

Duty #4 Submission

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After reading the unconstitutional propaganda in some of the comments by designated parties (re: Jeff Temple: Center for Violence Prevention and Mark Barden- Sandy Hook Promise) I was compelled to submit my thoughts on the subject.

Restrictive firearms laws that target law abiding citizens do not prevent crimes or save lives. It costs lives and perpetuates crimes. The criminals do not obey the laws, any of them. The citizens who abide by those laws are prevented from defending themselves. Case in point, opiates have been illegal since 1914 (Harrison act) yet here we are, awash in a sea of opiate addiction.

Red flag laws pushed by anti 2nd amendment groups take away peoples constitutional rights without due process. The citizen is guilty until proven innocent. Unfortunately violent criminals don't take a holiday while you prove yourself innocent of some trumped up, unconstitutional Red Flag violation. Red Flag laws are something Mao Tze Tung and Stalin would be proud of.

Do you want to empower women? Do you want to stop violence against women? I do. One of the best ways to do that is to remove obstacles to gun ownership. Encourage and train women in the responsible exercise of their 2nd amendment rights. No one will abuse those women then.

Do you want safer communities with less crime? I do. Repeal 'Gun Free' zones. They are nothing more than mayhem and murder zones, where criminals know the inhabitants of that zone are powerless to defend themselves.

After watching violent, looting and mayhem in our streets perpetrated by Antifa and BLM that has resulting in arson, severe injury and loss of life, now more than ever we need an armed populace. Especially when the police stand down. Yes, in sanctuary cities, even in Texas the police stood down. On that day, I was ashamed to be a Texican. It is a mans God given right to protect himself and his family. The police and state obviously will not protect us. The events of this summer have proved that beyond a shadow of a doubt. Its on us to protect ourselves. Since the State does not want to protect us, get out of our way and let us protect ourselves

A well armed populace results in lower crime rates and lower expenditures on police.

Do your best not to tread on my 2nd amendment rights. Now I have my eyes on you as does most of Texas. Yes, the eyes of Texas are upon you. If there is 1 thing I do religiously, it is voting. My 2nd amendment rights are my number 1 hot button voting issue. I will remember come November.