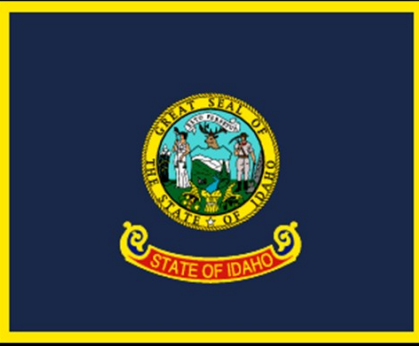




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We salute our Patriots who have served our country and we salute their families for the hardships they endured. Without their sacrifices our country would not be what it is today. These brave souls have put themselves in harms way in the name of Freedom and Liberty. Many have paid the ultimate price. We all need to keep a special place in our hearts for these men and women, not just on Memorial Day, but everyday. We need to keep in mind if it were not for their selflessness and dedication to duty most of us might not be sleeping very well at night. If you should have the opportunity and meet one of these unsung heros please take the time to thank them for their service. If you have some time, drop by your local Veterans home and spend a few minutes with those who most of us have forgotten to see if there is some way you can make their life a bit easier. Just a few kind words can make the difference, and you will feel much better for it.

OUR HEART FELT THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE SERVED OUR COUNTRY

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OVER 200 SHOW FOR GUN RALLY HOSTED BY KEVIN MILLER



Kevin Miller KIDO580 Radio along with Tony Senesco, Greg Pruitt, Cliffs Guns a host of 2nd amendment rights advocates gathered to talk about bringing gun manufacturers to Idaho. Kevin in is asking those that are advocates of the second amendment and want to bring gun jobs to go to Gem State Gun Jobs on facebook and give the site a LIKE.

SO, WHAT'S IN YOUR QUIVER?

In last month's article titled "Original Intent" I relayed the story of a conservative friend, an avid hunter, who emphatically stated, "No one hunts with an AR15!" and then continued to rant against the need for "assault weapons." I took him to task that night, but wasn't sure my message got through.

Two weeks ago this same friend brought his 24 year old son to my home. Anxious to see my friend's response to the Valentine's Day gift I gave to my wife, I presented to him Valerie's present, an AK47. He smiled and took it in hand and then his son questioned the need for this type of weapon. My friend looked at his son squarely and said, "It's about preventing tyranny!" and then repeated all I taught him about the original intent of the 2nd Amendment.

We can't take it for granted that all of our gun toting friends know the original intent of the 2nd Amendment, and it is necessary that we have these discussions to ensure they are equipped with enough information to thoroughly rebut contrary opinions from our opponents.

The anti-gun progressives will lie and exaggerate to sway those who are ignorant of the truth - and - Obama, Feinstein, Bloomberg and Cuomo have been extremely successful in using scary names and inflated polling data to deceitfully forward their anti-gun agenda. They are investing tens of millions of dollars in television ads to promote infringement of our unalienable rights.

The only antidote for their lies is truth, and each of us must invest our time to not only learn the facts in support of our pro-gun, pro-2nd Amendment position, but we must be able to communicate poignant points concisely and effectively in quotable quotes and facts that are easy to remember and regurgitate them at every opportunity on friend and foe alike.

My favorite quotable quotes:

"The right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed." (definition-to break or weaken)
The Constitution

"The beauty of the Second Amendment is that it will not be needed until they try to take it."

Thomas Jefferson

The right of the citizens to bear arms is just one more guarantee against arbitrary government, one more safeguard against the tyranny which now appears remote in America, but which historically has proved to be always possible." Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey

Go to the internet and discover some quotable quotes for your quiver and send me your favorites.

Tony Snesko, Founder 2nd Amendment 2014 / Idaho Carry, Open & Concealed

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SECOND AMENDMENT: UGLY STEP CHILD OR PILLAR OF LIBERTY?

For over 200 years, the Second Amendment has been treated like the ugly step child in the Bill of Rights. Scholars, commentators, and pundits have historically relegated the Second Amendment to a second class status compared to other rights contained in the Bill of Rights, such as the right to free speech, the right to a free press, and the right to peaceably assemble.

I remember in law school in the 1980s how one of my leftist leaning San Francisco professors taught that the right to keep and bear arms applied only in the context of belonging to a militia. She happily announced that since we no longer have militias, we no longer had any right to keep and bear arms. Fortunately, treatment of the Second Amendment changed fairly recently and significantly when the United States Supreme Court decided *District of Columbia v. Heller* in 2008 and *McDonald v. City of Chicago, Ill* in 2010.

In *Heller*, a District of Columbia special policeman applied to register a handgun he wished to keep at home, but the District denied his application. The policeman sued saying the total ban on handguns, and its requirement that firearms in the home be kept nonfunctional even when necessary for self-defense, violated his Second Amendment right.

In *McDonald*, 76-year-old grandfather, Otis McDonald, wanted a handgun to carry around his home to protect his family from gangbangers and drug dealers who had taken over his neighborhood. His house had been broken into three times and his garage twice. McDonald sued the City of Chicago whose laws effectively banned handgun possession by almost all private citizens who resided in the City limits. McDonald's suit under the Second Amendment claimed he had a right to protect himself and his family and the ban left him vulnerable to criminals and thugs.

Both *Heller* and *MacDonald* won their cases before the United States Supreme Court because the right to keep and bear arms is among those fundamental rights necessary to our system of ordered liberty especially when the right is invoked for home self-defense. Taken together, the *Heller* and *MacDonald* decisions have removed any argument that the Second Amendment deserves a status less equal to that given to other rights contained in the Bill of Rights. Understanding the rationale for these two decisions will help us discuss the nature and extent of the Second Amendment right particularly as we advance arguments strengthening the right to keep and bear arms to protect ourselves, our families and our freedom.

First, the right to keep and bear arms under the Second Amendment belongs to the People just as other rights under the Bill of Rights belong to the People. As such, the Second Amendment protects an individual's right to possess a firearm for traditionally lawful purposes such as self-defense within the home.

Second, the Second Amendment does not create the right to keep and bear arms but is merely a declaration of a pre-existing right. Therefore, since the Constitution does not grant the right to keep and bear arms but simply codifies a historical natural right to keep and bear arms, the right is not dependent upon the Constitution for its existence. This means opponents to the right to keep and bear arms cannot destroy the right by attacking or emasculating the Constitution.

Third, the Second Amendment does not protect only those arms in existence in the 18th century. Just as the First Amendment protects modern forms of communications and the Fourth Amendment applies to modern forms of search, the Second Amendment extends to all "arms" that would naturally and logically be used in protecting ourselves in our day and age.

With the Supreme Court's favorable holdings in *Heller* and *MacDonald*, advocates of the Second Amendment are able to advance the cause of a strong and vibrant Second Amendment with well-reasoned and historically based legal precedent.

Written by Bryan Smith an Attorney in Idaho Falls and NRA Life Member.

HOW RULES AND DATA AFFECT OUR SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS

By Steve Ackerman

Why Protecting Second Amendment Rights is About Data and Federal Agency Activity

Among the many fallouts from the crimes committed at Sandy Hook was a renewed effort by the federal government to collect and use data through federal agencies and organizations. In other words, what the Administration cannot do through Congress it will do on its own, using federal agencies.

This can be seen more clearly from the work of the Biden Commission on Gun Violence. Chaired by Vice President Joe Biden, the commission was to undertake “common sense steps” to reduce gun violence. While this sounds innocuous enough, the problem lies in the fact that the executive branch is using federal agencies to collect data so as to use this information to make it harder for law-abiding citizens to obtain and possess firearms. It is thus not going through the legislative (the people’s) branch, nor is it doing so directly.

A few examples demonstrate these tactics:

1) The Biden commission calls on the Consumer Product Safety Commission to “review and enhance” the safety standards associated with trigger locks and gun safes. This would allow the federal government to determine the standard for determining whether a gun is being stored safely.

Think of the ramifications of this effort for a moment. First, it could lead makers of these products to have to meet new federal standards over the development and manufacture of these products. This raises the price of these products, putting smaller manufacturers out of business. A higher price means fewer people will be able to afford to buy them. And, if it becomes a violation of a federal rule not to buy a trigger lock or gun safe with a pistol or rifle – like seat belts and airbags – then some poorer people won’t be able to purchase a firearm.

Second, could a federal safety storage requirement on guns lead to a federal inspection of a person’s home? While this may seem far-fetched, think of other types of inspections that occur in both homes and businesses. State and federal health and welfare agencies have to conduct inspections, under certain programs and conditions. Businesses must endure inspections of various types connected with worker, food service, and other safety-related areas. Given this is not a “search,” but a safety inspection, would the 4th Amendment still apply? That may not be a protection, thus not giving someone the choice of saying no to an inspection.

Third, is the promotion of responsible gun ownership by promoting the separate storage of guns and ammunition. There is a belief that allowing people to store guns and ammunition together will increase the chance of gun violence. This is a problematic argument because it also means a person has easier access to more bullets if they need them to defend themselves, their families, and their homes. It is akin to arguing we should ban speech because there is offensive speech. No one likes offensive speech, but we tolerate the fact that it shows up because the right of speech is so fundamental to a free society. One does not have to like or even own a firearm to defend the 2nd Amendment to realize its importance in protecting life, liberty, and property from harm, damage, or theft.

2) The Biden Commission also calls for lifting the freeze on CDC on gun violence-related research.

Since 1996, Congress has imposed a freeze on research done by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on gun violence

Supporters of CDC research in this area would argue that one of the things learned was that having a gun in the home increased the chance someone died in the home by 300%. The problem is the lack of accounting of the other factors that occur within a home. If you include, for example, a home that is also used for illegal drug, gang, or other activity, then you increase the chance of violence in that home.

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But what does that really tell you? And, how would banning guns prevent violence in those cases? I am sure children in such homes are neglected too, but I doubt anyone would argue the answer should be to stop bringing children into this world?

The bigger issue is that there would be pressure put on the CDC to ask research questions that are either designed to support a ban on guns or lead to irrelevant results. For example, consider some questions that have been raised as potentially worthy of research:

Do limits on high-capacity magazines reduce the number of deaths? Logically, if one has fewer bullets and uses their gun, then fewer people will be killed. Yet, there are many other factors that could make the number of bullets in a magazine irrelevant. This includes if potential victims are armed or not. Nevertheless, this question is geared toward concluding that Congress should limit the number of bullets in a magazine.

The reasons people own guns? While seemingly innocent, this could open the door to a new version of an assault weapons ban or put special taxes or fees on certain types of pistols and rifles. The reasons people own guns are several and diverse, akin to why people listen to music or read a book. Could it lead to certain types of guns requiring a “special use” permit; say only after receiving federally certified training? Could it lead to limits on the amount of ammunition one can purchase? It is a simple question with broad implications for government undermining of our 2nd Amendment rights.

3) The Biden Commission calls for increasing funding by \$20 million for the National Violent Death Reporting System. This database seeks to get all 50 states to report on information like the types of firearms used in a crime, whether the gun was stored loaded or not, and “details” on the “access” to the gun by any youths in the home.

This could open the door to learning more than just peoples’ behavior with their guns. It could help set the requirements of a federal gun safety storage rule. It could also lead Members of Congress to target for ban certain guns if they happen to be the most prevalent in the use of crimes or associated with some other activity enough legislators don’t like. I note the recent targeting of conservative groups by the IRS. That federal agency focused on those groups that had names like Tea Party, Patriot, or Constitution in their name. Finally, it could pave the way for laws that require certain storage or other use limitations in homes where youth live.

Recommended Steps Citizens Can Take

The gun control debate is a “data war.” The fight to protect gun rights, therefore, must be fought by using data to show gun control laws don’t work. When one asks why the recent effort to re-impose the assault weapons ban failed, it was because the Department of Justice showed no “statistically significant” difference in crime rates due to banning these weapons.

If people are concerned, they can urge their Members of Congress to limit the actions of federal agencies to collect and use data that would lead to more gun control. This includes the following:

Not allow the Consumer Product Safety Commission to get into the business of setting safety standards for trigger locks or gun safes

Re-impose the freeze on CDC research related to gun violence

Ensure Idaho does not participate in the National Violent Death Reporting System

BAIT AND SWITCH

Our Governor stated in the Idaho Statesman interview this past week that he thought expansion of Medicaid was a bad idea and likened it to getting a tattoo and waking up in the morning knowing it was a bad idea but unable to remove it. This week he is talking about how we need to change Medicaid to force people on it to make healthy choices. Saying it's one of the options he is weighing to bring the poorest Idahoans into the program. The article also states that the Department of Health and Welfare is working on a similar program.

Here comes another "FLIP FLOP" just like the Health Insurance Exchange. The current program covers about 230 thousand citizens. The Federal government currently pays 70% of the medical claims the balance is paid for by the State which is currently 17.5% of our entire state budget. Keep in mind that 70% of the money the Fed's are giving us is being borrowed by the treasury department.

We need to fix our current Medicaid program before adding on another 70 to 80 thousand citizens to the expansion rolls. Everyone on Medicaid should have some skin in the game by increasing co-pays and the costs for prescriptions. We all know that when something is for free people tend to use it more, however; if they have to pay for that service with cash they will use it more frugally. We all know our medical system needs change but adding more people on to the rolls without making them accept some reasonable responsibility for the cost of this service is downright stupid. Adding a new group before rectifying the problems with our current Medicaid members is totally irresponsible and should not be permitted.

We all know that the Governor will do another head fake on us when it comes to expanding Medicaid, just like he did with implementing the State Exchange but this time we must be ready for him and his gang of sixteen. Taking on any additional Federal Medicaid program right now without fixing the one we currently have is like checking into the roach motel. You can get in but you can't get out

Now is the time to start writing, e-mailing and calling your representatives to let them know you do not want any expansion of Medicaid in Idaho until they correct the problems with our current 230 thousand citizens on Medicaid rolls. If you don't speak out you can be sure that those same legislators who helped the Governor put through the Health Insurance Exchange will be backing him on this expansion of Medicaid. There's an old saying "Fool me once shame on you. Fool me twice shame on me. Don't be fooled a second time by someone wearing a big smile, cowboy boots and a ten gallon hat. NO MORE FEDERAL PROGRAMS.

By Bob Neugebauer

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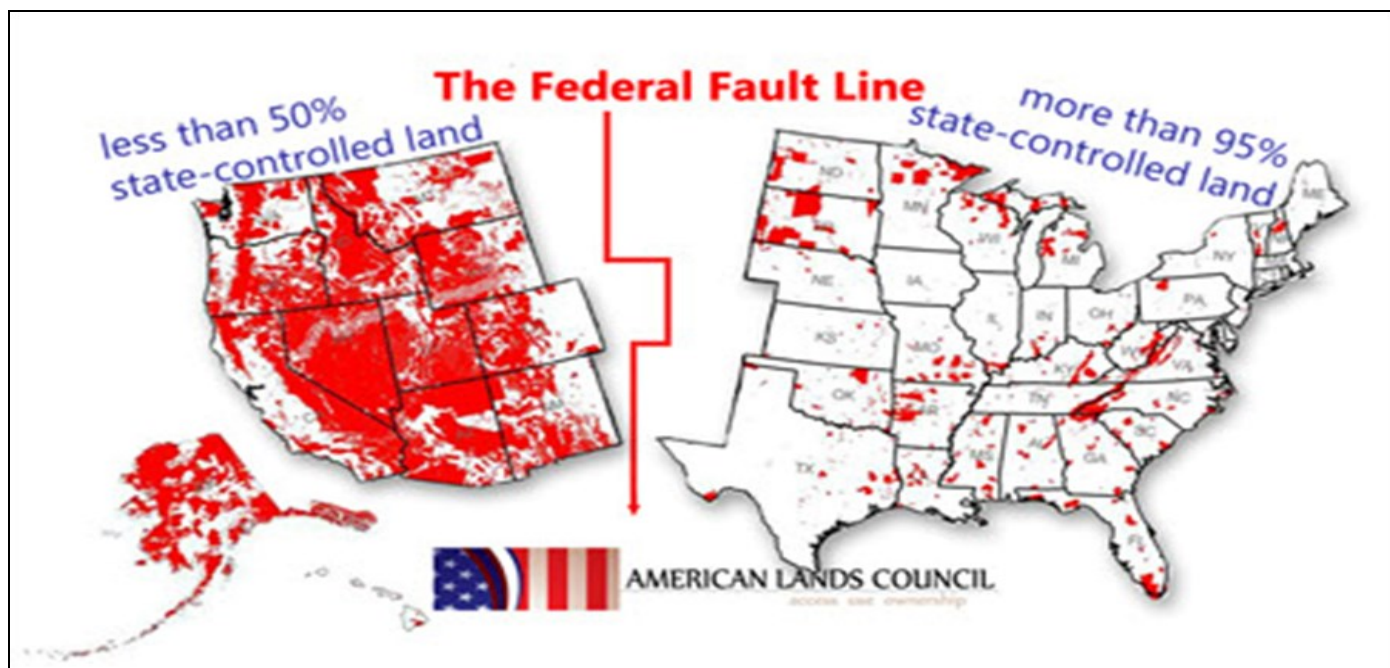
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THE COST OF FEDERALLY CONTROLLED LANDS

By Jim Chmelik

Our forests *used to be* managed in ways that preserved a healthy density of trees. They used to be tended like gardens, with the fruit harvested to fund our schools and communities, while at the same time, preserving beautiful, healthy forests for the use of...well...the *public*. Now, we can't touch a single tree on federal lands. And rather than the healthy 40-60 trees per acre, they often exceed hundreds, even thousands per acre, fighting for limited water, becoming vulnerable to beetle infestation. As these policies kill our forests, they become



tinderboxes waiting for Al-Qaida or Mother Nature to clear-cut them by fire.

Current management of our western public lands is destroying the very environment, the environmental community claims to protect, and everyday more critical species habitat is destroyed, and our very economic survival is placed in jeopardy.

In a recent Associated Press publication Jonathan Oppenheimer from the Idaho Conservation League had these comments to say: "Idaho's national forests and public lands are priceless to the people of Idaho and Americans as a whole," "The lands contribute to our economy and way of life, and every few years some fringe elements have trotted out a tired argument that Idaho should take over these lands....." "We feel that this latest push would put some of Idaho's most special places at risk and could end up costing hundreds of millions of dollars,"

Let me see if I understand Jonathan Oppenheimer's comments correctly "public lands are priceless contributions to our economy and way of life, some fringe elements could end up costing hundreds of millions of dollars." Mr. Oppenheimer's language is the typical attempt from the environmental community to marginalize and distort the real arguments being presented from people who are living the nightmare of underfunded education and underfunded local governments.

If public lands are priceless then why does Mr. Oppenheimer and the rest of the "environmental community" continue to support policies which have led to devastating forest fires causing irreparable harm to our wildlife populations, clean air, destruction of watersheds and wasted economic opportunity.

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In Idaho alone these policies burned 1.7 million acres. In Idaho County where I am a commissioner 246,000 acres burned. Using just one-half of historical production averages, this represents 1.23 billion board feet of timber burned, which at \$300.00 a thousand, would have had a value of \$329,000,000.00. Under the old federal promise to pay 25% of proceeds to the county for schools and roads, we would have received \$92,500,00.00.

These numbers do not even begin to reflect the multiplier effect within the economy generated through the creation of jobs. Just add another billion dollars to the \$329 million and you begin to see just what the current management policies are costing not only our rural communities, but also our nation.

This devastation also allowed for the death of over 750,000 animals within the ecosystem and destruction of endangered species habitat. It released 12.8 million tons of green house gases into the atmosphere and is causing sustained damage to the watershed, which is so crucial to every aspect of life.

We could easily reduce the unemployment and our dependency on federal dollars if Idaho began to properly manage our forest to our benefit and the benefit of the environment. Current environmental policy and actions are destroying the west and our lands and the environmental community refuses to change course or even offer constructive dialogue to begin to reverse the havoc their policies have created.

There is a solution to this environmental extremism. Transfer these Public Lands to their respective states as was promised at the time statehood was granted. Our proposal and ideas represent exactly what the environmental community set out to do over 100 years ago, preserve our lands while utilizing them to our benefit. Our proposals represent mainstream thought.

I urge you to check out the American Lands Council to see how you can make a difference. The American Lands Council is a non-profit organization working to transfer the control of federally managed lands back to their perspective states as promised at statehood. We need your help if we are going to save our way of life. We can and must to a better job of protecting our environment while at the same time providing the educational needs for our children and the revenues need to sustain our way of life in the west.

Mr. Oppenheimer is right the public lands are priceless, they can contribute to our economy and our way of life, but their policies are costing us hundreds of millions of dollars and putting our most treasured assets at risk.

Please go to americanlandscouncil.org and see how you can help. Sign up and start getting the true facts as to why this has been done before the promises are the same and that by banding together we can bring common sense and reason to our land management policies. Our future depends on us; we get the government we tolerate.

Thank You,
Jim Chmelik, Idaho County Commissioner District III

Please take time to watch these videos its important: Just click on the link below.

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Government Real Estate Business & Land Board Cultural Change *by Robert Forrey former Idaho State Legislator*

Many times over the years, the people in Idaho have asked the question, "Should the State Government be involved in the liqueur business?" Not only do they run the State Liqueur Stores, they now have a business interest in a beer brew pub. The State Land Board, consisting of the Governor, Attorney General, State Controller, Secretary of State, and Supt. Of Public Instruction authorized spending \$360,000 to remodel the old Sherm Perry Bldg. at 9th and Bannock Streets in downtown Boise. They signed a 15 year term lease with "IO Barrel Brew Pub, Bar and Restaurant Co."

Because the building is owned by the State, the brew pub operators will pay no city or county property tax. Money that should have gone into the public School Endowment Fund was used to make tenant improvements. Having the State improve the building and not having to pay property taxes gives this business a distinct competitive advantage over several other brew pubs in the Boise area. The important question to be asked is, "Should the State be so overtly in competition with private businesses?" The current members of the Land Board think so.

In a Dec. 2, 2012 article in the Idaho Press Tribune, Randy Stapilus interviewed the deputy director for The Idaho Dept. of Lands, Kathy Opp and wrote: "They make no bones about being in the real estate game for the money, She said nothing is off the table. If they can make a good return on running a hotel or resort, they should consider acquiring a property." With five of the Idaho's top elected officials advocating the developing and acquiring more commercial property and businesses, the Government will soon become the largest real estate operation in Idaho.

Here is what the Idaho Supreme Court said in Village of Moyie Springs v Aurora Mfg. Co. (1960):

"It is not the function of the government to engage in private business, If the state-favored industries were successfully managed, private enterprise would of necessity be forced out, and the state, would increasingly become involved in promoting, sponsoring, regulating and controlling private business, and our free enterprise economy would be replaced by socialism."

We are facing a cultural change in Idaho in the way our Governor and the other members of the Land Board view the role of government in our state. In recent years, the Idaho Land Board has injected themselves into the competitive free market in direct competition with private enterprise.

With the purchase of a 414 unit storage business and the remodel of the Sherm Perry Bldg for a brew pub, the State now owns 16 other commercial and business properties in the Boise area. They recently acquired a 9.1 million dollar commercial building in Idaho Falls which they are leasing to a government contractor. This building was appraised by the Bonneville county Assessor at 2.2 million dollars and has now been taken off the property tax roles.

This is only the beginning. The Land Board Chairman (Governor) and the Director of the Dept. of Lands have made these statements: "This includes expanding the portfolio to include more commercial properties." and "The department of Lands is going after commercial property with private brokers out there looking for stuff to sell the state."

The Land Board approved an Asset Management Plan that lists several challenges they face. Two of these challenges are:

#1 "change social and political attitudes and values." And #2 "operate a profit oriented business within a government agency."

<http://www.idl.idaho.gov/am/amfiles/122011-AMP-final.pdf>

When our top elected officials attempt to change the citizens social and political attitudes and values just so they can have their way and compete with private business in the free market, it's time to elect new leadership. It's time for all Idahoans to speak out and object to this kind of "Cultural Change

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Larry Pratt - Executive Director of Gun Owners of America for over 30 years. GOA is a national organization defending your 2nd Amendment Freedom to keep and bear arms.



Utah Representative Ken Ivory - will speak of Idaho's legislation to re-secure local control of land access, land use and land ownership with emphasis on removing current federal control of Idaho's land, timber and mineral resources.



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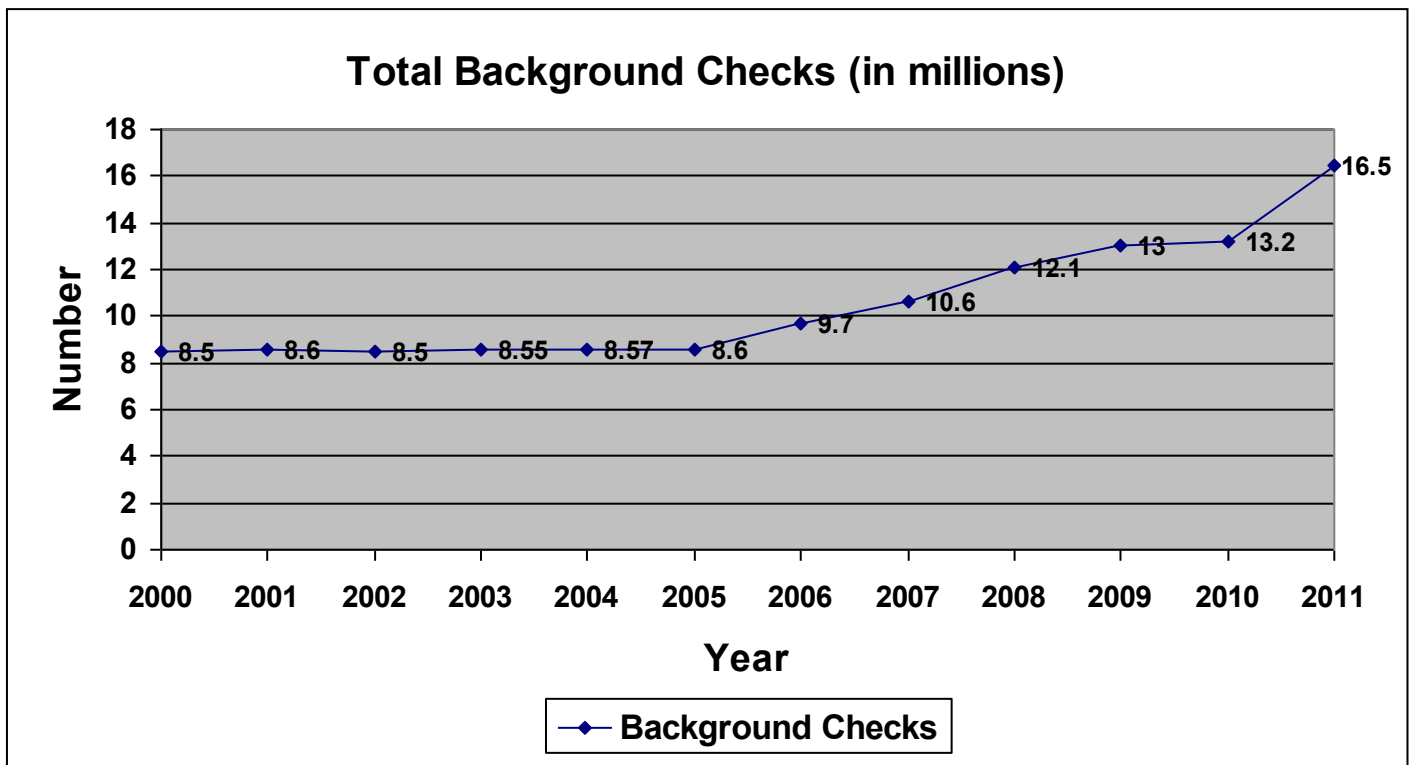
By Steve Ackerman

The Level-Headedness of Ordinary People

The debate over gun control continues to push a theme over whether advocates really trust the average person to exercise responsibility over the purchase and ownership of their firearms. Indeed, whether it is concerns over bullying in schools or how to deal with gun violence, advocates of gun control seem to jump on the bandwagon that responsibility should not be born by the person in the situation, but handed off to a central authority. Sometimes a central authority is needed, but whatever happened to the idea of self-government; that one should try to solve a problem oneself first? This was the basis of our founding; to stand up for your life and your liberty.

Pushing to have crime and social problems be handled first by a central authority is not only anti-liberty, but undermines the abundance of level-headedness people possess. Consider for a moment the distribution of background checks for buying a firearm over the past decade. Given the terrorist attacks of September 11th, the several attacks around the world since, and the heightened level of security throughout our society, gun purchases would have skyrocketed.

But, such is not the case, as the chart below shows:



While not, in any way, a comprehensive answer to this question, it is telling that the number of firearm purchases did not go up over this time. It only rose starting in 2006-7 when the financial picture started to become problematic. And why not? The sectors affected included banking and housing; two fundamental elements of a modern economy. Even then it stabilized by 2010, when the President and Congress seemed to come up with a plan for the government to deal with our economic problems. It only arose again in 2011 when, I believe, people started to see that the government's approach to "fix" the economy was not working.

GOVERNOR IT'S TIME TO PASS THE BATON

By Tea Party Bob

We have spent some time perusing through our Governor's political history. As our congressional representative for three terms in the house admittedly you have voted conservative on many very important issues, including being one of three Republicans who voted against The Patriot Act in 2001 and for an Amber alert system for missing children. You have been a strong advocate of the 2nd Amendment rights and opposed restrictions on gun sales, supported broad tax cuts including the estate and marriage tax. You voted for medical malpractice and tort reform along with allowing importation of prescription drugs, reducing health insurance costs via collaborative efforts, building a fence along our Mexican border and opposed granting amnesty to illegal aliens. Yes Mr. Governor you had built a great legacy of conservatism in your years as our Congressman.

In 2006 you were elected to your first term as Governor of Idaho, and you continued to show a reasonably conservative bias by fighting to increase educational funding, granting needs based scholarships, supported offshore drilling. Your remarks after announcing your support for a gray wolf kill saying "You would be one of the first in line to buy a tag to kill one of the animals" earned you enormous credibility in our state as conservative and almost hawkish. Your support of tax breaks for alternative fuels and stating that the U.S. should set a goal to have 25% of its energy renewable by 2025 showed that you were bending liberal by agreeing to pick winners via the tax incentivized system instead of using the free enterprise system to sort out future energy sources.

Your second term started off on the right foot by wanting to reform our state's education process. Good ideas, but no one tried to get teachers to buy in and all of the reforms were overturned in the next election. It should also be noted that it was Director of Education, Tom Luna and yourself that brought "Common Core Education to Idaho with only 22 public hearings. Last time we looked Idaho had 44 counties, guess you only needed to explain Common Core to half the citizens. This again showed us your movement to the left of center.

In 2011 you vetoed legislation on a nullification bill to stop the implementation of Obama care that our State legislators worked so hard to pass and instead issued an executive order prohibiting Idaho's state agencies from implementing the Federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, and for that you received much praise and admiration from the citizens of Idaho. Who would have thought that move was setting us up for you to "**change your mind**" and tell us you had no choice after the Supreme Court ruling but to call for a State Insurance Exchange because it is "**the law of the land**". This was one of the lamest statements ever made by you and many of our legislators. While 25 states said **NO** to a state exchange you turned tail and deserted the citizens of Idaho. Was it something in the water or that Blue Kool Aid you were drinking that made you do that 180 degree turnaround? It certainly wasn't for the benefit of Idaho's citizens who have seen their healthcare premiums rise exponentially. In one swift movement you went from the defender of liberty and states rights to the enforcer of another federally imposed bureaucracy.

You totally disregarded the will of the people as did many of our legislators. Your acceptance of this exchange has opened the door for the IRS to raise penalties on those that don't buy the mandated insurance. Think about how much in lost revenues acceptance of this health care law will cost our businesses or worse the employment costs as business cut back on hours and employees to avoid penalties. There was no urgency to rush this very costly decision as you can now see even the Feds are having difficulty getting their exchanges up on time. By allowing Obama care into Idaho you have betrayed its citizens. How can the voting public ever trust you again after you made such a violent turnaround on such an important issue?

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GOVERNOR IT'S TIME TO PASS THE BATON

By Tea Party Bob

Even when all the amendments to bill 248 were finished, you told the public that the way this bill is structured it will protect the citizens of Idaho from intrusions by the federal government. How much protection does it really offer? We have said all along that there are no protections of the information that is given on applications. The State Exchange is nothing more than an arm of the Federal Government which must abide by all rules HHS sets down. Telling the public that HB 248 offered them protection was just a bunch of malarkey. Just last week you told the newly appointed State Insurance Exchange Committee that you would favor using the Federal exchange computers and platform to start enrolling citizens in the insurance exchange because our State Exchange doesn't have the funding and will never be ready by October 1, 2013 to enroll citizens in a State Exchange. What will happen to the information of those who enroll on the federal platform into federal computers? How secure will their information be?

Another of your achievements is the appointment of the committee that will administrator the State Exchange. The Problem is that each and everyone of your appointments were in favor of implementing the exchange in the first place. Not a one was in opposition. In fact it is interesting to note that many of the same people who were on the original advisory board are also on this board, although we did notice the absence of the one person who argued aggressively against the State Exchange and that was Wayne Hoffman of the Idaho Freedom Foundation. So once again you have stacked the deck in your favor keeping everyone in line. No Mr. Governor, we don't need four more years of You stacking the deck against the citizens of Idaho.

We have heard a lot of talk about our state lands and the fact that the Feds would like to create a few more huge monuments under the 1906 Antiquities Act or by other means. This includes the 461 sq. miles in the White Cloud Mountains which is just waiting for a match to ignite what has become the tinder box from hell. We read in our media that you are engaged in conversation with the Feds, but what are you going to do about stopping the denigration of our public lands by the federal bureaucrats? You say you want to protect our public lands, yet you do nothing to reclaim what rightly belongs to the citizens of Idaho.

We have heard a lot of talk about 2nd amendment rights, although we were unable to pass a bill in our legislature to protect our rights. Certainly Mr. Governor you could have been more instrumental in getting that bill out of committee and to the floor for a vote. Look how you pushed the State Exchange through. You say you have contacted gun manufacturers to see if they would be interested in moving their companies to Idaho, a gun friendly state. Unfortunately we are ranked number 32nd in gun friendliness according to Guns & Ammo Magazine March 2013 survey. We haven't seen any gun or ammo manufacturers pull up stakes from where they are and haul their companies out to Idaho, but let's not forget you did declare May 2nd. Amendment Protection Month. Who gave you that idea? Better yet, where are the technology jobs you promised?

The Land Board which you Chair continues to take money that could go for education and use it to renovate old buildings so the Land Board can lease them out. Why is the Land Board in the commercial real estate business anyway? It only creates unfair competition for businesses that have to pay property taxes while anyone leasing Land Board owned property has a cost advantage on competing businesses. You also remove properties from the property tax rolls. Big government has no business in private enterprise as this is how socialism is created. The Land Board recently authorized \$360,000 for renovation of the Sherm Perry Building on 9th and Bannock Streets and signed a 15 year lease with the Ten Barrel Brew Pub. That's \$360,000 that should have been used for education, not renovation. You say you're trying to maximize returns for the education fund, but what you are doing is costing the city and state lost tax revenues which help fund the educational system. If you really want to help the education fund, why haven't you joined with the 5 other western states in sponsoring and passing legislation to take our land back from the federal government. Once again you talk the talk, but don't walk the walk. **It's Time to Pass the Baton.**

Left for Dead

By Darr Moon

As another Memorial holiday weekend comes to a close I'm thinking of those who sacrificed so that we may live as free people. The sacrifice weighs heavy on me tonight as I wonder if we are indeed worthy of the honor so humbly given us. At this time of heated political outrage with the IRS/Tea Party scandal, the attack on the press and new revelations about what was behind the Benghazi raid I'm wondering if those poor souls who fell in battle to protect our freedoms are looking down at us as spoiled unworthy children. Beyond the political, financial and social malevolence of the day I wonder if we are not indeed losing not only our liberty but our very humanity. I fear we are and must tell you of another human tragedy so close to home, another victim in a careless society and another who rests tonight with the many who've gone before us as this Memorial weekend came upon us just a few days ago.

I do not know the details of this tragic situation and I won't mention any names as none are consequential to the core of my concern. The horrific situation that has left one young man dead and another in jail has now spawned more questions than reliable answers. The story as I know it, and I know very little of it as yet, should be talked about over every kitchen table in America let alone those homes where many hearts are now broken in the Challis area.

As comes summer, so does the revelry of schools letting out for break and graduates who celebrate their recent success. These times are not new and often as will happen some fail to see themselves as anything but bullet proof. So the partying spirit leads to dangerous behavior especially when fortified by encouraged peer pressure. Today we know of the consequences of inebriated action and bow our heads in sadness and disbelief that such grief could come to us. Two young men apparently after an evening of strong drink set about on a vehicular race along the narrow winding road down the Pahsimeroi Valley. One loses control, shoots over the barrow ditch and lies crumpled in the dirt. The other leaves the scene, maybe too drunk to know what befell his desperate comrade. Others from the party pass by, no one stops, none seem to understand the gravity of the situation. As morning breaks, the young man along the road is found by his step-father, head in hands having crawled about 30 feet from his vehicle; dead.

There can be no greater grief than finding a loved one so abandoned wondering why none of his compatriots that night might of thought to have stopped. Maybe someone could have saved this young man's life, but a night alone in the cold was more than this body could take. Wondering if he would have survived is a very difficult thing to live with especially if that is all you are left with but maybe we all should share in this family's horror. I can't help wonder how it has come to pass that we value life so little and cherish things so much. Certainly someone must have seen this wreck. Could it be that with all we have and all that has been given us we no longer feel the pain of sacrifice, or maybe we no longer understand the compassion that nurtured our minds and bodies and maybe we no longer share empathy for those who suffer because we no longer feel pain of suffering ourselves. I hope not, because no amount of good government can salvage a collection of empty souls.

I fear more than the political fallout we witness from a government that has lost its way that we ourselves have fallen to the most selfish of notions. I pray we consider those values that keep us whole that keep us human that bear good fruit for those who come after and to remain steadfast with goodness to our fellow man. Those brave and fallen soldiers look upon us to carry such notions. Let us not let them down.

In Liberty and Compassion,

Idaho Patriot Academy August 13-16 State Capital Boise Idaho

Students ages 16-25 are invited to attend the Idaho Patriot Academy on August 13-16, 2013. From Mock elections to presenting bills on the House Floor, participants will learn Foundational principles of governance: Historical facts about our Founding Fathers and their visions for America: The significance of the solemn "Oath of Office": Holding the sacred trust of the people: Proper role of government: Private Property Rights: Free Enterprise System

Speakers include, Rick Green, David Barton, Brad Stine and Krish Dhanam. For further information please go to <http://www.patriotacademy.com/academy-dates/idaho-patriot-academy/>

Project 9/12 Common Core Education Survey

We have prepared an online survey that will give educators (teachers, administrators, & district employees alike) an opportunity to speak out against Common Core without the fear of retribution from their school or district. Here is a link to the survey... (anyone can look at it, then exit using the button in the top right corner of the form)

[Idaho Common Core Educator Survey](#)

Please share this link with anyone in the education system who would like an opportunity to explain their concerns anonymously and trust that it will be conveyed to state legislators as we move forward with our resistance plans this fall. We will be adding it to the websites later this week. Thank you for staying engaged on this important issue.

In freedom,

Valerie Candelaria

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COMING EVENTS ON COMMON CORE EDUCATION



**SHARON HANEK IS COMING TO LEWISTON ON JUNE 8TH
TO SPEAK ON "COMMON CORE EDUCATION" AT THE
RED LION.**

If you are interested in what your children are being taught in school this is a must meeting for you to attend. Please check the Lewiston Clarkston Tea Party website for further information on any changes in schedule. For more information on Sharon Hanek please click on the link below for her biography.

<http://www.sharonhanek.com/biography.html>

SCHEDULE OF ORGANIZATIONAL EVENTS

June 3, 2013 @ 6:00 pm Tea Party Patriots Meeting at Blanchard Community Center 685 Rusho Lane
The Guest Speaker is Ranger Rick, past Director of Homeland Security. Questions call Jim 437-2191

June 6, 2013 @ 7pm Gem County Tea Party Meeting The Idaho Land Board presentation by
Robert Forrey former State legislator. Emmett Middle School Cafeteria 301 E. 4th Street, Emmett

June 8, 2013 in Lewiston at the Red Lion Inn . The Lewiston Clarkston Tea Party is
Sponsoring a lecture by Sharon Hanek speaking on Common Core Education. Please check the Lewis-
ton Clarkston Tea Party website for more information

June 10, 2013 Evening Meeting in Core d' Alene A talk on Common Core Education by Sharon Hanek
For further information please contact Pam Stout at 208-610-4222 or e-mail pamwbst@aol.com

July 1, 2013 Sandpoint City Hall at 1:30 there will be a tree dedication to honor Bowe Bergdahl
July 4, 2013 Sandpoint Patriots will have a float in the Sandpoint Elks Parade honoring Bowe Bergdahl
Followed by a rally at 1:00 pm at the Sandpoint Community Center

August 16, 17 2013 Annual Idaho Liberty Summit to be held in Burley Idaho at the Best Western Con-
vention Center. Please reserve the date as there will be many interesting speakers including Sheriff
Mack a Constitutional Sheriff and Ken Ivory from The American Lands Council

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