

Most Oregonians, by now have a pretty good grasp, (given the constant barrage of socio-political input we are inundated with by the media and government), on how and often why the "sausage is made", in state and federal legislation. Eventually the fact that much of what these bodies create as legislation and pass as law isn't actually meant to serve anyone but the party in charge and it's national interests in support of party agenda, becomes pretty clear to even the casual observer. These boutique bills, written and passed in support of national party agenda, and as clear virtue signals to national party players and deep pocket donors, are seen by The Citizenry for what they are. Self serving. Small well organized groups of highly vocal special interest players, backed by wealthy donors who "aren't from around here", and a media that currently supports almost exclusively, one side of the great socio-political divide, while viciously attacking and demonizing the voice in opposition, give the perception of some majority consensus, that is false. It's highly unlikely that a majority of the Democratic Party electorate give much thought to firearms legislation, or see firearms as a major problem or cause for great concern, they vote the party that best represents the primary issues, often a single issue, they consider compelling. I'm not in favor of this bill, as it will create a dynamic where the NICS can clear a purchase, but the State can put a practical open ended hold on the transaction, virtually "forever" in other words. These bills currently before the body, legislatively dismantling, here a little there a little, The Citizens 2ND Amendment, the Civil Rights and Liberty of Oregon's Citizenry should be collectively banished to the dustbin of bad legislative business. State Democrats never mention firearms legislation in political commercials during the election cycles, ever that I've seen, and the Citizenry does watch and listen to you. I believe and think there's a very good reason why that is.

Thank you for your consideration;

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