

## **Gun Control is Urgently Needed**

The following is based on the premise that control of violence through control of personality disorders is not possible given the ambiguities, individual differences, due process and, fundamentally, lack of knowledge about the origin and development of human personality and consciousness. Anyone who thinks that our medical, judicial, educational social systems have the knowledge to deal with the nuances of human behaviors is not dealing with reality. Guns are real and bullets killing people is also real. Guns do not and cannot protect everyone, anytime, anywhere. Statements and assertions suggesting otherwise are hogwash! Guns *are* used by people to kill people! Firearms killed 39,693 people in 2017. To stop the killing, gun ownership must be controlled.

### **Guns – Let's Get Real!**

Support mandatory registration of all gun ownership and dealership. This is no different from ownership of an automobile or a fleet of automobiles used by individuals, corporations or other organizations including militias.

Support mandatory background checks (hold a valid passport, state-issued ID or driver's license, have lived in a permanent address for at least three months, have no history of violent felony conviction or charges of violence) and a waiting period before a buyer can take delivery of the weapon. The delivery delay is essentially no different than what is required for the purchase of a house or a car to provide credit checks, etc. . Or, to receive a permanent driver's license or valid passport.

Outlaw all Gun Shows that include onsite sales and delivery. These shows are for collectors and speculators and have no standing with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment. The shows are purely commercial and must be subject to regulation consistent with any and every other business. Because they deal with products that are able to kill people, regulation is not essentially different from regulation of commercial marketing, sales and distribution of alcohol or prescription drugs.

Gun sales to be made only by licensed dealers from fixed and registered facilities providing secure storage of guns and ammunition.

Ammunition sales are provided only by licensed dealers. Purchasers must sign for the ammunition just as purchasers must sign for certain potentially abused over-the-counter drugs (pseudoephedrine) when purchasing them at a pharmacy.

Tight control of all shooting events including the use of guns that are kept in licensed facilities and checked out specifically for the shooting event, along with ammunition, and checked in at a pre-specified date and time by the licensed facility. You can own a gun but you can no longer keep it in your home.

Ban all unrestricted concealed carry permits. This includes plain-clothed, sworn officers of law. Any circumstance requiring concealed carry by a sworn officer must be approved by a judge for a specified date range.

Hunting is done with guns only when certain types of weapons are allowed for use and are checked out from a licensed facility for the hunting season and returned following the closure of the hunting season.

Any use of a weapon under the influence of drugs or alcohol will result in the permanent loss of privilege for any future gun use, plus other penalties as stipulated by state law.

Anyone with a documented observation of violent behavior or belligerent, antisocial statements is banned from future gun use.

Any sworn law officer using a gun in which there is death, life-threatening injury or injury resulting in disability shall be permanently decommissioned as an officer. There is no advocacy proceedings and the revocation is not subject to appeal. Alternatively; no officer shall carry a gun on their person, but shall have access to guns from the trunk of a squad car or other mobile source.

The Second Amendment is fully compatible with the following actions to deal with gun violence:

- Background Checks;
- Regulation of Gun Shows;
- Restrictive regulation of sport shooting with personal weapons kept in the home;
- Restrictive regulation of hunting with personal weapons kept in the home;
- Restrictive regulation of ammunition sales.

Put another way, requirements for background checks, prohibiting of gun shows, restrictions on sport shooting, tight control of gun uses for hunting, are not prohibited by the Second Amendment.