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It Is Time To End Gun-Free Zones

By Texas Senator Bob Hall, Capitol Hall Report, 10/20/15

It was about 20 minutes into the 7:00 p.m. showing of “Trainwreck” when moviegoers heard a couple of pops, like a sound effect glitch.

However, when the sounds rang out again it became horribly clear that this was something

else entirely. Soon two young women lay fatally shot, nine other people were wounded, and with that, on July 23rd of this year, Lafayette, LA, which boasts of being the happiest city in the country, joined Chattanooga, TN, Charleston, SC,

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Aurora, CO, Newtown, CN, and so many others on the long list of cities scarred by a person with violent intentions. The gunman, John Russell Houser, became yet another figure in a gallery of angry people with weapons who walked into a movie theater, a church, a school, or a workplace and shattered the lives of people there. What all these venues had in common: they were gun-free zones, where law-abiding citizens were prohibited from having a weapon with which they could defend themselves.

Recently, in what now appears to be another Islamic terrorist attack, a shooter methodically executed Christians at Umpqua Community College in southern Oregon, murdering 10 and injuring 7 more defenseless people before he was neutralized. Because it was a gun-free zone, none of the victims or anyone in the immediate area had a weapon to defend themselves. In a similar situation in 2009, a Muslim terrorist, Major Nidal Hasan, killed 13 people in a gun-free zone on a military base in Texas.

It is no accident that mass murderers, time and time again, choose gun-free zones as their killing fields. Violent psychopaths don't want resistance. They don't want to be shot before they can wreak havoc. These killers want to make sure their targets are as soft and defenseless as possible. Gun-free zones assure they can have relative safety while they execute their defenseless victims.

The solution to gun violence is not gun control. Why? Because guns are mere tools, and the evil mind hell-bent on violence will use any tool at his disposal to effect it. **History has proven that gun control actually increases violent crimes against people.** Gun control takes guns away from law-abiding citizens who only use them for defense. Criminals will always have access to guns because the lawless don't obey laws. You cannot change the human condition with a new law or two. In the face of evil, however, you can give innocent men and women the right to protect themselves. That, of course, is the rationale for the Second Amendment: we have a God-given right and obligation to protect ourselves, our families, and our neighbors.

Mandated gun-free zones nullify that right. They tell the individuals within their boundaries that they have a right to be victims, and nothing more. The continual mass shootings in gun-free zones do not send the message that we need more gun control. They show the exact opposite: that gun control simply doesn't work.

I find it incomprehensibly irresponsible that any university leader would oppose the God-given right of individuals to defend themselves just because they are on a college campus. We should be applauding leaders like Chancellor John Sharp at Texas A&M University who has joined with the rational, thinking leaders around Texas recognizing the importance of personal responsibility and an individual's right to self-defense.

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Too many people have died unnecessarily because of “gun-free zones.” If people had been allowed to carry self-defense weapons in all of the above instances, many lives would still be here today. The hard truth is, people who establish and support “gun-free zones” are just as responsible for the deaths of those people killed as are the killers. If we can hold General Motors criminally liable for deaths related to an ignition recall, then local municipalities should also be held responsible for deaths that occur in their designated “gun-free zones.”

It is time to end gun-free zones in Texas and embrace the ideas embedded in the 2nd Amendment: personal responsibility and self-defense.



TEF President Cathie Adams presents Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton with the prestigious 2015 Eagle Award from Texas for his dedicated work for God, family, and country.

Shariah Law vs. The U.S. Constitution

Article VI: The Constitution is the supreme law of the land

U.S. Constitution, Article VI: “This Constitution, and the Laws of the United States which shall be made in pursuance thereof; and 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”.

Shariah: “The source of legal rulings for all acts of those who are morally responsible is Allah.” (a1.1, Umdat al-salik or The Reliance of the Traveller, commonly accepted work of Shariah jurisprudence); “There is only one law which ought to be followed, and that is the Sharia.” (Sayed Qutb); “Islam wishes to destroy all states and governments anywhere on the face of the earth which are opposed to the ideology and program of Islam regardless of the country or the nation which rules it. The purpose of Islam is to set up a State on the basis of its own ideology and program.” (Sayed Abul A’ala Maududi)

First Amendment: Freedom of religion

U.S. Constitution, Amendment I: “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof”.

Shariah: “Those who reject Islam must be killed. If they turn back (from Islam), take hold of them and kill them wherever you find them.” Quran 4:89; “Whoever changed his [Islamic] religion, then kill him” Sahih al-Bukhari, 9:84:57. In historic and modern Shariah states, Shariah law enforces dhimmi status (second-class citizen, apartheid-type laws) on non-Muslims, prohibiting them from observing their religious practices publicly, building or repairing churches, raising their voices during prayer, or ringing church bells. If dhimmi laws are violated in the Shariah State, penalties are those used for prisoners of war: death, slavery, release or ransom.(o9.14, o11.0-o11.11, Umdat al-salik).

First Amendment: Freedom of speech

U.S. Constitution, Amendment I: Congress shall not abridge “the freedom of speech.”

Shariah: Speech defaming Islam or Muhammad is considered “blasphemy” and is punishable by death or imprisonment.

First Amendment: Freedom to dissent

U.S. Constitution, Amendment I: “Congress cannot take away the right of the people “to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”

Shariah: Non-Muslims are not to harbor any hostility toward the Islamic state or give comfort to those who disagree with Islamic government.

Second Amendment: Right to self-defense

U.S. Constitution, Amendment II: “The right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.”

Shariah: Under historic and modern dhimmi laws, non-Muslims cannot possess swords, firearms, or weapons of any kind.

Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Amendments: Right to due process and fair trial

U.S. Constitution, Amendment V: “no person shall be held to answer for a capital or otherwise infamous crime... without due process of law.”

U.S. Constitution, Amendment VI: guarantees a “public trial by an impartial jury.”

U.S. Constitution, Amendment VII: “the right of trial by jury shall be preserved.”

Shariah: Hadith Sahih al-Bukhari: Muhammad said, “No Muslim should be killed for killing a Kafir (infidel).” Non-Muslims are prohibited from testifying against Muslims. A woman’s testimony is equal to half of a man’s.

Eighth Amendment: No cruel and unusual punishment

U.S. Constitution, Amendment VIII: “nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.”

Shariah: Under Shariah, punishments are barbaric: “Cut off the hands of thieves, whether they are male or female, as punishment for what they have done—a deterrent from Allah.” Quran 5:38; A raped woman is punished: “The woman and the man guilty of adultery or fornication—flog each of them with a hundred stripes” (Sura 24:2).

Fourteenth Amendment: Right to equal protection and due process

U.S. Constitution, Amendment XIV: “No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.”

Shariah: Under dhimmi laws enforced in modern Shariah states, Jews, Christians, and other non-Muslims are not equal to Muslims before the law. Under Shariah law, women, girls, apostates, homosexuals, and “blasphemers” are all denied equality under the law.

SOURCE: centerforsecuritypolicy.org. For more information, see “Shariah: The Threat to America” in paperback or kindle at amazon.com, or free download at www.shariahthethreat.com.

Planned Parenthood in the News

A group of black pastors recently launched a campaign to convince the Smithsonian Museum to remove Planned Parenthood founder Margaret Sanger's bust, citing her efforts to use birth control to stop minorities from giving birth. Rep. Louie Gohmert (R-TX) says that Sanger believed in eliminating or reducing certain populations to create a thoroughbred race. Blackgenocide.org, a pro-life group, documented Sanger's efforts on its website. Among its findings, the group reported Sanger's participation in the Eugenics movement to rid the world of "inferior races" that she saw as "human weeds." Despite her documented past, the Sanger bust is in the "Struggle for Justice" exhibit. Sanger founded the American Birth Control League, which later changed its name to Planned Parenthood. "I just can't imagine that this is ... someone that we memorialize," Gohmert says.

SOURCE: onenewsnow.com, 10/20/15

In a related story, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission's inspector general, Stuart Bowen, wrote to Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast that the women's health provider had violated state Medicaid rules and put Texans at risk of infection. Citing the sting videos, Bowen said Planned Parenthood officials disregarded federal law by agreeing to change the timing or method of abortions in order to procure fetal tissue for medical research. As a result, the state will no longer allow any Planned Parenthood clinics in Texas to receive Medicaid funding. Last year, Planned Parenthood clinics in Texas received \$3.05 million in federal funds through Medicaid for family planning services.

SOURCE: The Texas Tribune, 10/19/15

Anchor Babies on Trial in Texas

A federal case in Texas could provide a means to stop the practice of extending automatic U.S. citizenship to children born to illegal aliens. The case was filed on behalf of about 20 mothers who admit they are citizens of Mexico living illegally in Texas. The women complain that without proper ID they cannot get birth certificates for their Texas-born children, and that without birth certificates they can't enroll in Medicaid, food stamps, Section 8 housing, and other U.S. taxpayer-provided benefits. Texas issues a birth certificate to a close relative only upon presentation of a valid ID issued by a U.S. federal or state agency. In order to assist its citizens living here illegally who cannot get the required ID, Mexican consulates issue a document called the *matricula consular*, which includes a laminated photo. Texas rightly refuses to accept such foreign identity documents which it has no way to verify. The basic allegation of the lawsuit is that by refusing to accept the *matricula consular* as proper ID for obtaining a birth certificate, Texas is somehow violating the Fourteenth Amendment by depriving anchor babies of U.S. citizenship. On the contrary, their reliance on a foreign identity document proves they are "subject to the jurisdiction" of a foreign power and thus not eligible for automatic U.S. citizenship. The lawsuit was concocted by the South Texas Civil Rights Project, a spin-off of the ACLU. It was assisted by another leftwing legal outfit, Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, whose largest supporter, the Legal Services Corporation, collected \$375 million of U.S. taxpayer funds in the current fiscal year.

SOURCE: Phyllis Schlafly, "Anchor Babies on Trial in Texas," 9/2/15

Quote of the Month

"The left pronounces manmade global warming 'settled science' but then insists that we continue to spend billions of dollars in climate change research. If it is truly settled science, then we need to spend no more money at all on research, and if this supposed dire threat requires immediate action by governments, then even research on the best way to contain climate change is unnecessary."

Bruce Walker, "Climate Change and Leftist Hypocrisy," *The American Thinker*, 10/18/15

Famous American Quote

"Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom must, like men, undergo the fatigue of supporting it."

Thomas Paine, 1777

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