

This is yet another in a LOOOOONG list of malicious and misguided attempts by our Socialist legislators of the once-great State of Oregon who don't like/are afraid of guns, or those who own them, in order to criminalize and beset them with onerous regulations that violate THEIR civil rights--yes, the "right to keep and bear arms" is a civil right--none of which will do anything to stop your beloved "gun violence".

Who commits crimes? Law abiding citizens or criminals? Criminals.

Are criminals going to follow yet another law? No. Why? Because they're criminals. Criminals ignore the law.

How is yet another law demonizing guns going to stop "gun violence"? It won't. The "assault weapon" ban did nothing. The "background checks" do nothing. Gun-free zones, particularly schools, leaves children vulnerable. Red-flag laws are doing nothing. Well, nothing ... they're allowing law-abiding citizens to be illicitly targeted by mostly anonymous people who don't like guns or their owners, should be a crime (filing false police reports, and violating multiple civil rights). All they do is create hoops through which law-abiding citizens must jump, hoops that the criminals ignore.

What is gun violence? Criminal violence using guns, committed by criminals against law-abiding citizens, or other criminals.

Law-abiding citizens, with OR without guns, are the ONLY targets of anti-gun bills like this one, and they are being targeted ONLY because they are armed, something that is constitutionally protected at both the state AND federal level (Section 27 of the Oregon Constitution and the Second Amendment of the Bill of Rights).

Section 27: The people shall have the right to bear arms for the defence [sic] of themselves, and the State, but the Military shall be kept in strict subordination to the civil power[.]

Amendment 2: A well regulated [to be practiced, trained] Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be [infringed](#).

Pray tell, what does forcing guns to be locked up accomplish?

For the criminal, nothing. For the law-abiding gun owner, it renders them potentially defenseless against the very people who DO commit gun violence: armed criminals. "Excuse me, I have to unlock my gun safe" won't save a life. Guns in the hands of law-abiding citizens does save lives, often without firing a single shot.

I urge you to see this and all other anti-gun trash bills for the waste of time it represents to demonize an inanimate object and criminalize a huge swath of law-abiding citizens for doing nothing wrong.

Do you want to do something about gun violence? Target real criminals, and cease violating the rights of gun owners and their guns.

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