Here we go again. A good half century now is it? That Hoplophobia has been such a pandemic in our Governmental, and social conscience? Trimming the hedges of a problem rather than having the guts to get to the root of that problem. The super majority that has our state of Oregon held hostage presumes to make rules, and laws over the issue of our Second Amendment rights. Heres were your flaw is. In order to understand an issue, you have to be capable of looking at both sides of it. Oregon's hostage takers only understand one side of the gun debate. The side that speaks that guns are all about DEATH, MURDER, KILLING, and BLOOD...sure, ok. A pessimistic, narrow minded, and delusional view. I'm however, favoring the opposition that not only has the capability to look at guns as a tool for committing crimes, but also as a tool for being able to prevent crimes. A tool to be used for defensive purposes. Now who is more knowledgeable on an issue? Someone who in their cognitive dissonance refuses to only believe one side of an issue no matter what evidence is presented, or the side that acknowledges both angles? The truth is, these attacks on the second amendment are, and always will be an act of cowardice. Tell me, why are the vast majority of the left's wars on inanimate objects? Flags, songs, consumer products like rice, pancake mix, children's books, cartoons...guns? Inanimate objects that don't have a voice or a fist in which to fight back? At that, these battles, and attacks are a complete mess. Ill-concieved, unorganized, and ignorant of the very thing you are declaring war against. How many gun laws has this country conjured up over the last half century? Hundreds, thousands? And vet here we are. Shootings are still occurring on a daily basis across this country. Every single new gun law is now and forever a testimony to just how little those laws have worked. Yet, you still keep thinking up more? Like you really think these proposed laws that you're going to be speaking on today will work this time, and make a bit of difference? After all this time, it's these new ones that you've wasted an insurmountable amount of time, and tax money on will be THEE laws that will finally stick right? And be THEE laws that will make Oregon the gun violence free utopia, self righteous, hoplophobic people have dreamed of (enter in child martyrdom here) for our "precious children"? We know "doing it for the children" is just a marketing ploy. It makes you look like a hero to the other hoplophobes, and hopefully garner you more votes. Then theres whatever anti-gun lobby money you get. A temptation that looks to have already gotten several Oregon Republicans to betray their party. To do what? Create anti gun laws in which many of them are completely unenforceable? Just how is it that you expect law enforcement to enforce lock boxes in people's homes? You know they're unenforceable. But then again, laws like these in how they're conceived tell us they're not about actually saving lives. It's about laying foundation for stiffer punishments (and more revenue generating fines) later over seemingly nothing. Control. Control over the people. Your red flag laws, or "hearsay, back door gun confiscation loop hole" laws as I put them. Guilty untill proven innocent, with no need of due process, or evidence. How exactly did you expect the public to act on these ideas of yours? Yet, with every ignorant, nitpicked stab that's intended to over regulate the 2nd amendment out of existence, you, and your Democratic cohorts, coupled with your militaristic ATF lap dogs are hell bent on creating a nation wide Ruby Ridge, or Waco Texas incident. All over a severely unchecked psychosis against firearms. Think twice. Acting against the Constitution is an act against this Nation and it's people. That's treason. And will be viewed as such by those of a rational mind enough see our Oregon law makers ignorance, and corruption. HOPLOPHOBIA HAS NO PLACE IN THIS COUNTRY