

The Absurd Ploy to Disarm the Only Defense Against Armed Attackers

The apparent rise in frequency of mass-shootings does NOT indicate a need for more gun laws, but rather a heightened presence of conceal carry (CC) citizens for the following reasons:

Unless the gun laws already on the books are actually enforced, it is ludicrous to expect that adding laws will reverse rising crime rates. Instances of such neglect instead proves that defending citizens from violent crime has, for such administrations, yet to be a priority at all.

Jesus' disciples carried a weapon (Matt. 26:52, Mark 14:47, Luke 22:50, John 18:10-11) indicating that He upheld the concept of self-protections in non-religious (secular) contexts.¹

Since it is obvious that law breakers by definition don't respect gun laws, it is utterly futile to seek to minimize mass-shootings by fixating on the access of firearms for law-keepers. Insofar as the latter are restricted from either reasonable access to a firearm, or the freedom to use it for self-defense without fear of lawsuit, whenever unarmed people are assaulted by a law-breaker with a gun, they will be helpless to stop his determination to do whatever he wishes.

Even under the best of conditions, police officers cannot arrive in time to stop a murderer from carrying out his crime. Indeed, there is little reason to call police *unless* a crime is already underway. For this reason, competent armed people need to be present at the scene in order to stop the murderer the moment the carnage starts. There is simply no other possible way to protect innocent bystanders during the precious minutes before the police can arrive.

Gun control proponents who have financial means to purchase security with armed bodyguards, are imposing a *double standard* by exempting themselves from the very strictures they force onto vulnerable citizens the vast majority of whom can't afford the same protection.

Since it is obvious that guns are inanimate objects, they have NO capacity to wantonly kill people. The cause of murderous rampages is instead *persons* who pull triggers, thrust a knife, or wield a hammer or rock (notice the broad range of potentially fatal objects) by determining in their *hearts* to murder others (James 4:1f). In the event that purchasing private firearms becomes increasingly restricted to the point of being illegal, criminals will not be deterred from obtaining them, and even if they are hindered, they will find other ways to kill (Gen. 4:8). The heart of our human problem really is the problem of morally *corrupt* human hearts.

This reality highlights an often-neglected aspect of what is needed in order to encourage moral uprightness and discourage lawlessness; which is wholesale Christian revival. Public safety requires more than a sufficiently armed population. It demands a godly people.² The kind of morality which issues in *healthy* societies is grounded on the worldview that the God of the Holy Bible is the author of right and wrong, and additionally that all people will ultimately stand before His judgment seat at the end of time (Acts 17:31). Doubtless, some readers will scorn this assertion. Nevertheless, it is self-evidently true that unless this view is broadly embraced by our culture, public expressions of morality will continue declining toward chaos.

Research indicates both that gun homicides have been "10% higher" in states which do not support CC laws, and that CC permit holders are far less likely to commit crimes.³

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¹ "Difficult Bible Passages: Matthew 5:39." www.billmuehlenberg.com/2011/04/20/dificult-bible-passages-matthew-539

² John Adams stated, "*Our constitution was made for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.*" <https://founders.archives.gov/documents/Adams/99-02-02-3102>

³ <http://www.gunfacts.info/gun-control-myths/concealed-carry/>

