

# THE Gun Owners

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*As the Liar-in-Chief goes after guns once again...*

## Media Credits GOA with Helping Stall Gun Control

By Erich Pratt

The anti-gun Left is blaming you for all the recent high-profile shootings.

No doubt, you sat glued to your television, watching the video footage from Orlando to Dallas over the past several weeks.

The media coverage of these tragic shootings has certainly gripped the heart of our nation.

Sadly, but predictably, the anti-gun Left is using these events to push even more infringements on the Second Amendment.

And they have become extremely frustrated with Gun Owners of America for helping stall gun control in Congress. But more on that below.



### Obama's Deceptive Comments on Guns

After the murder of several Dallas police officers in July, the President renewed his push for banning semi-automatic firearms. Obama said:

When people are armed with powerful weapons, unfortunately it makes attacks like these more deadly and more tragic, and in the days ahead we're going to have to consider those realities as well [that is, enact more gun control].

These comments come from the same man who earned the "Lie of the Year" award in 2013.

It helps to remember his struggle with truth-telling, because his comments demonizing the "powerful weapons" that law-abiding citizens can own is completely misguided.

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## House Democrats Relive College, Stage a Petulant Sit-In

by Tim Macy

In late June, Congressional Democrats tried reliving their hippie college days.

They staged a sit-in on the actual floor of the House of Representatives — all in an effort to force House leaders to bring up gun control legislation for a vote.

The only thing missing were the Che Guevara T-shirts.

Democrats have stepped up their attacks on the Second Amendment in recent weeks, following a series of hor-

rific shootings.

It doesn't matter that no amount of gun control would have conceivably made any difference.

Consider that the Orlando shooter passed background checks when purchasing his firearms — so Universal Background Checks would have made no difference.

He was not on any of the "watch lists," and had been exonerated by the FBI.

So none of the "watch list" amendments (voted on in the Senate) would

have changed a thing — other than to let the Attorney General deny gun purchases to honest Americans who have been illegitimately or erroneously

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Banning semi-automatic firearms and magazines will NOT make Americans safer, and the overwhelming majority of law enforcement would agree:

- 91% of officers say that banning so-called “assault weapons” would either have no effect or a negative effect in our efforts to reduce crime; and,
- 95% say that banning magazines holding more than 10 rounds would NOT reduce crime. (Source: [tinyurl.com/qa7ej64](http://tinyurl.com/qa7ej64))

The President is using “officer safety” as an excuse to ban firearms, but our first responders have already rejected his premise.

Our law enforcement gets it. The Liar-in-Chief does not.

### Anti-gun Democrats Politicize Guns, Renew Push for Gun Control

Democrats in Congress have forced several votes on gun control over the past several weeks.

In the Senate, Democrats filibustered a spending bill and refused to relinquish control of the floor until they were able to secure several promised votes on restricting firearms.

GOA led the charge in opposing every single gun amendment, and we are happy to report that every amendment failed.

(You can see how your Senators voted on page 7.)

In the House, anti-gun Democrats staged a sit-in, pressuring Speaker Paul Ryan to bring up gun control for a floor vote.

Speaker Ryan relented to the Democrats’ antics and promised House Democrats they would get their vote on gun control.

(See more on the Democrat’s petulant sit-in on page 1.)

In response, GOA activated its grassroots network against the Ryan-endorsed “gun control lite” legislation.

Gun Owners generated thousands upon thousands of emails and phone calls into the House of Representatives

from all over the country.

After the resulting firestorm, Ryan pulled the bill and delayed any movement towards gun control.

### GOA Credited with Taking the Lead in Stalling Gun Control

On July 6, *The Hill* newspaper ran an article entitled, “GOP struggles to find votes for gun bill.”

And what is one of the chief reasons that Speaker Paul Ryan is having difficulty getting a “gun control lite” bill passed?

Opposition from Gun Owners of America!

*The Hill* stated:

The anti-terror bill has the backing of the National Rifle Association but is *opposed by the Gun Owners of America*, a rival group that bills itself as a “no compromise national gun rights organization.”

activists who have continued to hammer the continued message: Oppose All Gun Control.

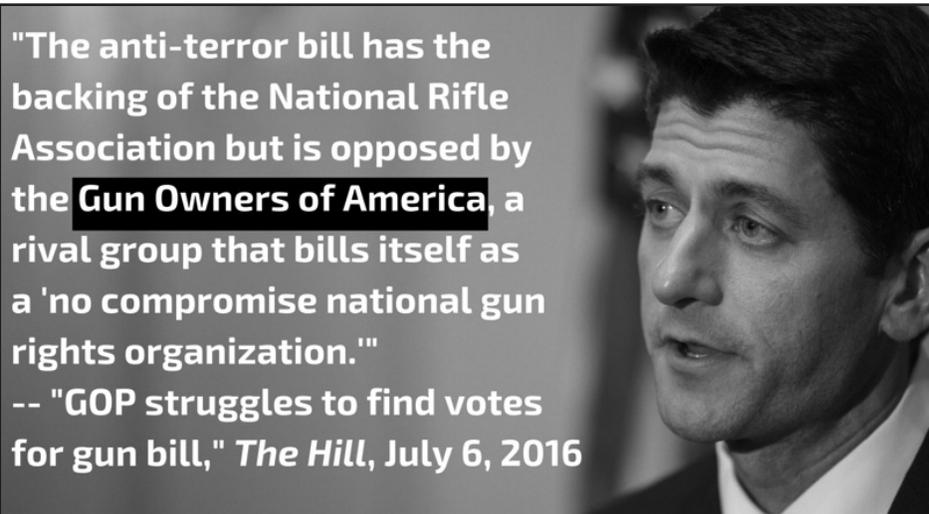
*Breitbart* reported on GOA’s grassroots efforts as well:

GOA sounded the alarm [via email and social media] because of House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy’s (R-CA-23) HR 5611, a bill that institutes elaborate new gun controls under the guise of fighting terrorism.

Thanks to GOA members’ opposition, all gun control has stalled, at least until after the August recess.

On the Senate side, Minority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) recently expressed his frustration with GOA, saying that “Gun Owners of America is worse than bad.”

Again, it’s high praise for the activists and members of Gun Owners who faithfully mail in their postcards,



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-- "GOP struggles to find votes for gun bill," *The Hill*, July 6, 2016

Another newspaper on Capitol Hill, *Politico*, reported that while House GOP leaders had promised a vote on gun control, they have “indefinitely delayed a roll call amid GOP infighting.”

A determined cadre of pro-gun Republicans are refusing to support any “gun control lite” legislation.

And these pro-gun Republicans have been bolstered by GOA members and

make phone calls and send emails to their elected representatives.

To stay up-to-date with legislative updates in between postal mailings, please sign up for GOA legislative alerts at [www.gunowners.org/alerts](http://www.gunowners.org/alerts).

And, make sure to like Gun Owners of America on Facebook and follow us on Twitter and Instagram.

You will become part of GOA’s vast electronic “Minuteman” force. ■

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# Media Blackout: Self-Defense Stories Not Covered in Mainstream Media

by Jordan Stein

For several weeks, the tragic Orlando and Dallas shootings dominated headlines. News networks covered the killers, their “evil” weapons and possible motives.

But while media outlets have celebrated a diversity of topics, they always have a bad habit of ignoring one type of story — self-defense cases.

For example, just two weeks after the Orlando murders, a concealed carrier stopped a potential mass killer at a South Carolina bar.

While many pro-gun media outlets, including GOA, promoted the story, no major news network (except for FOX Insider) covered it.

The same applies for a self-defense shooting in an Ohio pub — almost one year prior to the Orlando shooting.

An employee with a carry permit shot and killed a gunman who was firing a shotgun and threatening patrons inside the Youngstown bar.

It’s a great example of self-defense. But outside of the GOA’s Self-Defense Corner — at [www.gunowners.org](http://www.gunowners.org) — you’ll have a hard time finding any national coverage of this story.

## An Inconvenient Truth

To some media hosts, the idea of an ordinary citizen carrying a gun in public is absolutely ridiculous.

The media is preconditioned to treat guns as “evil killing machines” that wreak immense havoc and have little



social utility at all.

But the oh-so-inconvenient truth, to the media pundits’ dismay, is that guns are used to save far more lives than they take.

According to President Obama’s Center for Disease Control, guns are used in self-defense 500,000 to 3 million times a year.

Contrast this with the approximately 8,100 murders that were committed with all types of firearms in 2014, according to the FBI.

How many of those lives were taken by so-called “assault weapons” in 2014?

According to the FBI, about one-third as many people were killed with rifles — of which AR-15 styled firearms are a subset — as were killed by fists and feet.

That would be 660 lives taken by bare hands and feet, compared to only

248 murders with rifles.

Another inconvenient truth for the media is Chicago.

It’s commonly known that despite having some of the strictest gun control in the country, they consistently have some of the highest murder rates.

If gun control truly worked as advertised, the Windy City would be one of the safest places in the country.

## Out of Touch

But what can you expect from these out-of-touch hosts and politicians?

They are so far removed from reality that they cannot possibly understand why anyone would need an AR-15.

Just look at Hillary Clinton.

After the Orlando shooting, Hillary completely inverted the concept of inalienable rights. She said the federal government has the “right” to regulate the Second Amendment.

But what does she understand about gun rights or people who use firearms in self-defense?

This is the same woman who hasn’t driven a car since the 1990s, and she’s had armed security since she was the First Lady of Arkansas.

She has completely adopted the “guns for me, but not for thee” mentality.

And in response to all of this, she would no doubt say: “What difference, at this point, does that make?” ■

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# GOA ON THE FRONT LINES



## What They're Saying About GOA's Media Appearances

“CNN host Carol Costello ended up being pretty embarrassed on her gun control knowledge by Gun Owners of America Executive Director Erich Pratt during an interview segment last week.”

*Controversial Times*  
June 26, 2016



## Media Reports CNN's Host got “crushed” during debate

“During a June 23 appearance on CNN, Gun Owners of America's Erich Pratt shut down host Carol Costello's gun violence inquisition.”

*Breitbart*  
June 23, 2016

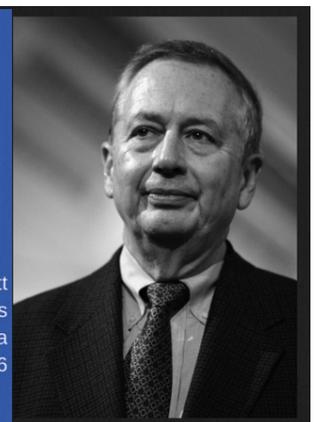
“CNN Gets Schooled by [GOA] Guest With Actual Facts on Gun Violence in the U.S.”

*NewsBusters*, June 23, 2016

“Gun Owners of America's Larry Pratt Schools MSNBC's Thomas Roberts on Guns”  
*Accuracy in Media*, June 21, 2016

“Any infringement on the right to own a gun violates the Second Amendment.”

- Larry Pratt  
Executive Director Emeritus  
Gun Owners of America  
in the *Sacramento Bee*, June 16, 2016



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**"The NRA is bad, really bad, [but] Gun Owners of America is even worse than bad."**

- Sen. Harry Reid  
Senate Minority Leader  
6/13/16



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**"Class was in session when Gun Owners of America's Erich Pratt took CNN's Carol Costello to school on the issue of firearms and gun violence last week."**

*BizPac Review,*  
June 26, 2016



**"Banning weapons [will] not make anyone safer. What does work is allowing the potential victims — that is, the real first responders — to defend themselves with firearms."**



- Erich Pratt  
Executive Director  
Gun Owners of America  
in USA Today, June 14, 2016

## Accuracy in Media says Pratt "schooled" MSNBC host

**"If we allow our freedoms to be taken away in response to a terrorist attack, the terrorists have won."**

- John Velleco, Director of Operations for GOA  
in the *Wall Street Journal*, June 13, 2016



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## House Democrats Stage Petulant Sit-In

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placed on a terror watch list.

Likewise, the Dallas gunman was an Army veteran who could legally purchase firearms.

Neither his gun nor the one brandished by the shooter in Orlando were AR-15s. So it's not clear that a semi-auto ban would have applied to the guns they used, even if they had not been grandfathered.

### Gun-Free Zones are Deadly

What would have worked, of course, is if some of the 320 helpless victims in Orlando's Pulse night club had the wherewithal to defend themselves, rather than being mowed down like helpless sheep.

And, in fact, we welcome the fact that the LGBT community is apparently flocking to learn how to use firearms to defend themselves.

But you wouldn't hear any of this in any major American newspaper.

They seem to take it as an article of faith that we need to create lots more helpless victims to honor those gun-free victims who have already died as a result of their anti-gun policies.

They also seem to be confounded at what could have created many copycat killings. The answer, however, is fairly simple.

Every one of these mass killers — whether a radical jihadist or a deranged psychopath — obsessed over the press coverage given to the previous killers.

They sat in front of their media feed or their (physical) wall of press clippings and concluded: "Aha! Now I know how I can get MY fifteen minutes of fame."

So, if you want to bring a fairly quick end to copycat mass shootings, don't ban guns. Ban NBC.

### GOA to Hold Anti-gun Politicians Accountable in November

The more significant threat is stand-for-nothing Republicans in Name Only (RINOs) like Senators Sue Collins (ME) and Kelly Ayotte (NH), who are dragged around by anti-gun New York Senator Chuck Schumer on a "leash."



House Democrats occupied the House floor demanding votes on gun control, but they ignored the fact that no amount of gun control would have conceivably deterred the Orlando shooter.

(See the details of the anti-gun Collins-Ayotte amendment on page 7, along with some of the other gun control amendments which were voted on, but failed, in the Senate.)

Sen. Ayotte may soon find that attacking her supporters because Chuck Schumer tells her to do so is not a winning strategy in an election year.

Democrats took it on the chin, politically speaking, when they went after gun owners in 1994. They lost the Congress, as a result.

But just like then, Gun Owners of America will make it clear to voters this November that the same Leftist Democ-

rat Party — along with certain Republican dupes — are guilty of conspiring to rob honest Americans of their freedoms.

We are going to hold them accountable for their actions.

Von Clausewitz said: "Position is everything." If you can fight a political battle on your own terms, you almost always win.

But if you pursue a "gun control lite" strategy in which you concede that guns are the "problem," but promise to ban fewer than the other party, then November is going to be a very, very sad month for you. ■

## Did You Know?



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# Did Your Senators Vote to Protect Your Gun Rights?

**1 Lifetime Gun Ban.** This anti-gun Dianne Feinstein amendment would have imposed a lifetime gun ban on anyone the Obama administration chose to put on a secret “watch list.” There is no due process for putting Americans onto that list, no due process for getting off, and no easy way to tell whether you’re on or off the list and why. But we do know that congressmen like Rep. Tom McClintock (R-CA) and the late Sen. Ted Kennedy (D-MA) found themselves erroneously on these watch lists. A “+” indicates a pro-gun vote against the Feinstein amendment which failed on June 20, 2016.

**2 Universal Registration.** This anti-gun Chris Murphy amendment would effectively outlaw private sales of firearms. For some people (who can legally own firearms) and in some areas of the country, it would make the transfer of firearms virtually impossible. Given that virtually every gun buyer would be required to fill out a 4473, this amendment would further ATF’s efforts to create a national firearms registry, as the agency has already been illegally copying 4473’s. Although the language purports to be narrow in scope, the “weasel words” used to identify things like “an Internet transaction” would turn it into a national gun registry. A “+” indicates a pro-gun vote against the Murphy amendment which failed on June 20, 2016.

**3 Secret List Gun Ban.** This anti-gun amendment (introduced by Senators Sue Collins of Maine and Kelly Ayotte of New Hampshire) would allow Attorney General Loretta Lynch to put various gun owners — including GOA or NRA staff — onto a “secret list” if they “qualify” to be on the “selectee list.” She could do this in her politicized opinion, these targeted gun owners constituted a “threat.” Once on the list, they would be subject to a lifetime gun ban. A “+” indicates a pro-gun vote to successfully table (kill) the Collins-Ayotte amendment on June 23, 2016.

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SESSIONS	+	+	+	CASSIDY	+	+	+	BROWN	-	-	-
SHELBY	+	+	+	VITTER	+	+	+	PORTMAN	+	+	+
<b>ALASKA</b>				<b>MAINE</b>				<b>OKLAHOMA</b>			
SULLIVAN	+	+	+	COLLINS	+	+	-	LANKFORD	+	+	+
MURKOWSKI	+	+	+	KING	-	-	-	INHOFE	+	+	+
<b>ARIZONA</b>				<b>MARYLAND</b>				<b>OREGON</b>			
FLAKE	+	+	-	CARDIN	-	-	-	MERKLEY	-	-	-
MCCAIN	+	+	+	MIKULSKI	-	-	-	WYDEN	-	-	-
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<b>COLORADO</b>				<b>MINNESOTA</b>				<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>			
BENNET	-	-	-	FRANKEN	-	-	-	SCOTT	+	+	+
GARDNER	+	+	+	KLOBUCHAR	-	-	-	GRAHAM	+	+	-
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MURPHY	-	-	-	WICKER	+	+	+	THUNE	+	+	+
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CARPER	-	-	-	BLUNT	+	+	+	ALEXANDER	+	+	-
COONS	-	-	-	MCCASKILL	-	-	-	CORKER	+	+	+
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PAUL	+	+	+	HEITKAMP	+	+	-				
McCONNELL	+	+	+	HOEVEN	+	+	+				



# When Evil Invades Sanctuary

by Larry Pratt

Jesse James's notorious career of bank robbing was ended when an alert young man noticed that the men who had just ridden into town had not tied their horses to the hitching posts.

The citizen hero spread the

alarm when he saw the gang enter the bank. By the time James' gang emerged from the bank a short time later, they were overwhelmed by the armed townsmen who had converged on the bank.

More than 100 years later, the chief of security at a Colorado Springs church, and at the Focus on the Family offices in the same city, had made plans for what everyone should do in the face of an attack.

That planning by Carl Chinn thwarted mass murderers in both places.

In 2007, it was a member of Chinn's security team, Jeanne Assam, who used her concealed handgun to critically wound a heavily armed predator who was intent on killing scores of victims.

And in 1996, Chinn helped persuade a gunman to allow an evacuation of the offices at Focus on the Family, prior to the assailant surrendering to authorities.

Being alert, and being prepared, are essential to being safe. And these are skills that must be developed.

For example, Chinn says he always parks in a certain place, aimed in a specific direction. The dome light is set to not come on, so that in a crisis it does not reveal his position. He sits in a particular place at church for a specific reason.

Not too surprisingly, taking a controversial position in a church's pulpit can make the church a lightning rod for vio-

lent attacks:

- A church in Birmingham, Alabama — that was used as a meeting place for civil rights leaders — was bombed in 1963, killing four little girls in the blast.
- The New Life Church pastor had spoken against abortion and homosexual marriage, as had radio hosts at Focus on the Family.

During the years it took to get concealed carry legislation enacted, one of the sticking points was the concern by some that it is "inappropriate to have a gun in a church."

What could happen in a church, they ask?

Well, in 1999, a deranged dirtbag killed seven in the Wedgewood Baptist Church in Ft. Worth, Texas. Many shootings later, another dirtbag murdered nine worshippers at the Emmanuel African Methodist Episcopal church in Charleston, South Carolina, in 2015.

Making churches gun-free zones is as dangerous as making schools or any other place a gun-free zone.

One of the lessons that Carl Chinn teaches in his *Evil Invades Sanctuary: The Case for Security in Faith-Based Organizations* is that there should be team members who have planned what they would do if their church is attacked.

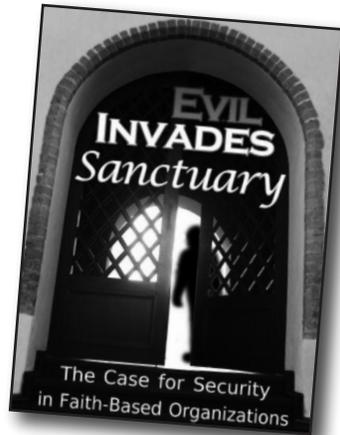
Once plans are in place, security teams should be carrying guns.

One of Chinn's many conclusions is never again —

never again would he have a puny .32 pistol. In the face of an attack, ammunition should be used that could quickly disable an attacker.

Chinn's book should be digested

by anyone involved with any kind of meeting that could incite hate-filled slime balls. No place is immune, and it is shame on us if we assume that "it could never happen here." ■



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