

Wednesday, January 30, 2013

2nd AMENDMENT AND GUN CONTROL

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

I see absolutely no justification in this Amendment for private citizens to own military style assault rifles or large capacity magazines. Furthermore, the 2nd Amendment is not violated if they are forbidden. In fact, as written and as interpreted according to original intent, the 2nd Amendment supports regulation. For that matter, there are no absolute Rights in the Constitution for anyone, not only would-be gun owners.

Actually many people buy them simply because they like them. The Amendment for them is simply an argument to do what they want to do. And those who use the paranoid argument that citizens must have such guns to protect themselves from a threat of oppression by the Government, seem to forget or deny that the legitimate and far more effective protection comes through voting. We are not a "banana Republic" or a Country like Syria. God forbid. We are A Republic, a representative Democracy! - under the Constitution, to be used as intended by the Founders. Our protection, our security from oppressive, over reaching Govt is in the ballot box, not in bullets.

A good introduction to the meaning of the 2nd Amendment can be found here-

<http://law2.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/ftrials/conlaw/beararms.htm>

<http://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/militia-act-establishes-conscription-under-federal-law>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Militia_Act_of_1903

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HANDGUNS AND METAL DETECTORS

One element not being mentioned in the current debate about gun control is the use of handguns. Almost all the shootings around here have involved them. And most all of them had to do with disputes over turf and drug dealing (along with a few bar fights, too). And then there have been robberies which also usually involve handguns.

As to schools, for many reasons, I absolutely do not want every teacher carrying a gun! Most of the crime is out on the streets, not in schools. That is where the major concern should be focused. And the armed assaults in schools here often involve knives. It seems to me, making it impossible for any unauthorized person to enter a school building and having everyone who does enter pass a metal detector upon going through the door would make a school reasonably safe.

HERE IS A WELL RESEARCHED ARTICLE ABOUT SCHOOL SHOOTINGS-

http://boston.com/community/blogs/crime_punishment/2012/12/top_10_myths_about_mass_shooti.html

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ANNUAL SURVEY ABOUT THE STRUGGLE AGAINST ABORTION

Being Pro-Life means saving Lives
http://www.worldmag.com/2013/01/40_years_and_millions_of_lives

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Monday, January 28. 2013

WOMEN IN COMBAT?

Should women be allowed to have direct combat roles in war? This CT article covers the basic pro and con arguments. Simply put the pro arguments are the same as those used to support egalitarian marriage (and the ordination of women (and even Gay Marriage). Those who say "No" use the arguments that support hierarchical marriage (and are against the ordination of women and Gay Marriage).

<http://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2013/january-february/women-in-combat-bible.html>

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THE SECRET HISTORY OF THE NRA AND GUN CONTROL

Today, the NRA is the unquestioned leader in the fight against gun control. Yet the organization didn't always oppose gun regulation. Founded in 1871 by George Wingate and William Church—the latter a former reporter for a newspaper now known for hostility to gun rights, The New York Times—the group first set out to improve American soldiers' marksmanship. Wingate and Church had fought for the North in the Civil War and been shocked by the poor shooting skills of city-bred Union soldiers.

In the 1920s and '30s, the NRA was at the forefront of legislative efforts to enact gun control. The organization's president at the time was Karl T. Frederick, a Princeton- and Harvard-educated lawyer known as "the best shot in America"—a title he earned by winning three gold medals in pistol-shooting at the 1920 Summer Olympic Games. As a special consultant to the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, Frederick helped draft the Uniform Firearms Act, a model of state-level gun-control legislation. (Since the turn of the century, lawyers and public officials had increasingly sought to standardize the patchwork of state laws. The new measure imposed more order—and, in most cases, far more restrictions.)

The NRA today condemns every one of these provisions as a burdensome and ineffective infringement on the right to bear arms. Frederick, however, said in 1934 that he did "not believe in the general promiscuous toting of guns. I think it should be sharply restricted and only under licenses." The NRA's executive vice president at the time, Milton A. Reckord, told a congressional committee that his organization was "absolutely favorable to reasonable legislation." According to Frederick, the NRA "sponsored" the Uniform Firearms Act and promoted it nationwide. Highlighting the political strength of the NRA even back then, a 1932 Virginia Law Review article reported that laws requiring a license to carry a concealed weapon were already "in effect in practically every jurisdiction."

When Congress was considering the first significant federal gun law of the 20th century—the National Firearms Act of 1934, which imposed a steep tax and registration requirements on "gangster guns" like machine guns and sawed-off shotguns—the NRA endorsed the law. Frederick's model law had three basic elements. The first required that no one carry a concealed handgun in public without a permit from the local police. A permit would be granted only to a "suitable" person with a "proper reason for carrying" a firearm. Second, the law required gun dealers to report to law enforcement every sale of a handgun, in essence creating a registry of small arms. Finally, the law imposed a two-day waiting period on handgun sales.

Read the rest of the story here-

<http://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2011/09/the-secret-history-of-guns/308608/3/>

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Monday, January 14, 2013

CONSERVATIVE RESOURCE FOR CURRENT EVENTS

For Conservative Evangelical Views on today's News I recommend
<http://www.worldmag.com/>

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Friday, January 11. 2013

PLEASE VISIT THE ARCHIVES

I began this Blog 7 years ago (2/2005). There are now 256 pages in the Archives with 2560 Posts. Looking back over it, I honestly believe there are many good articles about many important, relevant topics. I encourage you to check them out. Thank you and God bless!

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Posted by Cal in Personal Journal at 19:05

MUSLIM CHRISTIANS?

This is an interview [with related links] of a former Muslim who became a Christian but remains a Muslim. Confusing? Yes. It explains a very practical, apparently successful method for evangelizing Muslims. Actually the principles apply to all good evangelism among any "people group". But the problem I have with what he says is the lack of clarity about what the person interviewed means by "Culture". His description of Christian Culture (his definition of it) and the comparison he makes of it with Muslim Culture seems very inadequate or misleading. There is also a serious lack in his understanding of "Church". I recommend my Essay on "Christian Culture and Civilization".

<http://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2013/january-february/>

http://www.reformedliving.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=153:is-there-a-christian-culture-and-civilization&catid=57:cultural-mandate&Itemid=57

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HERE ARE 7 ARTICLES I POSTED IN JAN, 2009- RECOMMENDED FOR 2013

WORDS OF WISDOM #1- Keep America a Republic
Posted by Cal on Thursday, January 29. 2009

WORDS OF WISDOM #2- Beware Big Government
Posted by Cal on Thursday, January 29. 2009

WORDS OF WISDOM #3 Beware rumors of WMD
Posted by Cal on Thursday, January 29. 2009

WORDS OF WISDOM #4 Beware the Pied Piper
Posted by Cal on Thursday, January 29. 2009

WORDS TO THE WISE #5 Forget the "American Dream"
Posted by Cal on Thursday, January 29. 2009

WORDS TO THE WISE #6- Manage our Money
Posted by Cal on Thursday, January 29. 2009

WORDS TO THE WISE- #7 Keep the Spheres separate
Posted by Cal on Thursday, January 29. 2009

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WHY CHRONIC PAIN?

Interesting reflective article about in which a 22 year asks meaning questions about Why? and considers Answers she has been given by others and thought of herself- includes a link to her blog
http://www.christianitytoday.com/women/2013/january/asking-why-to-chronic-pain-at-age-22.html?utm_source=ctdirect-html&utm_medium=Newsletter&utm_term=11430839&utm_content=149058734&utm_campaign=2013

Posted by Cal in Christian Living at 16:31

Tuesday, January 8, 2013

CT'S MOST REDEEMING MOVIES OF 2012

"Our No. 1 pick, a story of grace and forgiveness, is widely loved ... and loathed. Les Miserables is 2012's most redeeming movie, as voted by Christianity Today's film critics. And depending on your perspective, that's either great news--or just grating. Seems that viewers and reviewers either love or hate the movie, based on the stage play of the same name (which was based on the Victor Hugo novel, also of the same name)."
http://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2013/january-web-only/most-redeeming-films-of-2012.html?utm_source=ctdirect-htm&utm_medium=Newsletter&utm_term=11430839&utm_content=148726977&utm_campaign=2013

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Thursday, January 3, 2013

AS GOES EUROPE [NOT CHINA or INDIA], SO GOES THE WORLD

"... what single issue could cause the world to change course. In my view, the most important place to watch in 2013 is Europe.

"Taken as a single geographic entity, Europe has the largest economy in the world. Should it choose to do so, it could become a military rival to the United States. Europe is one of the pillars of the global system, and what happens to Europe is going to define how the world works. I would argue that in 2013 we will begin to get clarity on the future of Europe. The question is whether the European Union will stabilize itself, stop its fragmentation and begin preparing for more integration and expansion.

"People are not being asked to die on a battlefield for the European Union but to live lives of misery and disappointment. In many ways that is harder than being brave. And since the core promise of the European Union was prosperity, the failure to deliver that prosperity -- and the delivery of poverty instead, unevenly distributed -- is not sustainable. If Europe is in crisis, the world's largest economy is in crisis, political as well as financial. And that matters to the world perhaps more than anything else."

http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/europe-2013-year-decision?utm_source=freelist-f&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20130103&utm_term=gweekly&utm_content=readmore&elq=833ec18b8c4f4a24959a62117ce4de33

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Wednesday, January 2, 2013

BLAME THE "FISCAL CLIFF" ON VOTERS NOT POLITICIANS

Ultimately, politicians are defined and driven by what their constituents want. And what many want are tax cuts but no cuts to tax rebates, financial incentives, stock dividends and all kinds of stimulus monies that lead to business advantages (and jobs), community programs, development and services. They also want (demand) their share of so-called Entitlements, including Health Care and Unemployment Benefits. Of course they also expect Education and National Security. Ultimately, all these choices and demands of t political Leaders reflect the personal values of voters. Politicians respond accordingly. Do the values of Christian voters reflect Biblical values?

http://www.nytimes.com/2013/01/01/opinion/brooks-another-fiscal-flop.html?partner=rssnyt&emc=rss&_r=1&

Posted by Cal in Social Issues at 22:56

THE UPS OF HAVING A CHILD WITH DOWNS

Very touching, true story of a mother and her daughter who has Downs Syndrome.

http://www.slate.com/articles/double_x/doublex/2012/11/andrew_solomon_s_far_from_the_tree_parents_children_and_the_search_for_identity.html

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