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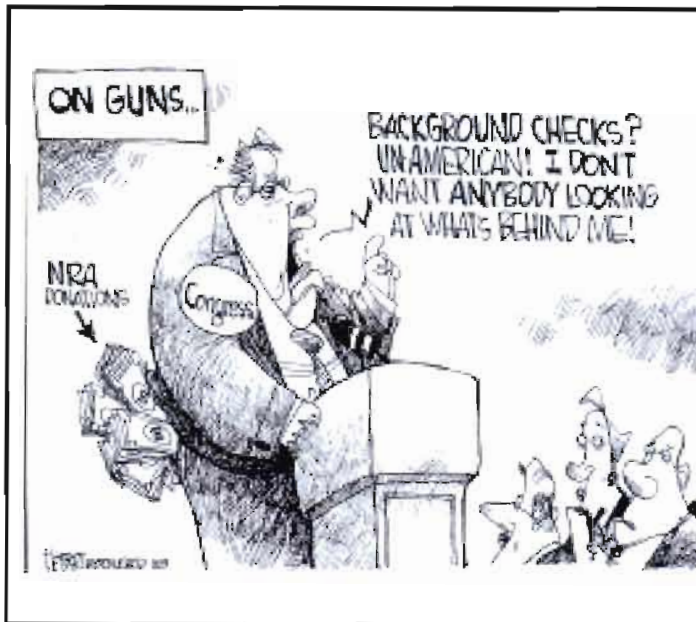


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**“God grant liberty only to those who love it,  
and are always ready to guard and defend it.”**

**— Daniel Webster (1834)**



The propaganda cartoon at the left appeared in *The Telegraph* daily newspaper of Alton, Illinois on April 28, 2013. It is one of a number of cartoons that paper has published of an anti-gun, anti-Second Amendment nature.

Just below the cartoon at the left appeared an article by Rance Thomas, local columnist and professor emeritus of sociology and criminal justice at Lewis and Clark Community [Junior] College. His article was titled NRA controlling Congress.

Your editor sent an article of rebuttal to the Rance Thomas article, which was condensed and edited for *The Telegraph*. The full article, non-condensed, is printed below.

## NRA CONTROLLING CONGRESS: ANOTHER VIEWPOINT by Ron Cowan

Rance Thomas (*The Telegraph* / 04-28-13) had an article titled “NRA controlling Congress”. Rance complained that special interest groups had corrupted our political system, aiming his accusative diatribe against the National Rifle Association. Thomas specifically singles out the NRA. What about the ant-gunners:

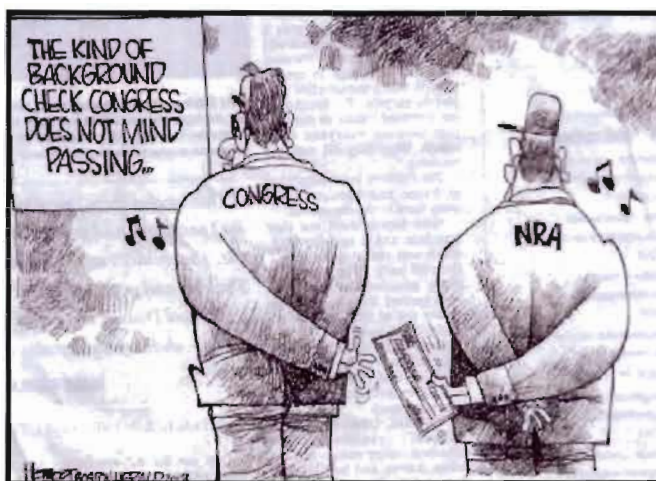
**George Soros** was once the No. one source of money to Democratic candidates and causes. In the 2004 presidential election, Soros contributed \$23.7 million – a record amount at the time. He subsequently decided to focus his efforts more on specific issues rather than supporting the party generally. George Soros is a big-time gun controller. His Open Society Institute promotes licensing of all U.S. firearm’s owners and gun registration. Soros donated \$23,450,000 to 527 committees in 2004. In addition, the Soros family donated another \$531,255 to candidates, Democrat PACs and committees.

**Rupert Murdoch**, (Net worth \$7.6 billion, News media mogul, is calling for gun control: “We have to do something about gun controls. Police license okay for hunting rifle or pistol for anyone without crim (crime) or psycho record. No more.” According to Politico, Rupert Murdoch is closely allied with New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg. It was Mayor Bloomberg who has been particularly vocal about the need for the tightening of gun control laws.

**Michael Bloomberg** formed his group in October of 2012 to back candidates that support gun control reform, among other issues. His four checks to Independence USA in February bring his total contributions to the group to about \$12 million.

First place among gun control contributors was an organization called **John Kerry for President**, which donated \$38,563,933 in 2004. **Friends of John Kerry** chipped in another \$1,004,000. John Kerry has consistently voted for gun control laws.

“**Friends of Schumer**” donated \$2,922,504 for Charles Schumer’s re-election campaign. Schumer sponsored S. 645, the Assault Weapons Ban and Law Enforcement Protection Act of 2005, to reinstate the failed 1994 ban on certain semi-automatic, non-military, firearms.



The cartoon at the left appeared in *The Telegraph* daily newspaper May, 1, 2013. It is one of several such continued biased cartoons the paper has published, which gives the anti-gun agenda people free propoganda to aid in their unconstitutional war against the Second Amendment. War against the Constitution is treasonous.

**Reginald Weaver**, current president of The National Education Association, supports more gun control, having praised three top national gun control proponents for their legislative accomplishments: Influence in Washington is created from many ingredients. Consider outside spending and lobbying expenditures of more than 20,000 labor unions, corporations and trade groups, as well as the number of lawmakers who have personally invested in them. And what about the slanted news media's free propoganda against gun owners (Note the anti-gun, anti Second Amendment cartoons that consistently appear in *The Telegraph*, like the one appearing above the Rance Thomas article).

Thomas asserts that "90 percent of Americans favor expanding background checks; "... the vast majority favor banning assault style weapons and high capacity gun magazines..." A new video demonstration conducted under supervision of Boone County, Indiana, Sheriff Ken Campbell throws cold water on anti-gunners who argue that magazine limits are necessary to prevent mass shootings. Imposing magazine limits create a horribly false sense of security. A shooter in the video fires an AR-15 rifle using a single 20 round magazine in 12.16 seconds, then fires 20 rounds using two 10 round magazines in 10.73 seconds. (See article in *Faith & Freedom Sentinel*, March 2013, pages 4-5).

Thomas further complains "there are some gun owners, some who fear they would be restricted in gun ownership, and they state that it would be an infringement on their Second Amendment right to own guns.

I respond with the following quotations: "*Our task of creating a socialist America can only succeed when those who would resist us have been totally disarmed.*" — Sarah Brady, then Chairman of Handgun Control, Inc., quoted in the *National Educator*

*"Waiting periods are only a step. Registration is only a step. Prohibition of private firearms is the goal."* — Janet Reno, appointed Attorney General by Bill Clinton.

*"The strongest gun legislation... I will enforce diligently and exhaustively."*

— FBI Director Louis Freeh, U.S. Senate Confirmation Hearings July 30, 1993, appointed by President Bill Clinton

*"People ought to have to register guns like they register cars."*

— Bill Clinton on ABC, Good Morning America.

*"We're going to hammer guns on the anvil of relentless legislative strategy! We're going to beat*

*guns into submission.*” — Senator Charles Schumer, when he was a U.S. Representative.

*“In the coming weeks, I will use whatever power this office holds [to ban guns].”* — Barack Obama

Thomas further alludes to “the other irrational fringe group that believes that the government will confiscate their weapons and take over the country and have a one world government.” Therefore, their need to “have guns to protect the country...”

World government is not only a conspiracy, but a fact, and those who accept that truth are not “irrational.”

*“NAFTA is a major stepping stone to the new world order.”*

— Henry Kissinger, when campaigning for the passage of NAFTA.

*“This reginalization is in keeping with the Tri-Lateral plan which calls for a gradual convergence of East and West, ultimately leading toward the goal of one world government. National sovereignty is no longer a viable concept.”* — Zbigniew Brezezinski, National Security Advisor to President Jimmy Carter.

*“We are on the verge of a global transformation. All we need is the right major crisis and the nations will accept the New World Order.”* — David Rockefeller

*“It is the sacred principle enshrined in the United Nations Charter to which the American people will henceforth pledge their allegiance.”* — President George Bush, February 1, 1992

Thomas then argues that “Other opponents of gun control argue that they need guns to protect themselves and their families from criminals because the police are unable to do so.

The U.S. Supreme Court and State Courts have handed down judicial decisions that the police have no obligation to protect people (citizens). Call 911, and die! Security, safety and protection is your responsibility.

Thomas scorns “teachers, janitors and staff” being armed to defend students and then alludes to the myth : “This would be like the old Wild West, where every one was armed. Israel uses firearms to protect their school children. America’s gun free zones are killing zones. States with conceal carry laws have less crime than those who do not. Chicago , with the most radical gun-ban, is the murder capitol of the nation. Guns save lives!

Thomas claims: “The original premise was that our representatives have forgotten that they represent the people and their supposed constituents, voters. It is time to remind them they are in the U.S. Congress to represent our interests and not that of special interest groups.

Rance Thomas is here advocating his own brand of interest being represented, espousing a dangerous concept foreign to the intent of the founding fathers of our nation and the Constitution. A Congressmen’s first duty is not to the people, their constituents. Their foremost responsibility is to represent the principles and edicts laid down by the Constitution.

The express purpose of the Constitution of the United States of America is to govern the government, not the people. It is a contract between the people and the government, a government created by the will and act of the people. That government is not greater than the people who created it. The creator

is greater than its creation.

The Constitution sets forth principles, agreements and laws whereby the government is to be limited, prohibited, restricted, and restrained in its various functions, actions and responsibilities to the people. The purpose of those inhibitors are to guide, lead and direct the government to prevent it from acting against the God- given and unalienable rights of the people. That includes the right to defense of self, family, property and country.

To represent the majority view of constituents, if it is contrary to the Constitution, is treasonous. The U.S.A. was not founded as a Democracy, but as a Republic. **As a republic, we are governed by the United States Constitution (Rule of Law) and not by what the majority may demand.** A lynch mob is “*a rule by majority.*” When the majority says, “*hang him,*” he is hanged. We ought to be governed by constitutional law, not by majority rule. **Democracy** is based on the false premise that our “*unalienable rights*” are subject to majority rule or by government edict. In a **Republic**, the whim of the majority, or government leaders, cannot touch a minority of even one person in his life, liberty or property except by perversion of the law or administration.

The purpose of the United States Constitution is to guarantee the rights of all individual citizens. The purpose and only legitimate function of government is to enforce the Constitution and thereby provide protection of the rights of every individual citizen. It is in a **Humanistic- Marxist philosophy** that, “*our rights are derived from the State.*” If our rights are derived from the state, then the state has the legitimate authority to end our rights. **The Christian -American philosophy** is that, “*all rights are derived from God.*” Therefore, no man or government has the right to subvert or terminate our rights, Second Amendment or otherwise.

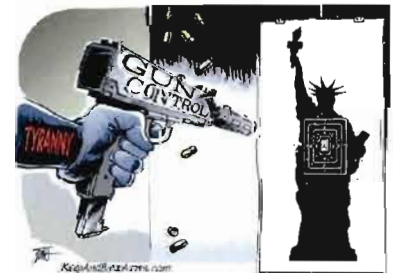
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### THE OBAMA PLAN

Abolish the Second Amendment  
Annul the Bill of Rights  
Outlaw Ownership of Firearms





## UNITED NATIONS Arms Trade Treaty Targeting Your Guns

**On April 2, 2013, the UN Arms Trade Treaty, being pushed by the Obama Administration, grants to the UN the power to control and eliminate the possession of guns in the United States. The UN General Assembly adopted the treaty by a vote of 154-3 with 23 abstentions. The United States cast its vote for the treaty, with the decision to sign on even before the General Assembly even convened to consider it.**

Voting for the passage of the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) at the General Assembly is a violation of the Constitution of the United States of America, the highest law of the land, to which Obama has sworn to uphold. His violation of his office as President is one more reason for his impeachment. Article I of the Constitution grants Congress “all legislative power.” The Constitution grants no branch of the federal government any right to cede that authority to any body, especially one made up of international bureaucrats, none of whom have been elected by or are accountable to “we the people” of the United States.

With blatant disregard, the Obama administration praised the passage of the ATT and is determined to see it enforced in the United States. Secretary of State John Kerry denies that the treaty infringes the Second Amendment. Contrariwise, Chris Cox, Executive Director of Institute for Legislative Action (the legislative lobbying arm of the National Rifle Association) says, *“This treaty disregards the Second Amendment to our Constitution and threatens individual firearm ownership. It is a sad, yet telling, day when the president of the United States and his administration refuse to defend America’s Constitution on the world stage.”*

The ATT grants a number of provisions that erodes the “right to keep and bear arms:”

- The ATT grants a monopoly over all weaponry in the hands of the very regimes responsible for over 300 million murders in the 20th century, leaving private citizens powerless to oppose future slaughters.
- Article 2 of the treaty spells out the treaty’s prohibitions; The right to own, buy, trade or transfer all means of armed resistance, including handguns, is denied to civilians by this section of the ATT.
- Article 3 places *“ammunition/munitions fired, launched or delivered by conventional arms covered under Article 2”* within the ATT’s prohibitions.
- Article 4 places all “parts and components” of weapons within the scheme.
- Article 5 (titled *“General Implementation”*) mandates that all countries participating in the treaty *“shall establish and maintain a national control system, including a national control list.”* This list should *“apply the provisions of this Treaty to the broadest range of conventional arms.”*

### PRETEXT FOR COMPLETE DISARMAMENT:

Recent history is replete with governments disarming their citizens based on the pretext that, due to mass killings, the need for national security and safety of all men, women and children deems it necessary for the creation of a gun owner registry.

Such registry of guns and gun owners would be imposed under the pretext of following international law as set forth in the Arms Trade Treaty. Disarmament proponents would undoubtedly point out the so-called Supremacy Clause of Article VI as constitutional justification for the registration of names.

That clause stipulates that “... *all treaties made, or which shall be made, under the authority of the United States, shall be the supreme Law of the Land; and the judges in every State shall be bound thereby, any Thing in the Constitution or Laws of any State to the contrary notwithstanding....*”

The twisted barrel handgun at the United Nations headquarters in New York City and the UN Arms Trade Treaty document reveals the intent of the globalist to surrender U.S. sovereignty, disregard the U.S. Constitution and completely disarm Americans in the name of world peace.

*“Our Constitution does not give us the authority to sell our sovereignty to an international body [E]ven under the treaty provisions of the Constitution.”*

— Ron Paul (R-TX) House Debate, June 4, 1997.

The provision in the ATT instructing participating nations, including the USA, to take “*appropriate measures*” to enforce the terms of the treaty is a tyrannical provision. Inability of the U.S. government to accomplish the goal, Article 16 provides for UN assistance, specifically including help with the enforcement of “*stockpile management, disarmament, demobilization and integration programmes.*”

Resistance to the consolidation of power in Washington and the UN is crucial, as is opposition to the assimilation of local law enforcement by the Department of Homeland Security and their tyrannical “fusion Centers.”

Back in the 1960’s, I wrote a report: **Disarmament: Plan For World Conquest**, A Report on the Official Policy of the United States Government To Disarm the Military and to Disarm the Private Citizens of America; to create a new world order (world government), which no nation, nor its citizens can oppose.



Khrushchev and John Kennedy

In the report, I pointed out that the disarmament plan was a proposal by Nikita Khrushchev, who assumed leadership of the Soviet Union after the death of Josef Stalin in 1953. Khrushchev’s proposal became the official policy of the U.S. government, and still is. Today, poor deluded souls think Communism is dead!

On September 15, 1959 Khrushchev, the Butcher of Budapest, delivered a speech before the United Nations entitled “General and Complete Disarmament and International Control”. In November 1960, the Sixth Pugwash Conference (held in Moscow, Russia) stressed the objectives:

1. A highly centralized world government.
2. A socialist economic state.
3. A totally regimented society with a self-policing process.

On May 21, 1961, the subversive **Council on Foreign Relations (CFR)** set up a citizens conference on Soviet-American Relations in the Soviet Union. These private citizens attending from the U.S. did not represent our government officially. The CFR, being an organization of private citizens, is not a government agency. The CFR submitted a report to our U.S. State Department proposing a three stage program for general and complete disarmament. In September 1961, the State Department issued Document #7277, which states: “*In stage III progressive controlled disarmament and continuously developing principles and procedures of international law would proceed to a point where no state [nation] would have the military power to challenge the progressively strengthened U.N. peace force and all international disputes would be settled according to the agreed principles of international conduct.*” *The manufacture of armaments would be prohibited except for those agreed types and quantities to be used by the U.N. Peace Force and those required to maintain internal order. All other armaments*

would be destroyed or converted to peaceful purposes.”

For lack of space, much of my report is not presented here. But in September 26, 1961 the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency was established (Public Law 87-297). This government agency is independent of Congress and the Department of Defense, reporting only to the President and the State Department. (Its purpose was given in my report). On April 18, 1962 the U.S. government submitted to the 18 nation committee on Disarmament at Geneva, Switzerland (Amended August 6 and 8, 1962; again in August 14, 1963). It states: *“The parties to the treaty would progressively strengthen the United Nations Peace Keeping Force established in stage II until it had sufficient armed forces and armaments so that no state [nation] could challenge it.”* There you have it: A “peaceful change” from national sovereignty to national servitude to an established world government, that no nation could challenge, in a disarmed world. That is national suicide and international dictatorship in the making!

On July 18, 1963, The Phoenix Papers were released. The report presented in “five papers.” was prepared by the Institute For Defense Analysis, at government expense (\$78,600), for the United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. This organization was doing about \$10 million worth of work each year for the Pentagon. The Phoenix Study called for a U.S. — U.S.S.R. parity of military force and for their “unification” in “near nuclear monopoly” to enforce peace. The Phoenix Study ideology became the foreign policy of the Kennedy administration, remaining such to the present time.

The Phoenix Study is a proposal for unification of the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. The “convergency policy” of the U.S. State Department is a concept of merger with the Soviet Union under the framework of the United Nations as an alternative to nuclear war. The State Department policy of disarmament can only lead to capitulation to the enemy, Communism. (It was members of the CFR and the Communist Party that produced the U.N. Charter.) Nikita Khrushchev on June 19, 1962 at Budapest said, *“I am convinced that tomorrow the Red Flag will fly over the United States. But we will not fly the flag. It will be the American people themselves.”*

Rep. John Rousselot (R-CA) related that: *“Former Congressman Donald Jackson and others revealed that our Defense Department maintained a very special file which contained a plan for systematic and calm surrender of our military forces, should our country be suddenly overcome by an enemy. This surrender plan had been designed by three research institutions: Namely, the Rand Corporation, John Hopkins University, and a third still undisclosed. It was discovered that Milton Eisenhower, President of John Hopkins University, had been one of those who recommended that the plan be prepared.”*

Milton Eisenhower recommended that a plan of gradual surrender to the communists be prepared. It has been prepared, and is now being implemented. Plans to abolish the U.S.A. as a sovereign nation, in favor of a world government is planned through disarming the U.S. and creating a U.N. totalitarian war machine.



Milton Eisenhower

A United Press International release for December 16, 1969 stated that, *“Dr. Milton Eisenhower, who headed an 18 month study of violence in America, said Monday that the nation eventually will have to take pistols away from private citizens.”* The release went on to say that, *“... the brother of former President Eisenhower ... said private ownership of handguns should be outlawed both to reduce blood shed caused by anger and to facilitate police detection of illegal firearms.”*

William E. Dunhan, commenting on the article stated: *“Once again the Eisenhower name is being used to give an aura of responsibility to an idea that can serve only the interest of no one but criminals and communists. Milton Eisenhower makes a habit of this sort of thing. Look at his record. From 1928 to 1941, Dr. Eisenhower (the title is not an earned degree, but is honorary) was Director of Information in the federal Department of Agriculture. Throughout most of this time the communists used that Department as gateway to a variety of government agencies. Among Milton Eisenhower’s colleagues were such identified communists as John J. Abt, Henry H. Collins, Jr., Lee Pressman, Harold Ware, and Nathan Witt — all members of the*



*communists' Ware Cell. Eisenhower then served as Director of the Office of War Information, which Congress found to be honeycombed with communists."* Mr. Dunhan goes on to say, "...it was Milton Eisenhower who in February of 1960 described communist mass-murderer Nikita Khrushchev as "a champion of peace" and a man who is "very different (in a good sense) from Stalin."

Mr. Dunhan reveals that, "*The Milton Eisenhower plan to confiscate all handguns was actually the brainchild of a member of the University of Chicago law faculty named Franklin Zimring. Mr. Zimring claimed that his study was the first unfettered, objective analysis of handgun ownership. The same Zimring, in January 1969, urged Illinois criminologists to work hard for banning privately owned handguns in their state.*"

Professor Susan Huck wrote in *American Opinion* for October 1968 concerning her investigation, that "While we were discussing the polls which asked people about their weapons, we asked Mr. Zimring why people are so suspicious, '*It's because we're coming for their guns,*' he replied."

The *Washington Post* of April 28, 1965, in support of Sen. Thomas E. Dodd's bill stated, "*Disarmament needs to begin at home.*" This scheme of international one world government plotters lays the foundation for a totalitarian dictatorship.

The U.N. One Worlders plot the disarmament of America (its military and citizens); the U.S government calls for the implementation. **The only thing gun confiscation legislation can accomplish is dictatorship.** The rights of the people to "keep and bear arms" is "necessary to the security of a free state," and "a well regulated militia" of private citizens bearing arms is intrinsic to national preservation. (Don't confuse the National Guard as the Militia (The National Guard was not formed until the 20th century.) To depend on the National Guard as "a well regulated militia is to error. To do so is to transfer power from the people to the government. The Militia and the private citizens **are not** separate. **Power of government over the people is tyranny.** The Constitution of the United States grants states the power of control over federal government; Constitutional usurpation is destroying states rights, with the federal government exercising dominion over the once sovereign states.

Terrorism is a smoke screen, a diversion, a pincer movement perpetrated by government (tax payer) funding. Our real threat is internal; Our foremost enemy is a fifth column. The theft of our Constitution and the destruction of our Republic is from within. J. Kesner Kahn has well said, "*If Americanism is the people over government, and fascism-communism is the government over the people; how come we are moving so fast towards government over the people?*"

The Biblical-Christian principle/concept of government is that our rights are derived from God; The humanist, totalitarian philosophy is that our rights are derived from the state.

Nakita Khrushchev said, "*Communism must be built with non-communist hands.*" And now none-communists (?) are disarming us. American citizens had better wake up to the warning by Thomas Jefferson, "*Big government is the greatest threat to the individual's freedom.*"

Elected leaders bear watching. They have been quietly legislating away our rights, our heritage, and our freedom. They have legislated away our free-enterprise Constitutional Republic, and replaced it with a socialist, international plutocracy. And the quiet revolution continues. The revolution by legislation is now proceeding to confiscate our guns. The enemy is at the door!

*"Only an outlaw government would outlaw guns. Gun control is people control. People control is totalitarianism. When we lose our guns, we lose our constitutionally devised defense against despotic government. Free men own guns, slaves don't. Those who would disarm the citizen, are enemies of America and all her people. No matter who they are or what their status, these enemies of freedom should be impeached, indicted, tried and imprisoned or executed."* — Ron Cowan

## THOSE DANGEROUS GUNS

Today I swung my front door wide open and placed my Stevens 320, 12 gauge magnum shotgun right in the doorway. I gave it five shells and, noticing that it had no legs, even placed it in my wheelchair to help it get around. I then left it alone, with the muzzle pointing outside so it could see and went about my business.

While I was gone the mailman delivered my mail, the neighbor boy across the street mowed the yard, a girl walked her dog down the street and numerous joggers trotted by and quite a few cars stopped at the stop sign right in front of our house.

After about an hour I checked on the gun. It was still sitting there in the wheelchair, right where I had left it. It hadn't rolled itself outside. There was no pile of cadavers in the front yard, so it certainly hadn't killed anyone, even with that target rich area. In fact, it hadn't loaded itself.

Well, you can imagine my surprise, with all the media hype about how dangerous guns are and how they kill people. Either the media is wrong, and it is the misuse of guns by PEOPLE that kills people, or I'm in possession of the laziest gun in the world.

Alright, well I'm off to check my spoons, I hear they make people fat!

Source: unknown.

## ABOUT JUDGING

Bobby Collins, Sr. writing IN LETTERS TO THE EDITOR, *The Telegraph* for May 16, 2013 criticized another writer saying, "...follow the Bible. Judge not lest ye be judged."

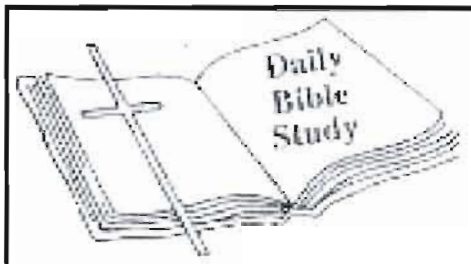
In SOUND OFF, *The Telegraph*, May 15, 2013, a caller states: "**IF YOU read your Bible, you will see that God loves all of his children. We as Christians are not ones who should judge. God doesn't always agree with people's choices, but we are all His children.**"

**"We as Christians are not ones who should judge" is a false statement, devoid of the truth.** The statement, "... we are all His Children" is true only if the context is referring only to true Christians, those whose only trust for salvation is in the Lord Jesus Christ and Him alone. "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 3:26). By faith mind you, not by works, self-effort or self-achievement. The Scriptures (Word of God) discern between the saved and unsaved. The Bible distinguishes between "children of God" and "children of the devil." "In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil." (1 John 3:10). The two are distinguished between being "children of the flesh" or being "children of God." "That is, They which are the children the flesh, these are not the children of God..." (Romans 9:8) Elsewhere they are described as "children of darkness" and "children of light"; as "wheat" vs. tares," etc. It is a pernicious doctrine that teaches "the fatherhood of God and brotherhood of man," that teaches that all mankind are "children of God."

One has to become a child of God by faith: "But as many as received him [Christ], to them gave he power [right, authority] to become the sons (teknon-children) of God." (John 1:12). A person is born into the family of God by faith: "Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again." (John 3:7) **The new birth produces a new life:** "That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:15,16). "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life." (John 3:24). **The new birth produces a new nature:** "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature, old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." (2 Corinthians 5:17). Too numerous to mention here are all the things that pass away in the life of the one who places his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The angel commanded Joseph: "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS, [JEHOVAH SAVIOR] for he shall save his people from [away from] their sins." (Matthew 1:21).

## SOUND OFF



*"To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this-word, it is because there is no light in them."* (Isaiah 8:20)

*"He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day."* (John 12:48).

People calling into *The Telegraph* daily newspaper of Alton, Illinois with the following comments are most likely the sentiment of others and should therefore be addressed. This one on "judging" is similar to ones I have heard many times.

*"BEING A Christian doesn't give you the right to judge others. Read Matthew 7 and do some self examination. Love your neighbor as yourself."* (5/4/13)

Is it right to judge? The Lord Jesus Christ commanded, "Judge righteous judgment." (John 7:14). He told a man, "Thou hast rightly judged." (Luke 7:43). To others, our Lord asked, "Why even of yourselves judge ye not what is right?" (Luke 15:57).

By inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the Apostle Paul wrote, "I speak as to wise men, judge ye what I say." (I Corinthians 10:15). He also declared, "He that is spiritual judgeth all things." (I Corinthians 2:15). **It is our duty, our responsibility**

**to judge.**

The writer in "Sound Off" violates the biblical principles of interpretation (hermeneutics), in building a false doctrine (teaching) and opinion based on a single passage on the subject. Also, he violates the principle of not discerning the meaning of words. The word "judge" here, from the Greek word "krino," means to distinguish or decide (mentally or judicially.) The writer further violates the principle of not adhering to context. (Text apart from context often proves to be a pretext, as the writer here substantiates.) The word "krino" (judge), by implication indicates "to try, condemn, damn, punish-avenge, determine, to sentence," as the context reveals in Matthew chapter seven. The Lord is here speaking of hypocritical judgement, "Thou hypocrite" verse 5. He then warns and commands, "Beware of false prophets..." How can that be done without just judgment? Jesus then informs that, "Ye shall know them by their fruits." (Verses 16, 20).

The book of Galatians warns about a "false gospel", a "false spirit" and a "false Christ." (That which is not real, that which is false and contrary to Scripture.)

The Apostle John wrote, "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try (test, judge) the spirits whether they be of God: because many false prophets are gone into the world." (I John 4:1).

**The Word of God is the only authoritative basis for judgment:** Paul admonishes believers to "... mark them which cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. For they are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly [self-interests]; and by good works and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple." (Romans 16:17,18).

To piously quote "Judge not," out of context, in order to defend that which is false and contrary to God's Word, is failing to own up to one's own inconsistency in judging those who would obey God's Word in judging that which is untrue to God's Word, the Bible.

So much that is anti-Scriptural has found an unholy refuge behind the misuse of the Scripture of Matthew 7 and elsewhere. The greatest danger (often leading to outright apostasy) is not to much judging, but too little judging. God would have true believers to be like the noble Bereans who "searched the Scriptures daily, whether those things were so." (Acts 17:11).



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## **THEY TELL US TOO MANY GUNS LEADS TO VIOLENCE — REALLY?**

According to the Small Arms Survey of 178 nations which was conducted by the Switzerland-based Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, we are told: "The United States leads gun ownership with 88 firearms per 100 people, according to the most recent Small Arms Survey compiled in 2007.

That is far ahead of Yeman, which has 55 per hundred people, Switzerland which has 46 per 100 people, followed by Finland (45), Serbia (38), Cyprus (36), Saudi Arabia (35) and Iraq (34). But, when it comes to the firearms homicide rate, the United States doesn't even make the top 25."

The article I quoted this from then goes on to mention much smaller countries with smaller populations that have much higher homicide rates than this country does. So we are not the gun-crazed nation the prostitute press makes us out to be.

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## **REAL PATRIOTS PRESERVE, PROTECT, AND DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION.**

Lawmakers in Kansas, Texas, Wyoming, Missouri, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Iowa are proposing bills nullifying the impending criminalization of private gun ownership. Americans need to get behind such state efforts, as well as demanding that federal law makers and the president abide by their oath of office to "preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States," including the right to keep and bear arms.