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"Where liberty is, there is my country."

Ben Franklin

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"Liberty means responsibility. That is why most men dread it."

George Bernard Shaw

How Much Danger is the 2nd Amendment Actually In?

Perhaps dating myself, I can remember being taught in High School history class that the 2nd Amendment was written to allow the citizens of this great country to protect themselves from our own government. This, to me, was confusing. Were we not all Americans? Were we not on the same side? I simply could not imagine a life where I might need a gun to protect me from Washington DC. I still find that concept foreign. Yet, I now know it's truth.

In the history of our world, there have been significant amounts of political upheaval. Countries rise and fall, because of an external conqueror, or the internal plot of a warlord or dictator to be. In literally all of these changes, one of the first things the new leader does is to disarm the population, as a matter of self preservation.

And now our leaders are trying to disarm us. The similarities are too numerous to ignore. I must first confess, I do not now own a gun. I would prefer to never need to own a gun. But it is highly likely that my preferences will be proven to not fit the political situation in the US as it evolves.

But this thought has caused me to look a bit further down the road. How can our leaders effectively ban firearms? They would first need to pass a set of laws, and those laws would need to withstand legal challenges. Both passing the laws and withstanding the challenges are enormous tasks. It is unlikely that they could simply pass an omnibus anti-firearm law, and that the courts would uphold it. The more successful course of action would be to chip away at the 2nd, strangling it over some period of time. Death by a thousand cuts.

This runs the risk of the Pro 2nd team getting elected, and undoing the evil gains that had been made. But let's take a flight of fancy, and assume that the bad guys actually do pass a single law, and the courts uphold it. Now what?



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"Where the people fear the government, there is tyranny. Where the government fears the people, there is liberty."

John Basil Barnhill

Where to get knowledge

1. Newsmax.com
2. Oann.com
3. ConventionOfStates.com
4. WesternJournal.com
5. Solari.com
6. TheEpochTimes.com
7. Brighteon.com
8. Conservative.org

"The 2nd Amendment is the one amendment that safeguards all the rest. This is the reason for the Second Amendment, and why the founding fathers put it right after the freedoms of speech and religion.

Should the 2nd Amendment ever falter, the toxic gasses of tyranny and oppression would rise soon enough to kill the rest of the amendments, and liberty itself.

The author of the above is unknown to the editor. The words were found on this website:

www.TacticalProSupply.com

"The left tells us they want to be our shepherds. That sounds OK until you realize that if they are the shepherds, we are the sheep."

Gov Kristi Noem

How would one go about enforcing such a law in the US? Well, you could ask politely! "Gee, Mr. Gunowner, would you be so kind as to turn in your guns?" This would likely have the same success as when they tried it in Australia some years ago. Oh, they got a collection of guns turned in, but not a lot. And the ones surrendered were mostly rusty old pieces with not much value. No, the story told by the Australian Press was that the program was a huge success. Right. And today, Australian ownership is not far behind our own.

So if we agree that being nice is not going to work, what's the next plan of action? Why, that would be Beto O'Rourke. These past few quarters without having to see him on TV, or magazine covers, or table tops, or at the dentist, have been a blessing. Remember Beto, standing on a table in Texas shouting "Hell Yes, we're going to take your AR-15 and AK-47"?

Well, OK. Exactly how is this going to work? Is he going to go up and down every street in this country and knock on every door? "I'm here to take your guns, because the law says so. Pretty please hand them over." OK, that won't work. So will he come with a posse of lawmen to force confiscation? Nah. That won't work either. The lawmen have families, and they are armed, too. Do you think the law will knock down their brother's door, or their mother's, to take their guns? Besides, there are areas of Detroit, Chicago and Southside LA I would not recommend they go.

Not bloody likely, as they say down-under.

So what other course of action might there be? The US Army? Really? Law enforcement within the US is not their specialty. And to be honest, asking them to do this would cause problems that would be much more difficult to deal with than an armed, yet peaceful citizenry.

Sure, they can come at this from a different vantage point. They can put US gun makers out of business (if the courts let them). They can outlaw importation of firearms from outside the country (if our trade agreements let them). But this will do nothing to lower the number of guns already in play. They might be able to neuter the guns we own, by making the ammunition illegal. Nah. That would only increase the cost of ammunition as a black market would be created.

I guess, though the thought is scary, I simply do not see a practical way to either enact the laws, or to enforce them should they need to. The left has likely thought all this through. Killing the 2nd Amendment is probably just a straw man argument, intended to ruffle a few feathers, and register a few more voters.

And a final thought from HL Menken:

The urge to save humanity is almost always a false face for the urge to rule it

So next time you hear a politician tell you they are here to help you, be afraid. Be very afraid.