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More People Use a Gun in Self-Defense Each Year Than Die in Car Accidents

How is it that so many kids raised on "Harry Potter", "The Hunger Games", "Star Wars", and all the Marvel action figure movies manage to miss a critical point of the stories? The lesson being: If you want to prevail over evil villains, you must have the proper tools to fight back.

Millions of people protect themselves and their families with guns every day in the United States. They choose guns as a means of self-defense for the same reason the Secret Service uses them to protect the president: guns stop bad

people from doing bad things to good people.

It's absurd to speak about the right of self-defense in theory but then deny people the tools they need to exercise that right. Without a gun, most Americans are defenseless at the hands of a violent criminal. How many of us have training in hand-to-hand fighting, the physical strength, and the mental resilience to react in a fight-or-flight situation to repel an aggressive predator, especially someone who attacks us first and is armed with a deadly weapon?

Does a gun guarantee your safety? No, but it gives you the ability to defend yourself against an armed, physical-

ly superior, or mentally unstable attacker (or all three).

Why in the world would anyone *not* want to have the means to protect themselves and their families against criminal predators and lunatics? Worse yet, why would anyone actively lobby their government to deprive themselves and every other law-abiding citizen of the most effective means to protect themselves?

Guns Are Life-Saving Tools

The gun grabbers are convinced that if we shut down the National Rifle Association and take away guns from law-abiding gun owners, then bad people will no longer have the tools to do bad things. A gun is a tool, plain and simple. You should own a gun for the same reason you install smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, purchase fire extinguishers, and buckle your seat belt. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Smart people are prepared. Foolish people bring a knife—or nothing at all—to a gunfight.

The gun grabbers say: "There is no evidence that guns save lives." The truth: If there is no proof that guns save lives, then why does every American law enforcement agency, including the U.S. Secret Service, carry guns? What's the

point of the guns?

There is an old saying in the world of investing: "Do what the smart money does." This means that when you personally invest, it makes sense to buy and sell the same investments as the "smart money" people—large banks, institutional investors, hedge funds, and investment gurus like Warren Buffett. The idea is that these industry leaders have a better understanding of the marketplace and better access to information than ordinary investors do. And that is usually true.

What do the "smart money" people do when it comes to protecting lives?

Virtually all professionals carry guns—and lots of them. Federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies charged with protecting the streets you walk on all carry guns. The Secret Service protects the president with guns. The federal Department of Homeland Security, with its \$44 billion annual budget, issues its own agents handguns and fully automatic rifles (rifles far more powerful than the AR-15s many gun grabbers don't want you to have to protect yourself).

So, the smart money in the business of protecting lives chooses guns. That's right. They choose guns! But if you don't want to follow the smart money on guns, then let's turn to the statistical scoreboard. Does civilian gun use help in

self-defense against criminals?

The U.S. Department of Justice investigated firearm violence from 1993 through 2011. The report found, "In 2007–2011, about 1 percent of nonfatal violent crime victims used a firearm in self-defense." Anti-gun zealots attempt to use this statistic to discredit the use of a gun as a viable means of self-defense, and by extension, to discredit gun ownership in general.

But look deeper into the numbers. During that five-year period, the Department of Justice confirmed a total of 338,700 defensive gun uses in both violent attacks and property crimes where a victim was involved. That equals an average of 67,740 defensive gun uses every year. In other words, according to the Justice Department's own statistics, 67,740 people a year don't become victims because they own a gun. (I suspect that if more states allowed concealed

carry to be widespread, the number of instances of defensive gun uses would be even higher.)

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Is it significant that at least 67,740 individuals use a gun in self-defense each year? Well, in 2016, 37,461 people died in motor vehicle accidents in the United States; in 2015, the number was 35,092 people. Mark Rosekind, administrator of the National Highway Transportation and Safety Administration (NHTSA), called those road fatalities "an immediate crisis." If the NHTSA administrator considers it a crisis that approximately 37,000 peo-

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ple are dying annually from car accidents, then *saving* nearly twice that many people each year through the use of firearms is simply stunning.

In reality, the Department of Justice findings about defensive gun uses are very conservative. A 2013 study ordered by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and conducted by the Institute of Medicine and the National Research Council found that:

Defensive use of guns by crime victims is a common occurrence... Almost all national survey estimates indicate that defensive gun uses by victims are at least as common as offensive uses by criminals, with estimates of annual uses ranging from about 500,000 to more than 3 million...in the context of about 300,000 violent crimes involving firearms in 2008... On the other hand, some scholars point to a radically lower estimate of only 108,000 annual defensive uses based on the National Crime Victimization Survey..."

The most comprehensive study ever conducted about defensive gun use in the United States was a 1995 survey published by criminologist Gary Kleck in the Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology. This study reported between 2.1 and 2.5 million defensive gun uses every year.

Ultimately, the number of defensive gun uses doesn't matter much to the anti-gun zealots. Whether the number is 67,000 or 2.5 million or anywhere in between, they'll do whatever they can to dismiss defensive gun uses as insignificant. They want to focus only on the dead people lying in the street rather than those folks who use a firearm to remain standing.

I suspect those people still alive would have a different view.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

PARADE CONSEQUENCES

K.L. Jamison

The mass shooting at the Super Bowl parade in Kansas City has had consequences. None of them good. The facts have gradually come out; two juveniles arrested, two 18-year-olds arrested, a mix of 9mm and .40 cartridges cases, videos of two groups of hostile young people. Witness reports state that one group objected to an individual staring at them. This led to an argument which led to gunfire. The two 18-year-olds stupidly gave statements to police without talking to a lawyer first. Their first impulse was to lie. When told that there was video surveillance, they gave a different story. Giving different stories is always an indication of guilt. Oddly, they gave stories which might include a glimmer of a self-defense case. Presently they are both charged with murder. The one who shot back accidentally killed an innocent woman. This is felony murder for all involved even if they did not pull the trigger. The juveniles may be charged as adults.

The usual suspects dance in the blood claiming that the shooting proves the need for stupid gun laws which would have done nothing to prevent this event. Gun restrictions gain traction when there is a notorious shooting. The proposal to abolish our preemption law, making gun law uniform across the state, will get some wind in its sails. Other restrictions may get hearings this year. The usual suspects tell the Chiefs that they must come out in favor of restrictions.

Our bills have been pulled from the floor. They will not get a vote. There is a possibility that they could be attached to another, similar, bill and still pass. This will require a great deal of pressure from our side. Write, call, and visit your legislator. Attend Rally Day on 17 April, 2024 in the Rotunda of the Capital Building. I spoke to Mark McCloskey about speaking. He is the lawyer who confronted demonstrators in front of his home with an AR 15. He will be there. Will you?

I thank-you for the honor of being your president.

"The rights of persons, and the rights of property, are the objects, for the protection of which Government was instituted. These rights cannot well be separated."

—James Madison





LIBERTY NOTES

By Kevin L. Jamison

It is a Good Day for Liberty.

Rally Day will be 17 April, 2024 from 10 AM until High Noon. This is the 20th anniversary of our Concealed Carry law going into effect. We must have a good turnout. Twenty years ago the usual suspects claimed that concealed carry would cause blood in the streets. That did not happen. Today rather than admit their error they want to repeal our preemption law and allow every city and every county to have its own gun laws. Moving from one town to another could make a person a criminal. They cling to their "gun free" zones and oppose our reforms. They want to take away the Second Amendment Preservation Act. Show up and reserve your rights for your grandchildren.

Concealed handguns can be carried into the Capital Building by persons with a License To Carry. Simply tell the guard at the metal detector, show him your license and you will be waived through. Guns cannot be taken onto the floor

of the House or Senate or into the galleries above them. You can carry anywhere else in the building.

Our bills to reduce "gun free zones" and allow concealed carry on public transportation have been withdrawn from the legislature. This means they will not get a vote unless they are attached to another bill. This is a reaction to the shooting at the Chief's parade. This makes it more important to have a large turnout at the Gun Rights Rally. We may have all we can do to prevent a repeal of the pre-emption law.

I keep hearing that the Kansas City murder rate last year set a record. The usual suspects claim this is a result of the reform of gun restrictions. Other states passed similar laws but did not have record murders. Actually murder has gone

down nationwide. Kansas City must be doing something wrong.

The Marine Corp has abolished its Scout Sniper School. I do not know the excuse. It seems that they do not envision scout snipers in future wars. Of course in the next war they will realize they need scout snipers. A program will be improvised at great cost. If lucky, talented people will run it. This has always been the way.

The last deer season set a record for the number of deer taken. A concern has been raised about chronic wasting disease crossing over from deer to humans. It has not happened yet. It is always fatal so preventing it from crossing into humans is important. Deer so afflicted stumble, drool and stare blankly. Cooking does not destroy the disease, nor does any kind of disinfectant. Don't eat infected deer, moose, elk or similar animals.

A small group of Catholic nuns have bought 1,000 shares of stock in Smith & Wesson. They then filed a share-holders' suit against the company claiming that the company exposes the shareholders to a lawsuit for making an AR 15 rifle model. The lawsuit intends to force the company to stop making AR 15 type rifles. If they are successful in that, it will be some other type of firearm.

Phil Journey, Dennis Fusaro and Jeff Knox and Rocky Marshall are reform candidates for the NRA board.

A federal district court in Florida ruled that the rule preventing citizens from carrying guns into post offices is unconstitutional. The citizen in question was a post office employee who drove semi-trucks for the post office. He carried a gun for self-defense. It sounds like someone informed on him and the potal inspector arrested him. The decision exonerated him, but that is all. The decision applies only to that district in Florida. It has no authority elsewhere. It might also be appealed. I have not read the decision yet, but it looks fantastic.

A decision by the federal district court for the Western District of Missouri ruled that the federal government must accept Missouri expungements for the purpose of buying guns. This is great news and I am looking into getting a

copy of the decision.

After the shooting at the Chief's parade there has been no end of claims that this that or the other law would have prevented it. Federal law prevents juveniles from getting guns. Missouri law prevents everyone from shooting into crowds. They think we are so stupid that we will believe that one more law will fix evil.

In the aftermath of the shooting a number of media people called and asked me what the law is. Then they write emotionally charged articles in which they print the lies of the usual suspects as if they have the same value as people who have spent over 40 years reading weapons and self-defense law. I should be happy that they consult me at all. I remember when they ignored and even scorned our input.

Keeping people sober would cut down on violence. In the Old West gunfights were typically in or around saloons. The gunfight at the OK Corral was not in front of a bar. One of the participants had been drinking all night and threatening to kill the Earp brothers. The brothers did not take that well and it ended badly for the drunk. It is the same today. Lawyers are fond of telling stories of stupid things their clients have done. The last line of the story is always "And alcohol was involved.

I Second That.

"Our new Constitution is now established, and has an appearance that promises permanency; but in this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes."

—Benjamin Franklin

"Without justice being freely, fully, and impartially administered, neither our persons, nor our rights, nor our property, can be protected."

-Joseph Story



GUN RIGHTS RALLY

"NO!" to STATE PREMPTION REPEAL!

"NO!" to RED-FLAG LAWS!

"YES!" to PUBLIC TRANSIT CARRY

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Please join us in Jefferson City in the Missouri State Capitol on **April 17** to help encourage our legislators to pass GOOD pro-gunrights and self-defense legislation *this year*! A strong turnout is needed to provide support for legislators committed to *strengthening* the rights of Missouri gun owners while standing

fast against anyone trying to repeal or weaken the SAPA. Let's show our legislators that we, the law-abiding and strong voting block of gun owners, are many and united in our desire to be able to keep our families safe. So, let's take the day and go to the rally!

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The tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. As an added incentive, bring in a new member at a General Membership Meeting and get a free raffle ticket. Any current member who brings in a new WMSA member gets a free raffle ticket for each new member added to our rolls.

Bring your prospective new member to a General membership meeting and when the new member completes the membership application and pays their dues, you are handed a ticket, no charge! The drawing for the rifle will be in July 2024, either at the Missouri Valley Arms Collector Show or the WMSA General Membership Meeting.

Go recruit new members, get a free ticket for every member and exhaust our limited number of tickets.

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