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Once again, we hear of a horrific crime, the slaughter of the innocents. Meanwhile in fact concurrently - all the Legislature can think to do is obsess over more gun control measures. Which will of course be as ineffective as all the previous ones.

As I have pointed out repeatedly over several decades, these mass killings were nearly nonexistent before the 1960's - prior to which, for decades, semiautomatic firearms with "High Capacity" magazines were available via mail order - and without a "Background Check".

Has it ever occurred to any of our Legislators, that all of their machinations with respect to firearms regulation have been, and continue to be, a complete waste of time - time which could have been spent on "finding the root causes", to use a phrase being regularly bandied about lately?

You may recall the group of college students murdered in their sleep, by an assailant with a knife. Doesn't that cause our Legislators to pause and reflect, in their mad dash to restrict firearms ownership, that we as a society may be dealing with a problem far more profound than ownership of guns and knives and hammers... Et. Al.?

Time is running out for our Legislators to face that reality. The longer they spend putting Band-Aids on the gunshot wounds, living in a dream world, listening to the advice of experts in "Deterrence Theory" - Etc. Et. Al. - the more our society will deteriorate - and the more difficult, commensurately, it will become to change course, to reverse the damage.