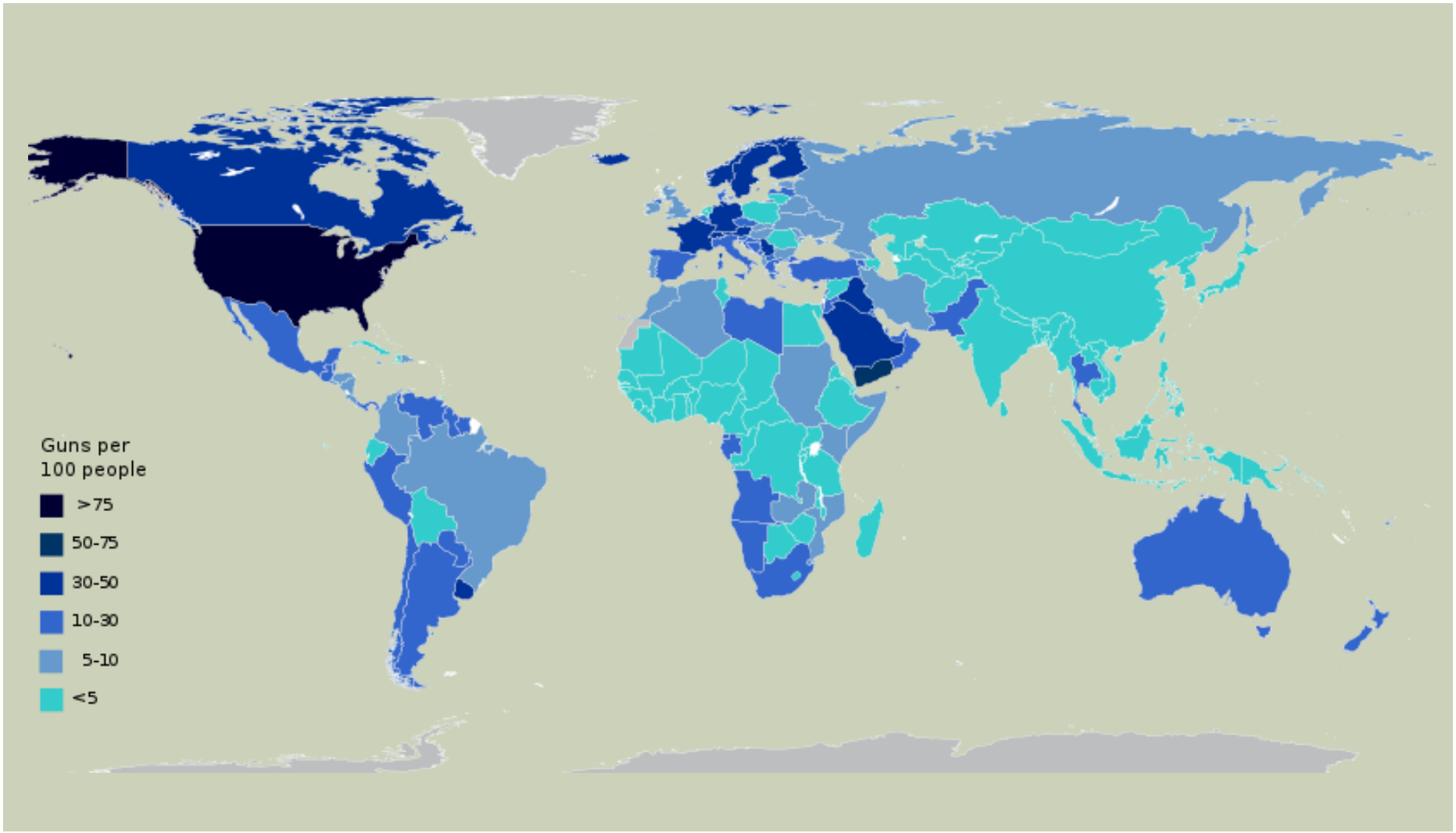
- American Marine, Jeff Cooper,
- 1962 coined term "hoplophobia"
- Greek ὅπλον – *hoplon* ("arms," "weapons")
- and φόβος – *phobos* ("fear")
- "Hoplophobia": a so-called irrational **aversion** to weapons, or the fear of firearms or armed citizens
- Not recognized by Psychological Organizations

“HOPLOPHOBIA”



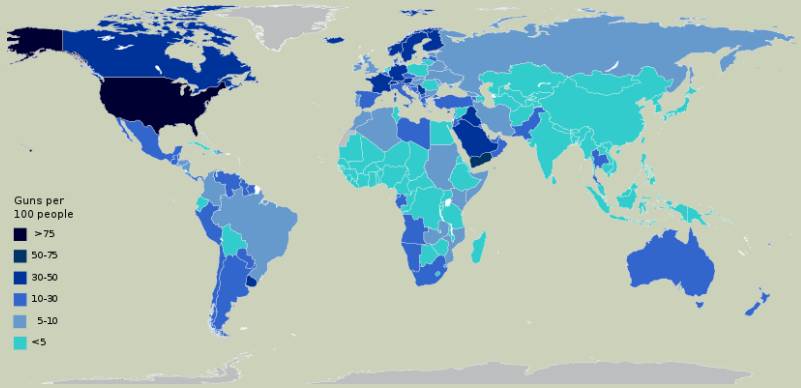
Survivors of Gun Violence

FIREARMS / 100 PEOPLE BY COUNTRY



FIREARMS / 100 PEOPLE BY COUNTRY

CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE



1. United States / 120.5
2. Falkland Islands / 62.1
3. Yemen / 52.8
4. New Caledonia / 42.5
5. Montenegro / 39.1

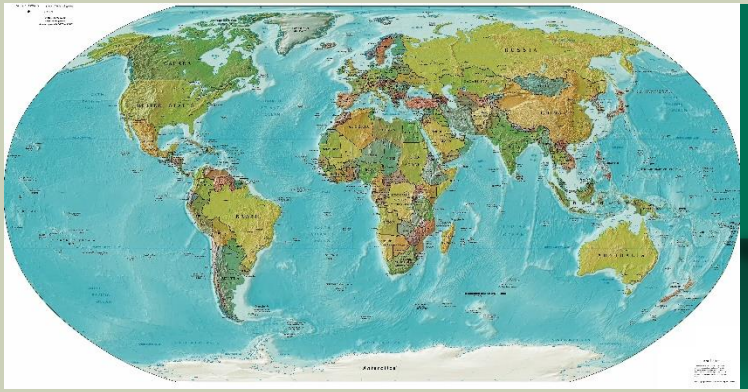
230. Taiwan / 0.0

OVERALL FIREARMS DEATHS / BY COUNTRY, 2019

- Brazil — 49,436
- United States — 37,038; 45,222 (2020)
- Venezuela — 28,515
- Mexico — 22,116
- India — 14,710
- Colombia — 13,169
- Philippines — 9,267
- Guatemala — 5,980

U.S. COMPARED TO 22 OTHER "HIGHER INCOME" COUNTRIES

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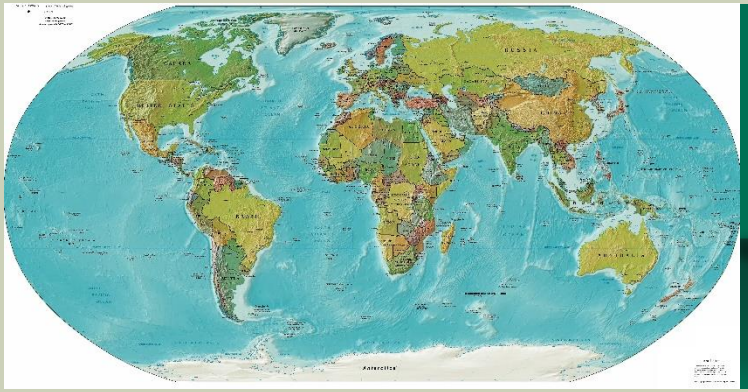
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- U.S. less than ½ population of all other 22 combined
- U.S. residents 10 times more likely to be killed by guns
- U.S. gun-related **murder** rate 25 times higher
- U.S. 82% of all the gun violence
- U.S. 90% of all women killed by guns
- U.S. 91% of all young people under 14 killed by guns
- U.S. 92% of all young people 15 -24 killed by guns

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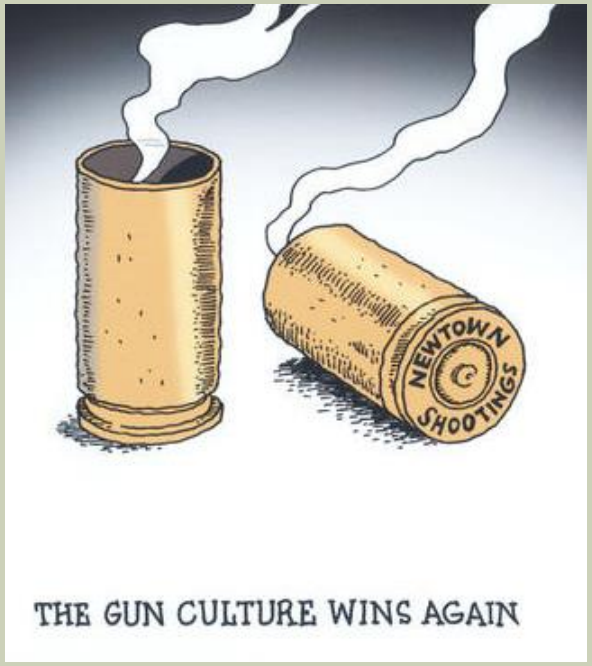
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"Overall, our results show that the U.S., which has the most firearms per capita in the world, suffers disproportionately from firearms compared with other high-income countries. These results are consistent with the hypothesis that ***our firearms are killing us rather than protecting us***."

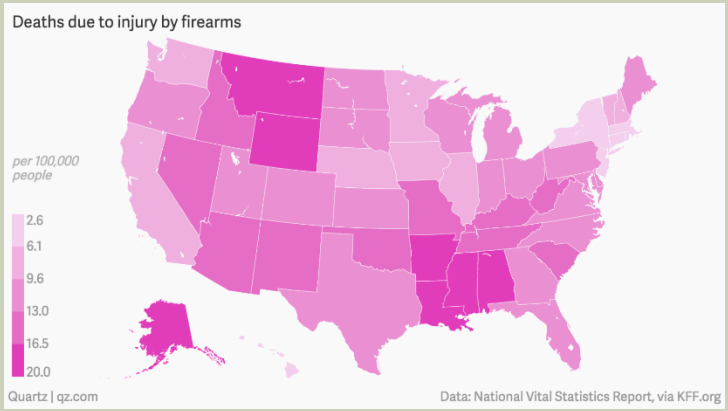
UNITED STATES
CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

Last few years:

- Average: 33,000 gun deaths per year
  - 11,000 gun-related homicides
  - 22,000 suicides and undetermined



UNITED STATES BY STATE
HIGHEST GUN-RELATED DEATHS / 100,000 RESIDENTS



10. Tennessee / 15.4
9. New Mexico / 15.4
8. Oklahoma / 16.5
7. Wyoming / 16.5
6. Arkansas / 16.7
5. Montana / 16.8
4. Alabama / 17.5
3. Mississippi / 17.7
2. Louisiana / 19.1
1. Alaska / 19.6

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Tom Cotton
Arkansas Senate Race

6. Arkansas / 16.7

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RATIO: GUN DEATHS / GUN OWNERSHIP

States with the Five *Highest* Gun Death Rates				States with the Five *Lowest* Gun Death Rates			
Rank	**State**	**Household Gun Ownership**	**Gun Death Rate per 100,000**	**Rank**	**State**	**Household Gun Ownership**	**Gun Death Rate per 100,000**
1	Alaska	60.6 percent	20.28	50	Hawaii	9.7 percent	3.31
2	Louisiana	45.6 percent	19.06	49	Massachusetts	12.8 percent	4.12
3	Montana	61.4 percent	16.58	48	Rhode Island	13.3 percent	4.66
4	Alabama	57.2 percent	16.36	47	New Jersey	11.3 percent	5.19
5	Wyoming	62.8 percent	16.32	46	New York	18.1 percent	5.22

NRA LOBBYING CONGRESS

SUNLIGHT FOUNDATION, 2013



- **93%** of Senators Who Rejected Gun Control
- NRA paid, 2013 following Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting, December 14, 2012,
- 20 students (6-7 years old), 6 adult staff murdered
- Top NRA recipients
  - Roy Blunt (R-Missouri) $60,550
  - Saxby Chambliss (R-Georgia) $56,950.
  - John Thune (R-South Dakota) over $40,000
  - Lindsey Graham (R-South Carolina) over $40,000
  - Jim Inhofe (R-Oklahoma) over $40,000

NRA LOBBYING CONGRESS

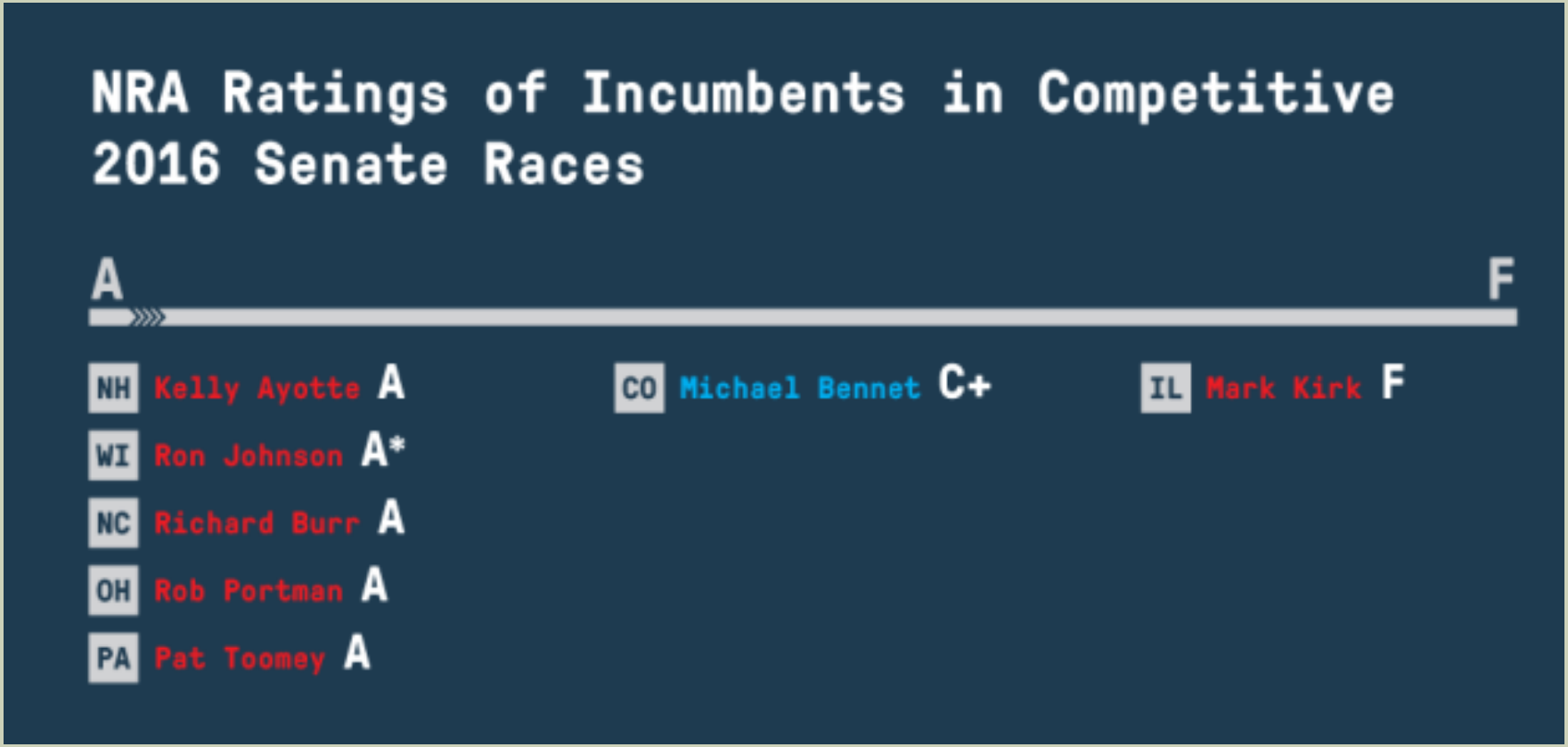
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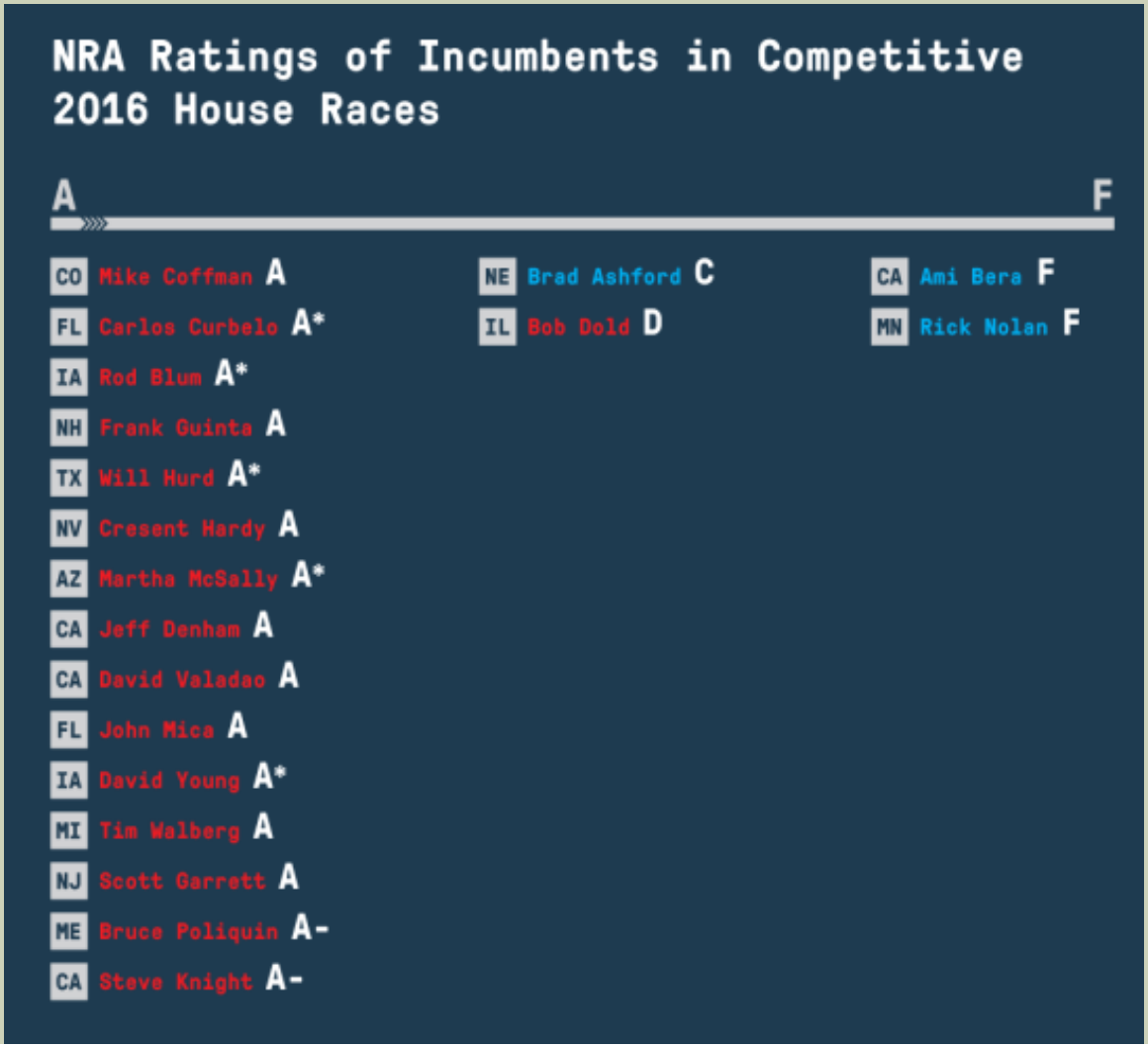
- 2012 (national election year), NRA paid total $1,022,237
- 260 national candidates
  - 233 Republicans and 27 Democrats

- 2014, NRA paid total $812,460
- 222 national candidates
  - 211 Republicans and 11 Democrats

NRA POLITICAL VICTORY FUND RATINGS
2016 U.S. SENATE, INCUMBENTS



NRA POLITICAL VICTORY FUND RATINGS
2016 U.S. HOUSE, INCUMBENTS



SENATORS BOUGHT BY THE NRA

- Mitt Romney (R-UT): $13,648,000
- Richard Burr (R-NC): $6,987,000
- Roy Blunt (R-MO): $4,556,000
- Thom Tillis (R-NC): $4,421,000
- Marco Rubio (R-FL): $3,303,000
- Joni Ernst (R-IA): $3,125,000
- Josh Hawley (R-MO): $1,392,000
- Mitch McConnell (R-KY): $1,267,000
- Ted Cruz (R-TX): $176,000

AUSTRALIA

Before and up to 1996, Australia had relatively high rates of murder, but a tragic incident at Port Arthur, Tasmania, April 28, 1996, was the proverbial straw that broke the poor camel's back. On that date, a man opened fire on a group of tourists killing 35 and wounding another 23. The massacre was the worst mass murder in Australia's history.



AUSTRALIA



Taking decisive action, newly-elected *conservative* Prime Minister, John Howard, negotiated a bipartisan deal between the national, state, and local governments in enacting comprehensive gun safety measures, which included a massive buyback of more than 600,000 semi-automatic rifles and shotguns, and laws prohibiting private firearms sales, mandatory registration by owners of all weapons, and the requirement that all potential buyers of guns at the time of purchase give a “genuine reason” other than general or overarching self-defense without documentation of necessity.

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- By 1996, polls showed overwhelming public support of approximately 90% for the new measures. And though firearms-related injuries and death have not totally come to an end, homicides by firearms fell by 59% between 1995 and 2006 with *no* corresponding increase in non-firearm-related homicides, and a 65% reduction in gun-related suicides.
- Other studies found significant drops in robberies involving firearms, and contrary to fears by some, no increase in the overall number of home invasions.

NEW ZEALAND

Just six day after the terrible hate-inspired gun murders of 50 Muslims praying at two Mosques in Christchurch New Zealand on March 15, 2019, Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern announced sweeping new firearms regulations, which included banning semi-automatic rifles and large-capacity ammunition magazines, and a mandatory government buyback of previously sold weapons.





UNITED STATES

The U.S. Congress enacted a brief federal ban on assault weapons, The Public Safety and Recreational Firearms Use Protection Act, in September 1994. The ban, which also included barring high-capacity magazines, expired in September 2004 as required in its 10-year sunset provision. The measure has not since been reauthorized by Congress.



UNITED STATES

As a provision inserted as a rider into the 1996 federal government omnibus spending bill, the Dickey Amendment, named after Arkansas Republican Representative Jay Dickey and lobbied heavily by the National Rifle Association, passed the Congress into law. It mandated that “none of the funds made available for injury prevention and control at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) may be used to advocate or promote gun control.”





3. WHAT CAN WE DO?

WYOMING
GUN OWNERS

Wyoming's ONLY No-Compromise Gun Lobby

FIREARMS SAFETY POLL, 2022
MORNING CONSULT/*POLITICO*

- A combined 59% think it's important for elected leaders to "pass stricter gun control laws," including 83% of Democrats, 52% of Independents and 37% of Republicans.
- That includes 41% who believe it's "very important" and 18% who think it's "somewhat important," while 13% said it's "not too important" and 19% believe it's "not important at all."
- A majority want Congress to pass legislation that places "additional restrictions on gun ownership," with 34% saying it should be a "top priority" for lawmakers and 22% believing it's an "important" priority, but not a top one.

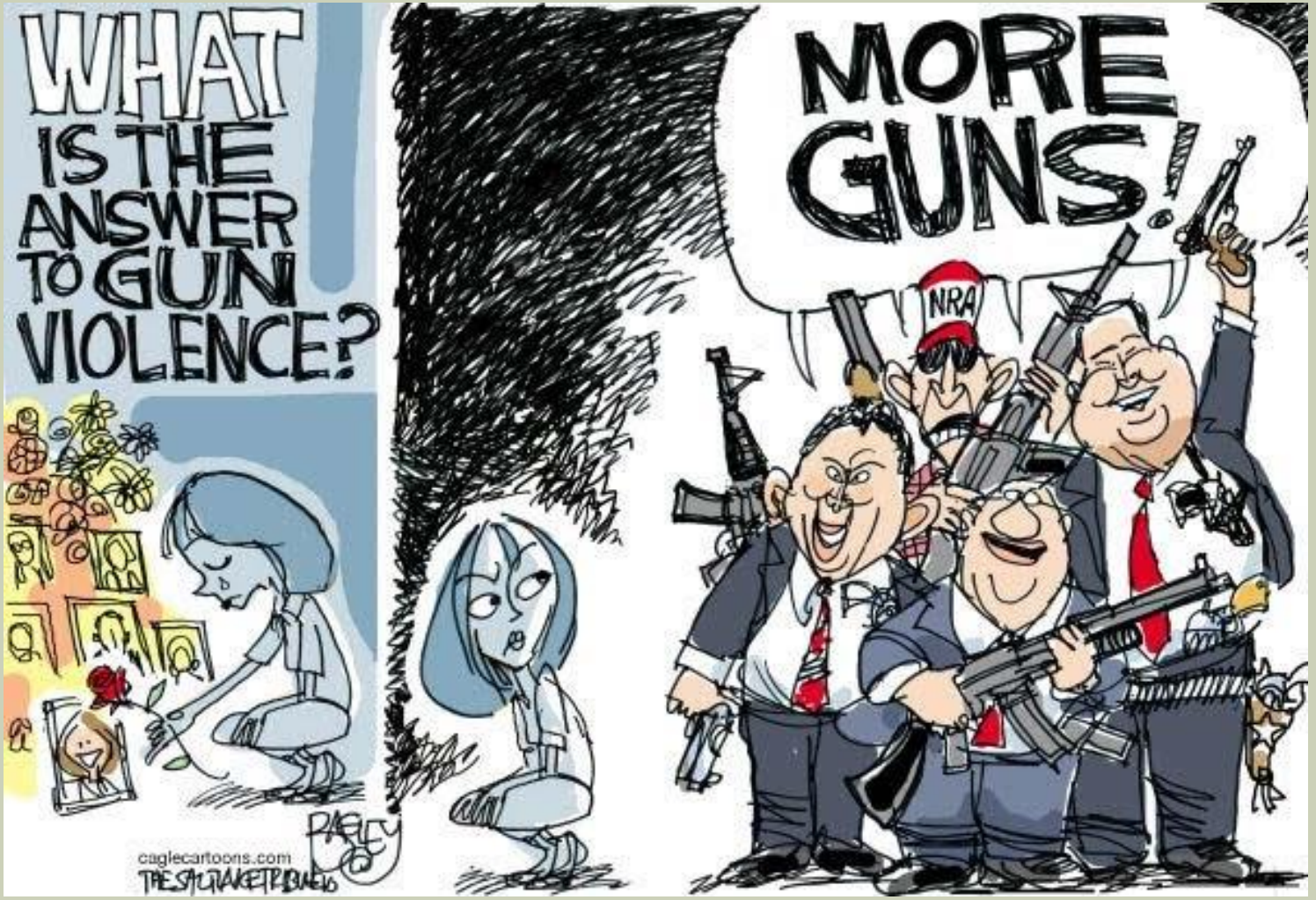
WHAT CAN WE DO?
SACRIFICE PEOPLE TO THE GUN GOD



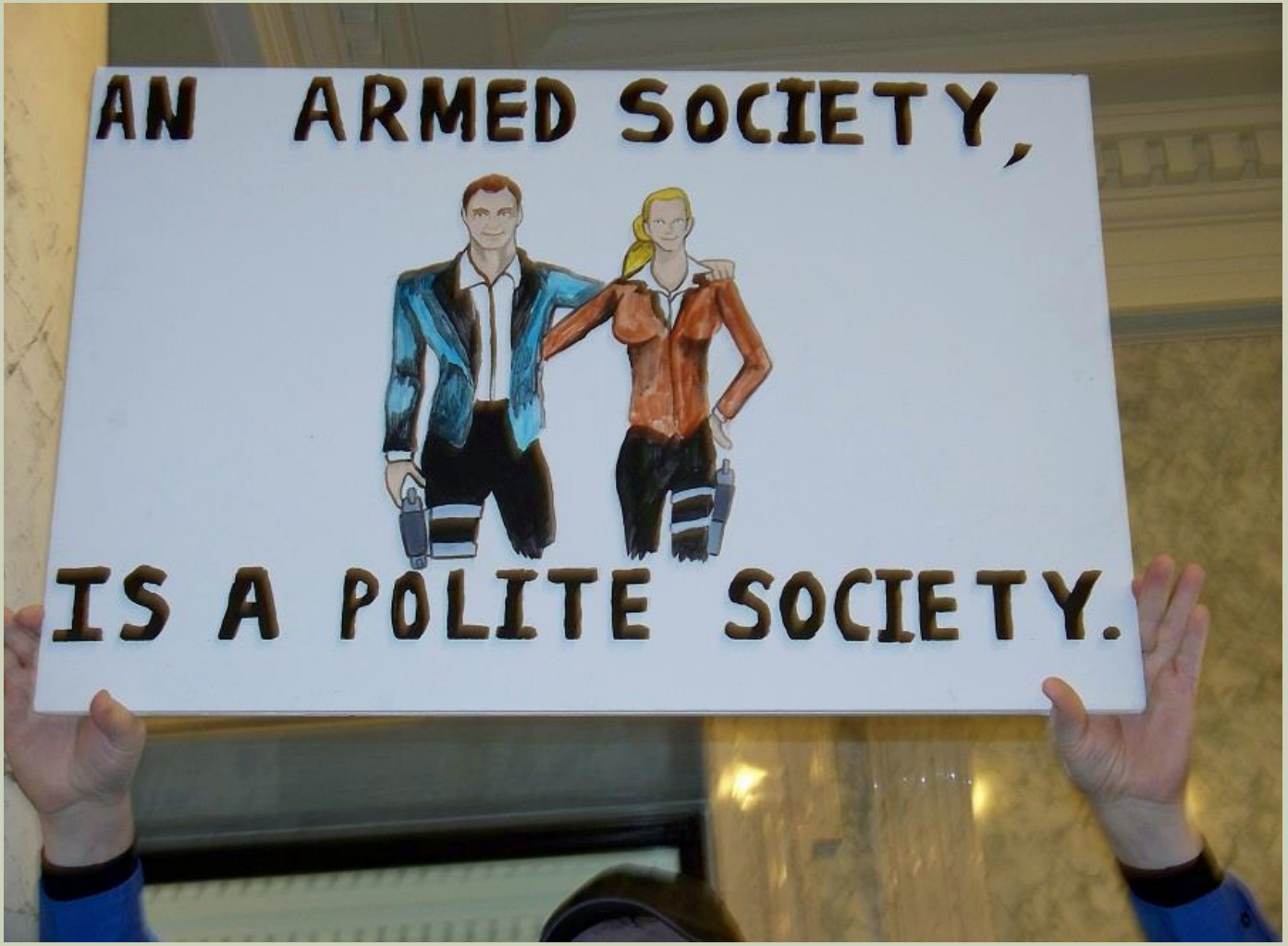
WHAT CAN WE DO?
SUPPORT NO-COMPROMISE / NO (FURTHER) REGULATIONS



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OWN MORE AND MORE AND MORE…GUNS



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NATIONAL CIVILITY SURVEY
KRC RESEARCH & WEBER SANDWICK, 2018

- Erosion of civility in modern life:
  - In human relationships
  - Government
  - Business
  - Media
  - On-line
- 93% - Incivility a Problem
- 71% - Worse than a few years ago
- 75% - incivility is leading to political gridlock
- 60% - incivility has led them to stop paying attention to political debates or conversations
- 59% - incivility is deterring people from entering public service





WHAT CAN WE DO?
REFORM AND FURTHER REGULATE USE AND OWNERSHIP OF FIREARMS



James Brady
President Ronald Reagan's Press Secretary
Shot with Reagan, March 30, 1981



Gabby Giffords
U.S. Representative, Arizona
Shot, January 8, 2011

WHAT CAN WE DO?
REFORM AND FURTHER REGULATE USE AND OWNERSHIP OF FIREARMS



- Civil rights leader, Representative John Lewis of Georgia
- Led other Democratic Party activists
- Sit-in on floor of U.S. House of Representatives
- Protest House refusing to pass comprehensive gun safety
- Vast majority of people in U.S. support, June 22, 2016

WHAT CAN WE DO?
REFORM AND FURTHER REGULATE USE AND OWNERSHIP OF FIREARMS

- Ban and criminalize possession of semi-automatic & “assault” weapons.
- Close loopholes like buying weapons at gun shows and online.
- Ban firearms purchase from people on federal “no-fly” list.
- Continue banning purchase of firearms & ammunition on Internet.
- Initiate universal background checks.
- Increase waiting period & make background checks more rigorous & effective.
- Interface all data bases monitoring firearm ownership to assess the firearm-owning population more accurately and effectively.

WHAT CAN WE DO?
REFORM AND FURTHER REGULATE USE AND OWNERSHIP OF FIREARMS

- Initiate background checks each time individuals purchase ammunition.
- Limit number of firearms any individual can own.
- Limit number of bullets any firearm magazine can hold.
- Ban & criminalize purchase & possession of armor piercing bullets and hollow-tip bullets.
- Ban “Bump Stocks” rapid-fire enhancement device.
- Ban firearms “silencers.”

WHAT CAN WE DO?
REFORM AND FURTHER REGULATE USE AND OWNERSHIP OF FIREARMS

- Hold gun shop owners liable when selling firearms & ammunition to anyone who is not legally eligible: minors, felons, people with history of mental illness.
- All firearms must contain a safety device to prevent discharge of weapon by unauthorized users.
- All firearms owners must have a firearms locked box.
- Outlaw permitting concealed weapons, especially in places like houses of worship, colleges, bars, restaurants, and political rallies.

WHAT CAN WE DO?
REFORM AND FURTHER REGULATE USE AND OWNERSHIP OF FIREARMS

- Raise the age to 21 (preferably 25) for firearms purchase.
- Ban “ghost guns.”
- Fully repeal “Dickey Amendment” passed by Congress in 1996 mandating that “none of the funds made available for injury prevention and control by the Center for Disease and Prevention may be used to advocate of promote gun control.”
- Increase funding for research investigating the causes and solutions for firearms violence.

WHAT CAN WE DO?
REFORM AND FURTHER REGULATE USE AND OWNERSHIP OF FIREARMS

- Initiate a White House conference and an office of gun violence prevention.
- Investigate and initiate effective anti-bullying policies in schools and workplaces.
- Increase funding for mental health services and drug treatment nationwide.
- Increase the number of school counselors in every school.
- Access all incidents and continually update training procedures of law enforcement agencies on the national and local levels to better ensure equitable and bias-free policing in the communities in which they are meant to serve.

WHAT CAN WE DO?
REFORM AND FURTHER REGULATE USE AND OWNERSHIP OF FIREARMS

- Require all firearms owners to take and pass a course in the proper use, safety, and storage of their weapons.
- Require firearms to contain a safety device designed to prevent the discharge of the weapon by accident or by unauthorized users.
- Institute ongoing gun buyback programs in towns and cities across the nation.
- Pass “Red Flag Laws” allowing judges to issue an extreme risk protection order, which temporarily bans a person from owning a firearm if family or others near to the person can show they are a danger to themselves or others.

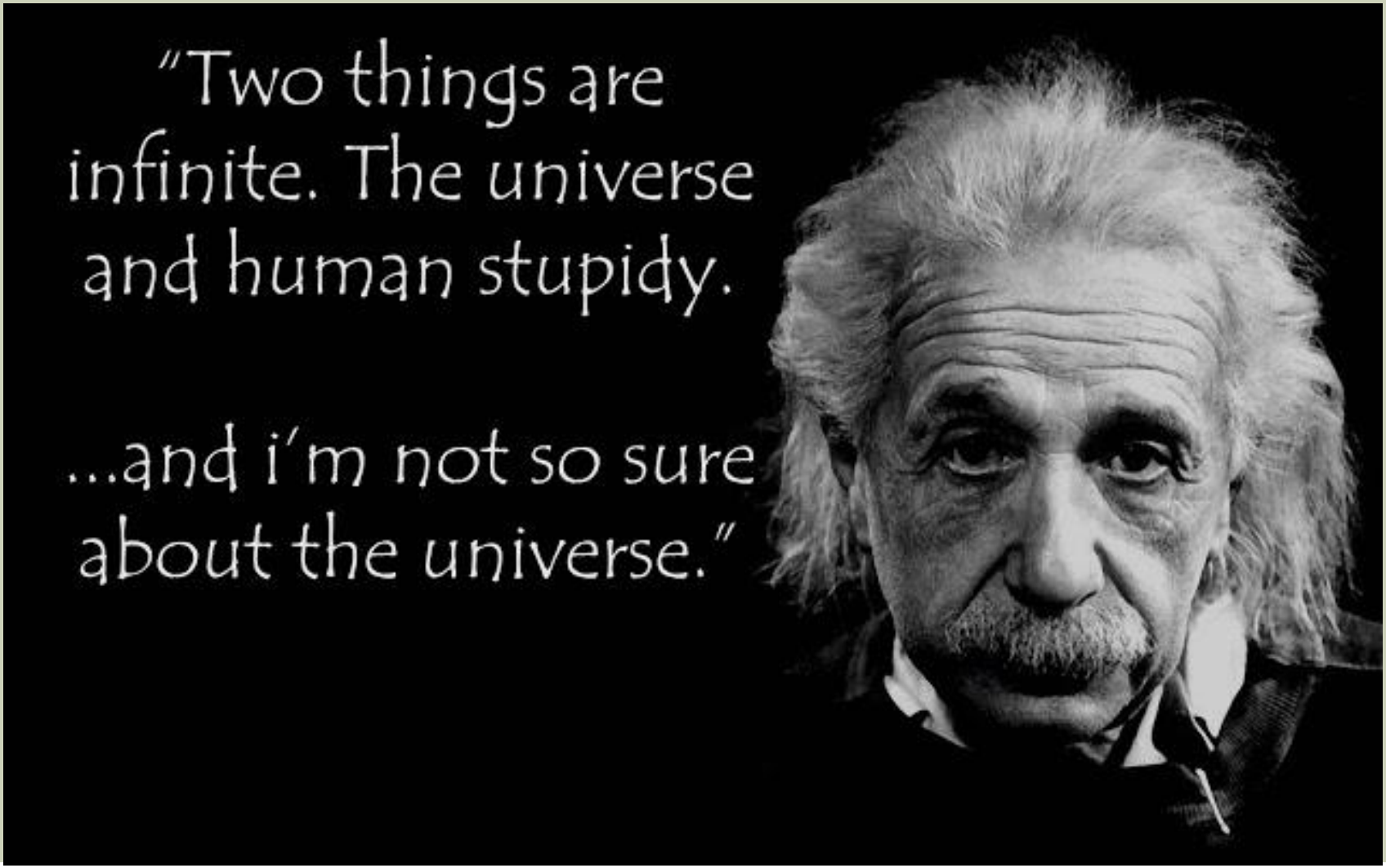
WHAT CAN WE DO?
REFORM AND FURTHER REGULATE USE AND OWNERSHIP OF FIREARMS

- Institute implicit bias trainings in schools, workplaces, and to reduce the incidents of the disproportionate violence toward people of color.
- Provide free of affordable anger management trainings for people who need these programs.
- Run for office and vote for candidates committed to passing gun safety regulations.
- Support measures to reduce the rates of poverty and hunger, and reform the tax system eliminating loopholes for the rich to avoid paying their fair share.

WHAT CAN WE DO?
SPEAKING THE UNSPEAKABLE!!!

- REPEAL the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution!




"Two things are infinite. The universe and human stupidy.
...and i'm not so sure about the universe."

[Not] The End