

## Exposure

“The idea that gun control advocates don’t want to confiscate your weapons is, of course, laughable. They *can’t* confiscate your weapons, so they support whatever feasible incremental steps inch further toward that goal...

“It seems odd that someone would let murderers and madmen decide what inalienable rights we should embrace. It is almost humorous to hear someone advising you not to worry about domestic tyranny as he explains why the state should eradicate a constitutional right and confiscate your means of self defense.” ~ *David Harsanyi*

At least Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) has exposed *her* intent to confiscate guns publicly.

## Dishonesty or racism?

As Bill Clinton readied his campaign for the 1992 presidential election, throughout 1991 he used variations of this phrase: “I believe that, together, we can make America great again.”

Fast forward 25 years – Donald Trump used the phrase as the central slogan of his campaign for president. Now it defines his administration: “Make America Great Again.”

Because he’s Donald Trump, the slogan is now ruled by the leftist media to be a mark of “white supremacy.”

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### The urge to jump to conclusions

## Puzzles and placebos

There are problems for which there are no solutions from government. Evil exists despite government and, in many cases, because of it, depending on the situation or the ideology. But many elected officials and others deep in the cumbersome federal bureaucracy seek quick-fix remedies through government, despite dismal results.

We have layers of bureaucratic agencies and thousands of federal programs, costing billions in taxpayer dollars, because someone thought they would solve a problem using tax dollars and good intentions, even though a cause for the problem cannot be identified: Just throw money at it or restrict whatever you feel needs restriction.

Knee-jerk reactions to a crisis or problem are usually fruitless, or dangerous; either could be the case in the urge to outlaw the use of “bump-fire stocks” on semi-auto rifles such as the AR-15 and its brethren. Fruitless due to a lack of evidence this mechanism is even widely used. It seems no one in our know-it-all government had even heard of the device before the Las Vegas shooting, outside of people in the BATF. Or dangerous due to the intent of people like House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), who has admitted she hopes this effort to ban the bump-fire stock will lead to additional gun control measures. Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) desires outright confiscation. Slippery slope here we come.

People who knew the suspected Las Vegas shooter, 64 year-old Stephen Paddock, have described him as “disturbed” or “dangerous” and a “loner.” But he had no criminal record and passed all the federal background checks for his weapons purchases. Despite owning a dozen firearms, Paddock had ingredients for a bomb inside his vehicle. So he had a backup plan, determined to kill as many people as possible.

An apparent “suicide” note Paddock left in his room at the Mandalay Bay Hotel/Casino wasn’t a suicide note at all. It

contained a series of numbers which now have been determined to be measurements: the distance from the hotel to the area where the concert would take place; the “drop” from his 32nd floor window to the ground; and the muzzle velocity of his weapons. He calculated for precision, to be as accurate as possible to maximize his kills. But why would he choose the bump-fire stock device which makes an AR-15 *less accurate*? Depraved or deranged, the lack of evidence for a motive has police twisted in knots trying to figure out a *reason* for the fifty-eight lives lost and over 500 wounded.

The Islamic State has claimed credit three times, but there’s still no evidence that Paddock was a convert to Islam, although he had traveled to countries in the Middle East and forwarded hundreds of thousands of dollars to various locations there. He was wealthy; but to do this for financial reasons is speculative. On top of all this, how could an overweight, retired accountant with little knowledge of firearms put all this together, wire cameras for surveillance and plan an exit strategy from the 32nd floor of a busy hotel? And now there is conjecture that this couldn’t have been a solo operation.

Dozens of questions have no answers and the investigation resembles a spider web. But no new laws will prevent another tragic massacre like Las Vegas last Sunday.

All we can do is attempt to solve a puzzle whose pieces will slowly come together over time in the course of an ever-widening investigation. Passing a law as a feel-good placebo will not change aberrant human behavior, drive criminals to obey other laws, or explain this tragedy.

Far too many inconsistencies surround the Las Vegas massacre for guesswork.

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#### Criminalizing politics

Democrats have been working since Election Day to undo your vote. Their thugs have mobbed town hall meetings to disrupt the democratic process, shouting down your elected officials and silencing your voice, all in an attempt to nullify your vote. The groups, such as "Indivisible," "#Resist," and "Antifa," are no friends of the First Amendment, the Bill of Rights that includes it, or the Constitution that it's part of.

Progressives are doing their best to criminalize politics. The Mueller "special counsel" gambit is the latest step. They cannot indict a sitting president but they will try every option to split Trump's support from him and destroy his popularity with a huge segment of the voting population. This is exactly what "Fake News" is doing to Trump; defining "news" (not facts) to fit the agenda of negative attacks on Trump.

President Trump is immune from prosecution while he is in office, so the Democrats plan to take the House in 2018 and begin impeachment proceedings. That's their plan. Only Republicans can stop it, but they're not working toward that goal...

If you want to win elections, do it at the ballot box, not with a special counsel after the fact, in a faux "investigation." But, for the Democrats, the last election was illegitimate because they didn't win. There is no other option. You didn't vote Democrat so your vote cannot possibly count. So Democrats will find a way to negate the election, legal or not. The faux "collusion" case now hanging by a thread lacks one important ingredient – Russians. Yet Senator Richard Burr (R-NC), who chairs the Senate Intelligence Committee, refuses to stop the charade. Even the debunked "dossier" created by Fusion GPS and others (to *sink* Trump) is still in Burr's "active" file, despite its only value – as scratch paper.

They're not out to simply impeach Trump; they're out to ruin him. And taking out a member of the "1%" will be a feather in Senator Elizabeth Warren's headband for her presidential run in 2020. But she's a member in good standing of the *same* 1%, and isn't she a Democrat? Then, never mind...



'Never let a crisis go to waste.'

## Politicizing tragedy... again

Waking October 2, I flipped on the news before I checked out of my hotel. There on the screen was the full-blown horror of the massacre in Las Vegas from the night before. My first thoughts were for the dead and wounded, lives cut short or forever changed by a possessed madman.

The very next thought I had was of the opportunism of the Left; more fraud created by those who despise our Constitution and the Second Amendment was sure to come. They would use this crisis, as they had used others numerous times before, to control people and restrict their liberty.

I didn't have to wait long. Within minutes, media was flooded with obscene comments from leftist pundits, punctuated by accusations and epithets. Hillary's dishonesty and Hollywood's hypocrisy was thick; stats twisted and numbers invented to further their agenda and achieve desired policy goals. New York Senator Chuck Schumer and his depraved Democrat comrades launched the same tired vitriol against the NRA and law-abiding gun owners as they had done in the last tragedy and the one before that: Guns were at fault.

Despicable human behavior driven by evil is looked upon by progressives as an opportunity to advance their ideology. Sadly, there are far too many Republicans that play along with the devious plucking of heart strings, to the abandonment of reason, joining radical progressives in their dishonest, vacuous attacks on the "gun culture."

For the hard Left, opportunity had knocked loudly and the full-court press was on. No lie, half-truth, or innuendo would be spared in their attacks. "Always use a crisis to advance your agenda," was to be followed in the best spirit of Saul Alinsky. But could Americans be duped into believing the "gun violence" myths *this* time?

Not if facts are known and an honest perspective is understood, as follows...

Since 1993, private ownership of firearms in the U.S. has increased 56%. But death by firearms (homicides) in the U.S. since 1993 is *down* 49%. Those facts are unacceptable to the Left, so they're ignored.

If one looks at the Top Ten Deaths in the U.S. by percent of population, arguments for a gun-death crisis get weak. Here are the Top Ten from a 2014 study by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, in order: Heart Disease, 23.4%; Cancer, 22.5%; Lower Respiratory Disease, 5.6%; Accidents, 5.2%; Stroke, 5.1%; Alzheimer's Disease, 3.6%; Diabetes, 2.9%; Influenza and Pneumonia, 2.1%; Nephritis, 1.8%; and Suicide, 1.6%. Nowhere close to the Top Ten is the category "Murders with Firearms" (0.42%).

Cogent questions were posed in a recent issue of *The Patriot Post*, illustrating the progressives' unique, twisted view of their so-called "gun problem":

"When sociopaths used a *bomb* to murder 168 people and injure over 680 others in 1995, it wasn't a 'bomb problem.'

"When sociopaths used *airplanes* to murder 2,977 people and injure over 6,000 others on 9/11/2001, it wasn't an 'airplanes problem.'

"When a sociopath used a *truck* to murder 85 people and injure 458 others in 2016, it wasn't a 'truck problem.'

"But when sociopaths use a *gun* to murder people, why do Democrats always label it a 'gun problem'?"

The simple answer exposes the Left's agenda: the confiscation of firearms in the hands of private citizens and the repeal of the Second Amendment is their objective.

Progressives will leap at the opportunity to politicize a tragedy such as that in Las Vegas to accomplish their agenda. They cannot argue the facts but, in particular, they cannot ignore one truth: As the Founders understood, the *right* to self-defense, given to each individual by their *Creator*, predates the Constitution and the Second Amendment.

Sorry, Senator Feinstein. You've been overruled by a higher power. Give it up.

**Enough!**  
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