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Hello Fellow CARGO Members,

The next meeting will be held at Napoli's on **Thursday, December 10th**.

We will meet at Napoli's in Wylie.

Napoli's
701 N Highway 78 # A
Wylie, TX 75098

For the dinner portion of the meeting, we will be in the meeting room between 5:45 and 7:00 for food and fellowship. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM and run until about 9:00.

Member Don Bridges has volunteered his shop for the meeting. **There are a very limited number of chairs at the shop, so please bring a camp chair for the meeting.** We will meet there from 7:00 (ish) until 9:00 (ish)

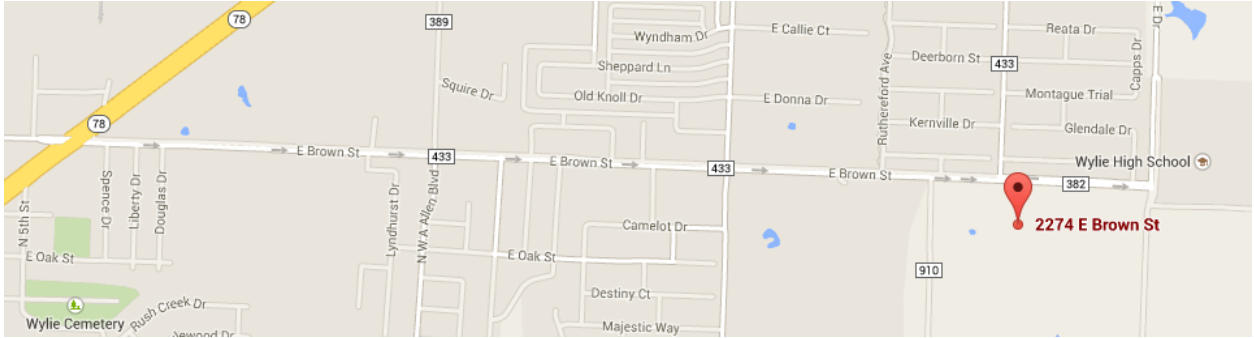
The address is:

2274 EAST Brown Street in Wylie

While heading east on Brown Street, it is 1/2 mile past stop sign that's at the intersection of Brown Street and Kreymer Lane on the right hand side.

The shop is behind a small white house with a picket fence around the front yard.





Meeting gun topics:

- 30 caliber night... if you have anything in 30 caliber (7.62 ish) bring it to share. Everything is fair game!
- Winter Carry, winter is on the way to North Texas, what are you going to carry when it finally gets here?
- Christmas is coming; do you have an early Christmas present to share?
- Did you purchase anything on “Black Friday” or the gun shows that followed? Bring that along to share.
- Do you have something that you want to sell? I have been asked multiple times to if members have firearms to sell or trade can they bring them to a meeting. Since Christmas is fast approaching, let’s make this meeting part show and tell and part swap meet.

Additional discussion topics / guests:

- Russ Ramsland - candidate for US Congress.

If you have any suggestions for future speakers or topics please send your feedback to CARGO@att.net.

When was the last time you visited our web site? Please take some time to go to the CARGO website at www.cargogunclub.org

From the October CARGO meeting:

<http://www.differencebetween.net/object/difference-between-7-62-nato-and-308-winchester/>

Difference Between 7.62 NATO and .308 Winchester

7.62 NATO vs .308 Winchester

The 7.62 NATO and .308 Winchester rounds are very close to identical with each that many people think that they can be used interchangeably. The main difference between the 7.62 NATO and .308 Winchester rounds is with which rifles you can use them. If you have a modern rifle that shoots .308 Winchester rounds, then it is very likely that you can shoot 7.62 NATO rounds. If you have an old rifle meant to shoot 7.62 NATO rounds, then you should never use .308 Winchester rounds.

The reason why you should never use .308 Winchester rounds in a rifle meant to fire 7.62 NATO rounds is the size of the chamber. The rounds of a .308 Winchester will be too loose inside a 7.62 NATO, This can have terrible results when you fire the round. As the powder detonates, the shell might stretch too much, causing it to rupture and explode. A round exploding in the chamber is a bad situation by all accounts and you will probably ruin your rifle as well as injure yourself. The 7.62 NATO rifles were meant to take military spec bullets that have much thicker shells. Not only does the thicker material make the shell stronger, it also reduces the space inside for the powder.

But if you turn the tables and put a 7.62 NATO round in a .308 Winchester rifle, you should have no problem except for a minor hitch when it comes to the length. Some 7.62 NATO rounds may not fit into the .308 Winchester chamber simply because it is too long. This happens very rarely and many people have used 7.62 NATO rounds for years and have not encountered this problem. This is probably a problem with older rounds and rifles.

If you have a .308 Winchester rifle, you can use either of the two rounds just as both are perfectly usable. But if you own a 7.62 NATO rifle, it is much better if you just stick with the 7.62 NATO rounds. There's no reason to compromise safety by using the .308 Winchester rounds.

Summary:

1. You can shoot 7.62 NATO cartridges in a .308 Winchester rifle but not the other way around
2. 7.62 NATO rifles may have too much headspace for .308 Winchester rounds
3. Some 7.62 NATO rounds may be too long to fit in a .308 Winchester rifle

Some good news for this newsletter:

<https://www.gunsamerica.com/blog/buy-your-surplus-ww-ii-era-1911-from-the-government/>

Buy Your Surplus, WW-II Era 1911 from the Government!

by S.H. Blannelberry on December 3, 2015

I want a surplus 1911 from the government! Judging by the overwhelming response we received on our last article on this topic, I'm definitely NOT the only one! I'd venture to guess there are thousands of you out there that feel the same way. After all, it's not every day that one has the chance to score a WWII-era 1911 that is guaranteed to be 100 percent real, and that has never been on the consumer market.

Okay. The obvious has been stated. We want these surplus 1911s. Now, what? How do we get them? How much are they? When will they become available? How many are available to the public?

How We Got Here

Before I get to those questions, let's back up for a moment and revisit how we got here. At the end of last month, president Obama signed an omnibus bill known as the National Defense Authorization Act, which among other things contained a provision to allow the government to relinquish the Army's stockpile of surplus M1911 and M1911A1 pistols to the Civilian Marksmanship Program, so that they can be sold to the general public.

If you're not familiar with the Civilian Marksmanship Program, it's a national organization dedicated to training and educating U. S. citizens in responsible uses of firearms and airguns through gun safety training, marksmanship training, and competitions. It's a quasi-government, non-profit agency.

For our intents and purposes, the CMP is the intermediary that transfers the Army's 1911s to us. If you haven't read our series "Garands from the Government," now would be the time. Our fearless leader Paul Helinski goes step-by-step through the process, detailing how he purchased surplus military M1 Garands through the CMP. In fact, some of what he wrote regarding getting your ducks in a row to purchase a firearm from the CMP, I've reposted below. But I highly recommend you check out that series.

It should also be noted that Rep. Mike Rogers' (R-Alabama) is largely responsible for adding the provision to sell the 1911s to the NDAA.

"As a gun owner and strong believer in the Second Amendment, my proposal is a commonsense approach to eliminating an unnecessary cost to the Federal government while allowing the very capable CMP to handle the sale of these vintage firearms that otherwise would just sit in storage," said Rogers back in August, who pointed out what it

cost taxpayer's to store the 1911s: \$2 per gun, per year. Roughly speaking, \$200,000 each year.

Questions Answered?

Now, to the questions at hand. I reached out to the CMP for answers to the aforementioned questions and here is what they told me, word for word:

“The legislation has passed. We have no further information at this time,” said Mark Johnson, CMP's Chief Operating Officer.

Needless to say, not very helpful. What we do know, however, is that of the 100,000 or so 1911s available from the Army (the NDAA only authorizes the sale of 1911s belonging to the Army, not the other branches of the military), so far 8,300 have already been sold off to law enforcement officers through the Department of Defense's 1033 Program, which gives police officers privileged access to purchase these surplus firearms.

The remaining lot, around 90,000 will not be available all at once. The CMP is only allowed to sell 10,000 per year, per the language of the bill. Each transaction will be closely monitored by the Pentagon, which will report to Congress the number of firearms sold and any crimes committed using them.

Purchaser's Requirements

Buying a firearm from the CMP is not like buying a firearm from your local gun dealer. The CMP requires all of the following (this is an excerpt from Paul's article on “Garands from the Government”):

1.Club Membership – If you are a member of a gun club, check the list at <http://www.odcmp.com/clubs/searchclubs.htm> to see if your club is a CMP member. Mine was, so I just send a photocopy of my membership card. if you aren't a member of a club that is on the list, or if you aren't in an affiliated veteran, law enforcement or community group, all on those state lists, you can join the Garand Collectors Association for \$25 and that will cover you.

2.Proof of Age – A drivers license photocopy is fine for this.

3.Proof of Citizenship – But a drivers license is not fine for this. It was my mistake, and I returned the email request from customer service with a photocopy of my passport, which was fine. it says any birth certificate kind of government document works, and they apparently will not be involving Sherriff Joe.

4.Proof of Marksmanship or Other Firearms Related Activity – Any NRA course form, probably including a basic hunter safety certificate, looks to be ok for this, though it says it must include life fire training. I sent my CCW license which it specifically lists as OK. Any law enforcement or military history is proof as well. There is also a PDF you can have a range officer sign on the eligibility page.

5. ****NOTARIZED**** NICS Form – I am sure a lot of people get caught up with this. They run a NICS check for every order and part of the form you download and print is a standard list of questions from the BATFE Form 4473. But unlike filling out a 4473 in a gun shop, you have to ****WAIT TO SIGN THIS**** until you take it to a notary public in your state. They will take your driver's license and you sign the form in front of them. They then stamp your form to certify that it is in fact you who signed it. You can find a notary at most banks for free, and for a nominal fee at town hall, and even at pack and ship places. The notary will not stamp it unless you sign it in front of them.

6. Your order form. – This includes all of your payment information and the details of your order.

7. Firearm Owner ID Card – If you live in a state like Massachusetts, where state laws, in violation of the US Constitution, forbid you to possess a firearm without a special permit called a Firearm Owners ID card, **YOU MUST SEND CMP A COPY OF THE CARD WITH YOUR APPLICATION**. I am sure that there are states where individual guns must be registered as well, and it is impossible for us to keep this article fresh with information over the years it will be up, so if you live in MA, CA, NY, CT, NJ, HI, IL, or any of the other bad gun law states, check with CMP before placing your order. Their phone number is 256-835-8455. If you are in a flyover state, or Florida, you should be fine with just the CMP stuff.

Bottom Line:

The bill authorizing the sale of the Army's surplus 1911 has been signed by president Obama. We don't know as of yet when CMP will begin taking orders for the 1911s. However, we'll be damn sure to keep you posted.

We don't know how much they'll cost. We do know that the CMP is only allowed to sell 10,000 1911s each year. We also know what CMP requires potential buyers to submit (see above) in order to purchase a firearm. So, if you want one, get your credentials in order.

(Freelance writer Mike Doran contributed to this article)

<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2015/12/07/supreme-court-justices-reject-challenge-to-local-assault-weapons-ban.html?intcmp=hplnws>

Supreme Court justices reject challenge to local assault weapons ban

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WASHINGTON – The Supreme Court has rejected an appeal from gun owners who challenged a Chicago suburb's ban on assault weapons.

The justices on Monday refused to hear the case of a Highland Park, Illinois, pediatrician who objected to the city's 2013 ban on semi-automatic weapons and large-capacity magazines.

The federal appeals court in Chicago upheld the Highland Park law, ruling that local governments have leeway in deciding how to regulate firearms.

In October, the federal appeals court in New York largely upheld similar laws in Connecticut and New York, among a handful of states that ban semi-automatic weapons.

The Supreme Court has repeatedly turned away challenges to gun restrictions since two landmark decisions that spelled out the right to a handgun to defend one's own home.

<http://www.examiner.com/article/chris-cox-san-bernardino-shootings-are-not-nra-s-doing-cox-says-to-obama>

Chris Cox: San Bernardino shootings are not NRA's doing, Cox says to Obama

December 4, 2015

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Chris Cox wrote about the recent San Bernardino shootings – specifically with President Obama’s comments squarely in his sights. Cox, who since 2002 has served as the executive director of the NRA's Institute for Legislative Action, defended the NRA and lashed out against Obama for using the most mass shootings to “push his gun control agenda.”

In an opinion piece carried by USA Today titled “No, Mr. President, the NRA is not to blame,” Cox wrote:

“Just when we think that politics can’t sink any lower, President Obama once again proves us wrong by politicizing the tragedy in San Bernardino before the facts were even known. What we do know is that the American people are heartbroken by these horrific crimes — and despite what the president would have us believe — America’s law-abiding gun owners are heartbroken by these horrific crimes as well. At the same time, we are sick and tired of this president suggesting the men and women of the National Rifle Association are somehow to blame.”

According to WhiteHouse.gov, the president said:

“For those who are concerned about terrorism, some may be aware of the fact that we have a no-fly list where people can’t get on planes, but those same people that we don’t allow to fly could go into stores in the United States and buy a firearm and there’s nothing we could do to stop them,” Obama said, shortly after the husband and wife team of Syed Rizwan Farook and Tashfeen Malik killed 14 people in San Bernardino, Calif. “That’s a law that needs to be changed.”

In his initial remarks about the shooting, Obama said there are “some steps we could take not to eliminate every one of these mass shootings, but to improve the odds that they don't happen as frequently: common-sense gun safety laws, stronger background checks.”

The president immediately used the shooting as a platform for gun control:

“And so my hope is that we're able to contain this particular shooting, and we don't yet know what the motives of the shooters are, but what we do know is that there are steps we can take to make Americans safer, and that we should come together in a bipartisan basis at every level of government to make these rare as opposed to normal.”

Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev), in speaking of recent gun controls bills struck down this week in the Senate, said the NRA is acting as a “quasi-militant wing of the Republican Party,” and reached out for some leverage, somewhere, against another report of mass shootings.

“Those who choose to do the NRA's bidding will be held accountable by our constituents,” Reid said. “Something has to be done. We must take a stand. The American people are desperately looking for help, some help, any help.”

Cox wrote that the “National Rifle Association is not to blame. Neither is our Second Amendment freedom,” and said that even though “California has already adopted President Obama’s gun control wish list,” the laws did nothing to prevent the shooting.

“The plain truth is that the president cannot keep us safe. And his policies would leave us defenseless. That's why our Second Amendment right to defend ourselves must be protected. It's not just a constitutionally guaranteed freedom. It's a natural, God-given, human right. – Chris Cox, NRA's chief lobbyist and principal political strategist”

Cox said the NRA is “calling on the president to stop exploiting tragedies to push his failed political agenda,” something that Cox dubs as “shameful.” He ends with: “The NRA will neither accept the blame for the acts of murderers, nor apologize for fighting for our right to defend ourselves against them.”

Do you agree with Chris Cox and his assessment of the San Bernardino shootings?

<http://freebeacon.com/national-security/72-dhs-employees-on-terrorist-watch-list/>

72 DHS Employees on Terrorist Watch List

BY: Adam Kredo

December 6, 2015 4:12 pm

At least 72 employees at the Department of Homeland Security are listed on the U.S. terrorist watch list, according to a Democratic lawmaker.

Rep. Stephen Lynch (D., Mass.) disclosed that a congressional investigation recently found that at least 72 people working at DHS also “were on the terrorist watch list.”

“Back in August, we did an investigation—the inspector general did—of the Department of Homeland Security, and they had 72 individuals that were on the terrorist watch list that were actually working at the Department of Homeland Security,” Lynch told Boston Public Radio.

“The [former DHS] director had to resign because of that,” he said.

DHS continues to fail inspections aimed at determining the efficiency of its internal safety mechanisms, as well as its efforts to protect the nation.

Lynch referred to a recent report that found the Transportation Security Administration, which is overseen by DHS, failed to stop 95 percent of those who attempted to bring restricted items past airport security.

“We had staffers go into eight different airports to test the department of homeland security screening process at major airports. They had a 95 percent failure rate,” Lynch said. “We had folks—this was a testing exercise, so we had folks going in there with guns on their ankles, and other weapons on their persons, and there was a 95 percent failure rate.”

Lynch said he has “very low confidence” in DHS based on its many failures over the years. For this reason, he voted in favor of recent legislation that will tighten the vetting process for any Syrian refugees applying for asylum in the United States.

“I have very low confidence based on empirical data that we’ve got on the Department of Homeland Security. I think we desperately need another set of eyeballs looking at the vetting process,” he said. “That’s vetting that’s being done at major airports where we have a stationary person coming through a facility, and we’re failing 95 percent of the time.”

“I have even lower confidence that they can conduct the vetting process in places like Jordan, or Belize or on the Syrian border, or in Cairo, or Beirut in any better fashion, especially given the huge volume of applicants we’ve had seeking refugee status,” Lynch said.

http://www.al.com/news/index.ssf/2015/12/nra_is_not_to_blame_gun_lobby.html

'NRA is not to blame:' Gun lobby fires back in wake of San Bernardino shootings

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An official with the National Rifle Association is firing back against statements made by President Barack Obama in the wake of the horrific killings in San Bernardino, California.

In an op-ed in USA Today, Chris Cox, executive director of the NRA's Institute for Legislative Action, said the president's calls for increased gun control has politicized the tragedy at Inland Regional Center in San Bernadino on Wednesday. Fourteen people were killed and 21 injured when shooters Syed Farook, 28, and Tashfeen Malik, 27, opened fire during a Christmas party being held in a county facility.

Federal authorities have indicated the couple, who had accumulated massive amounts of weaponry and ammunition as well as homemade pipe bombs, sympathized with Islamic militants.

To hell with the NRA; this country has to talk about guns

We are surrounded by blood and loss and a sense of helplessness that we can do nothing to stop it. We can't even talk about it for fear we will seem un-American, soft on crime or just plain soft in the head.

Shortly after the killings, the president reiterated his call for increased gun control.

"There are some steps we could take not to eliminate every one of these mass shootings, but to improve the odds that they don't happen as frequently: common-sense gun safety laws, stronger background checks," the president said.

Cox said those statements vilify lawful gun owners.

"The National Rifle Association is not to blame," he wrote. "Neither is our Second Amendment freedom. An act of evil unfolded in California. President Obama used it not as a moment to inform or calm the American people; rather, he exploited it to push his gun control agenda."

Cox pointed out that California already has some of the strictest gun control laws in the country, including universal background checks, registration, waiting periods, gun and magazine bans and a larger number of prohibited gun categories.

None of those laws prevented the attacks, Cox said.

"Here's another fact: the president's failed foreign policy has made us less safe. And his domestic gun control agenda would jeopardize our safety even further," he said. "The plain truth is that the president cannot keep us safe. And his policies would leave us defenseless. That's why our Second Amendment right to defend ourselves must be protected. It's not just a constitutionally guaranteed freedom. It's a natural, God-given, human right."

Cox said the NRA is calling on the president to "stop exploiting tragedies to push his failed political agenda," something it concedes is "unlikely." The group will not, however, accept responsibility for the San Bernardino tragedy.

"The NRA will neither accept the blame for the acts of murderers, nor apologize for fighting for our right to defend ourselves against them," he said.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/post-nation/wp/2015/12/05/sheriff-urges-licensed-gun-owners-to-arm-themselves-after-san-bernardino-shooting/>

Sheriff urges licensed gun owners to arm themselves after San Bernardino shooting

The latest mass shooting prompted a sheriff in New York state to make a public proclamation: if you can legally carry a gun, then you should.

A day after a husband and wife carried out a mass shooting in San Bernardino that left 14 people dead, Ulster County Sheriff Paul J. Van Blarcum said in a statement, “I urge you to responsibly take advantage of your legal right to carry a firearm.”

“In light of recent events that have occurred in the United States and around the world I want to encourage citizens of Ulster County who are licensed to carry a firearm to PLEASE DO SO,” Van Blarcum said in the statement posted to his office’s Facebook page.

“To ensure the safety of yourself and others, make sure you are comfortable and proficient with your weapon, and knowledgeable of the laws in New York State with regards to carrying a weapon and when it is legal to use it,” Van Blarcum said.

The sheriff also urged active-duty and retired police officers “to please carry a weapon whenever you leave your house.”

“We are the thin blue line that is entrusted in keeping this country safe, and we must be prepared to act at any given moment,” he added.

His proclamation has drawn widespread attention — it has already been shared on Facebook more than 30,000 times — and comes amid a renewed national debate about gun laws and how to prevent mass shootings in this country.

The sheriff’s office re-posted the statement on Friday. Van Blarcum, an elected official and a Democrat, estimated the county has more than 10,000 licensed gun owners, the Times Herald-Record reported.

“Look at all the mass shootings around; people are getting slaughtered and nobody has a gun,” Van Blarcum told the newspaper. “If you don’t have a gun, you’re useless.”

Van Blarcum referenced Wednesday’s shooting in California that took place in a large conference room where health department employees were holding a holiday party: “I think it’s important to remind everybody with the way things are, you’ve got people coming in with long rifles just slaughtering people,” Van Blarcum told the Daily Freeman.

But he emphasized that he’s “not trying to drum up a militia of any sort,” he told the Associated Press.

Ulster County District Attorney D. Holley Carnright responded to the sheriff's advice, calling the official "thoughtful and direct" but adding caution should be exercised. Holley also advised against "misreading" Van Blarcum's comments.

"Though I fully support our right to bear arms and to defend ourselves I am not convinced more guns in the hands of untrained or unskilled civilians is the answer and nor do I believe does the Sheriff," Holley wrote in a statement. "I would discourage any action where untrained or unskilled citizens create an opportunity for unintended tragedy which could pose risk not only to innocent citizens but to our own law enforcement personnel."

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/wonk/wp/2015/12/03/what-gun-control-advocates-misunderstand-about-gun-owners/>

By Jim Tankersley and Scott Clement December 3

Soon after news broke on Wednesday that a gunman had opened fire on a social service center in San Bernardino, Calif., killing 14 people and wounding 17 others, the liberal Daily Kos website published an opinion piece under the headline "Your opinion on gun control doesn't matter." It crystallized much of the anger and frustration that gun-control advocates were expressing on social media in the wake of another American mass shooting.

"If you still bristle at the idea of gun control, fine," declared the author, Josie Duffy, an attorney who writes on criminal justice issues for the site. "All I'm asking is that you call a spade a spade. To you, the right to own a gun—including one of those assault weapons that looks like what a robot might utilize to kill the enemy in a movie called Robot War 3—is more important than people's lives. People's lives matter less than your gun."

This is a common - and increasingly exasperated - refrain from gun-control advocates. They see passing stricter gun laws as a common-sense response to keep deadly weapons out of the hands of criminals and the mentally ill, and they bristle at those who disagree.

Public polling suggests many of those advocates don't fully understand the motivations of their opponents: Supporting gun rights, for a large portion of Americans, is about much more than guns.

It's important to note that some tighter gun-control measures enjoy wide support across America, among liberals and conservatives, gun owners and even National Rifle Association-households as well as those who have never pulled a trigger. More than 4 in 5 Americans support requiring background checks for private and gun-show firearms sales, and nearly as many favor laws preventing people with mental illness from owning guns, Pew Research surveys have found. Seven in 10 support a federal database of gun sales. Over half support bans on semi-automatic and assault weapons.

[The BBC is so clearly tired and fed up with gun violence in America]

More broadly, though, defending gun rights is a more popular position now than it has been in almost 20 years. Half of Americans now says it is more important to "protect the right of Americans to own guns" than it is to "control gun ownership."

Several forces are shaping that growing support. They include:

1. A backlash against government intrusion in individuals' lives.

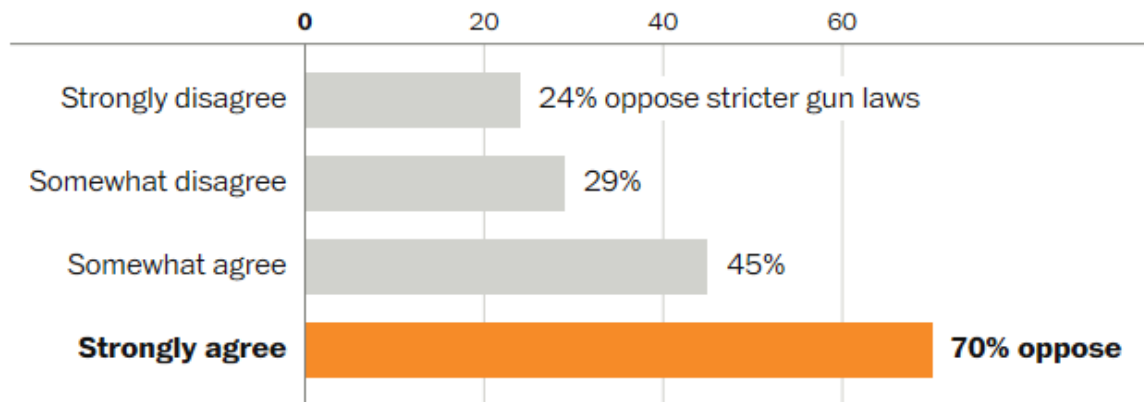
This connection was borne out clearly in a large 2012 survey by the Washington Post and Kaiser Family Foundation. Respondents were asked whether they support stricter gun

control laws as well as whether they agreed with the statement “government controls too much of our daily lives.”

The correlation was stark – among those who strongly agreed government had too much control, 70 percent opposed stricter gun control laws. That opposition dropped to 45 percent among those who only “somewhat agreed” government had too much control and only 24 percent among those who strongly disagreed government was too controlling.

Complaints of government control and gun law opposition

Opposition to stricter gun control laws among those who agree/disagree that "Government controls too much of our daily lives"



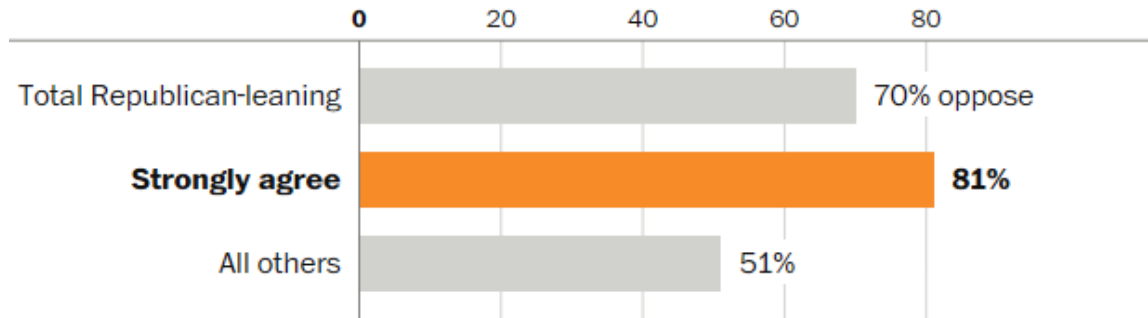
Source: Aug. 2012 Washington Post-Kaiser Family Foundation poll of U.S. adults

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That connection isn't simply an artifact of partisanship or ideology -- even among Republicans (more on partisanship in a minute) and Republican-leaning independents, those who "strongly agreed" government is too controlling were 30 percentage points more likely to oppose new gun restrictions if they agreed with the "government controls too much" statement than if they disagreed.

Among Republicans alone, government and gun attitudes still connected

Opposition to stricter gun control laws among those who agree/disagree that "Government controls too much of our daily lives" (Results in this chart among Republicans and Republican-leaning independents)



Source: Aug. 2012 Washington Post-Kaiser Family Foundation poll of U.S. adults

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Worries about gun laws breeding government intrusion aren't confined to gun owners, by the way. A 2013 Pew poll found that 57 percent of all adults -- and 49 percent of adults who have no guns in their household -- "agree" that stricter gun laws would give "too much power to government over average citizens." While agree-disagree survey questions can inflate support for an idea, the result suggests this argument is broadly acceptable.

Many in Non-Gun Households Say Stricter Gun Laws Would Give Government Too Much Power

	All adults	Gun-owning household		No gun in household
		Personally own	Someone else owns	
<i>% who agree that stricter gun laws would...</i>	%	%	%	%
Reduce number of deaths caused by mass shootings	54	35	48	66
Reduce number of accidental gun deaths	52	32	50	65
Help keep guns out of the hands of criminals	51	33	46	63
Make it more difficult for people to protect homes & families	58	64	58	55
Give too much power to gov't over average citizens	57	68	59	49
Gun control measures will lead to stricter laws which will take guns away from all citizens	47	51	41	45

PEW RESEARCH CENTER Feb. 13-18, 2013. Q22.

Source: <http://www.people-press.org/2013/03/12/section-2-opinions-of-gun-owners-non-gun-owners/>

2. A belief that more guns make us safer.

Americans doubt the effectiveness of gun laws, with 60 percent in a June CNN/ORC poll saying they stricter gun control laws would not reduce the number gun-related deaths.

Guns themselves are also seen doing as much to protect people as put their safety at risk, with 54 percent in the previously mentioned Pew survey this summer saying they do more to protect people from becoming victims. That sentiment has increased in the years following the deadly 2012 shootings in Newtown, Conn.

3. The rise of gun laws as a partisan issue.

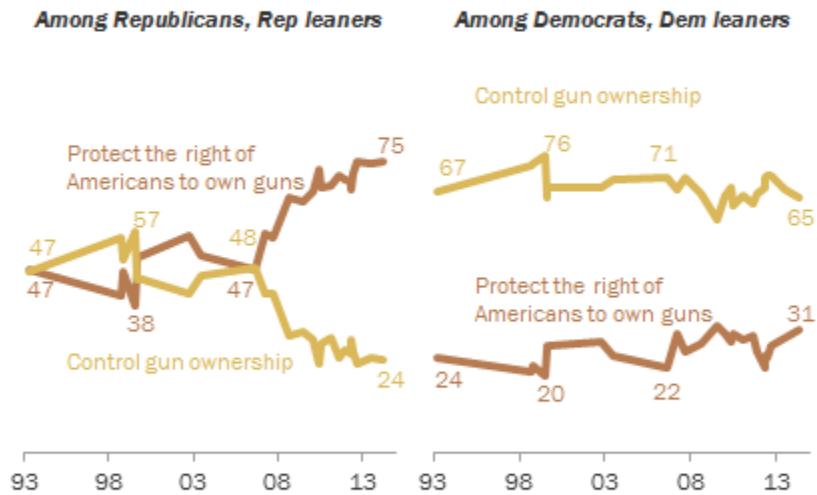
From 1993 through 2007, Pew documented a steady gap between Republicans and Democrats on the importance of gun rights versus gun control. Republicans tended to split about 50-50, and Democrats tended to break two-thirds in favor of gun control. That trend broke, and broke hard, after Barack Obama was elected president.

Since 2008, Republican preference for protecting gun rights has risen to 75 percent. Democratic preferences have stayed basically level. The surge in support for gun rights in recent years, in other words, is entirely explained by the changing views of Republicans. In a statistical regression analysis predicting opposition to gun-control measures in the

2012 Post-Kaiser poll, gun ownership, partisanship and ideology emerge as the best predictors.

Dramatic Shift in Republicans' Priorities for Gun Policy; Democrats' Views Much More Stable

% saying it is more important to...



Source: Pew Research Center Dec. 3-7, 2014.

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"Can we stop looking at gun rights as an ideological issue?" Duffy asks, in the first line of her Daily Kos piece. "This is no longer ideological."

Polls are telling us that it is.

<https://pjmedia.com/trending/2015/12/6/think-gun-violence-is-on-the-rise-in-the-u-s-think-again?ref=yfp>

Think 'Gun Violence' Is On the Rise in the U.S.? Think Again

By Michael Walsh December 6, 2015

As President Obama prepares to lecture the American public about guns yet again, the statistics say that "gun violence" is on the decline and has been for some time -- even as private firearm ownership has soared:

Premeditated mass shootings in public places are happening more often, some researchers say, plunging towns and cities into grief and riveting the attention of a horrified nation. In general, though, fewer Americans are dying as a result of gun violence — a shift that began about two decades ago.

In 1993, there were seven homicides by firearm for every 100,000 Americans, according to a Pew Research Center analysis of data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. By 2013, that figure had fallen by nearly half, to 3.6 — a total of 11,208 firearm homicides. The number of victims of crimes involving guns that did not result in death (such as robberies) declined even more precipitously, from 725 per 100,000 people in 1993 to 175 in 2013.

Older data suggests that gun violence might have been even more widespread previously. The rate of murder and manslaughter excluding negligence reached an apex in 1980, according to the FBI. That year, there were 10.8 willful killings per 100,000 people. Although not a perfect measure of the overall rate of gun violence, the decline in the rate of murder and manslaughter is suggestive: Two in three homicides these days are committed with guns.

This decline in gun violence is part of an overall decline in violent crime. According to the FBI's data, the national rate of violent crime has decreased 49 percent since its apex in 1991. Even as a certain type of mass shooting is apparently becoming more frequent, **America has become a much less violent place.**

As has been noted repeatedly, throw out the "gun violence" of the largely Democrat big cities, such as Rahm Emanuel's violent and corrupt Chicago, and you have a nearly non-existent problem. What's likely to be on the rise are Islamic attacks on the homeland by Muslim terrorists (it doesn't matter whether they are "home grown" or imported). So, naturally, the Left wants to disarm law-abiding Americans.

Tells you whose side these people are on, doesn't it?

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Tonight, Barack Obama Will Demand The Right to Create Enemies Lists

Posted by Bob Owens on December 6, 2015 at 10:34 am

Tonight, President Barack Obama is going to attempt a common magic trick in an attempt to make the Constitutional rights of all Americans disappear:

“We know that the killers in San Bernardino used military-style assault weapons — weapons of war — to kill as many people as they could,” the president said in a video released Saturday. “It’s another tragic reminder that here in America it’s way too easy for dangerous people to get their hands on a gun.”

“Right now, people on the no-fly list can walk into a store and buy a gun. That is insane,” the president said. “If you’re too dangerous to board a plane, you’re too dangerous, by definition, to buy a gun.”

He called on Congress to close the loophole, saying that while the nation may not be able to prevent every tragedy, “at a bare minimum, we shouldn’t be making it so easy for potential terrorists or criminals to get their hands on a gun that they could use against Americans.”

Obama is addressing the nation tonight, and you’re going to see him attempt to say one thing, and do another.

Obama is going to claim that he wants to summarily strip the constitutional rights of Americans citizens and resident aliens on the “no fly” list without due process, in clear violation of the Constitution. He does not have evidence that anyone on this list is about to commit a crime, or the FBI would arrest them. Instead, he’s asking to “Minority Report” them, and strip them of their liberties because they might one day commit crimes.

But it’s even worse that it seems.

In public, Obama is speaking the words “no-fly” list, but what Democrats are actually pushing is legislation stripping the rights of citizens in a much larger and broader group, in which you can find yourself at any time for any reason, or not reason at all. This much larger list that is the subject of Democrat legislation is the so-called “terror watch list.”

You can find yourself on the terror watch list for merely knowing, living near, or working with someone that has shown up on either the no-fly or terror watch lists, or for much more mundane activities, such as mistakenly using an expired credit card attempting to book a flight.

You can find yourself on the terror watch list if you say or watch something that someone in the Obama Administration doesn't like, as I did in January of 2013 for pointing out that our power grid is a soft target for terrorism, or numerous other journalists have from writing articles critical of Barack Obama.

There are a million people on this utterly arbitrary terror watch list, and 40% of them have no ties of any kind to terrorist groups. Obama's government has arbitrarily added roughly 300,000 people to this list for no reason whatsoever, and now wants to use this enemies list to strip the rights of American citizens that he doesn't like.

He's claiming that he wants to keep us safe from terrorism.

What he's actually doing is attempting to create a "enemies list" loophole where he and his allies can arbitrarily suspend your constitutional rights without due process if he doesn't like what you say, whom you associate with, or whom you support politically, as he did to many supporters of the Tea Party prior to the 2012 elections.

Obama has used the IRS, FBI, and EPA against American citizens before, and wants to expand his reach.

Obama is addressing the nation tonight to beg you to give him fascist powers.

Germany was blind enough to give these powers to an elected leader in the 1930s.

My fellow Americans, we now know what that looks like. Let's not repeat their mistakes and give up our liberties to a power-mad fraud of a President.

<http://hotair.com/archives/2015/12/06/open-thread-obama-to-lay-out-his-strategy-for-fighting-terrorists-a-k-a-law-abiding-american-gun-owners/>

Open thread: Obama to lay out his strategy for fighting terrorists, a.k.a. law-abiding American gun owners

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Live at 8 p.m. ET all across the dial, it's just his third address from the Oval Office. The other two both came in 2010, one to announce the end of U.S. combat operations in Iraq and the other to discuss the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, an event that's slipped way, way down in ensuing years on the list of things to be angry at Obama about. The fact that that merited an Oval Office telecast while, say, the Iran deal or the disastrous launch of ObamaCare or riots in Ferguson, etc, didn't makes tonight's speech feel as random as the New York Times avoiding page-one editorials for most of the major events of the 20th century only to fart one out yesterday about gun control. In both cases the strategy seems to be that when you've got nothing new or interesting to say about your base's hobbyhorse, you should at least say it with maximum pomp.

The White House is billing this speech as an update on the San Bernardino attack in the context of "the broader threat of terrorism." That's not the memo CBS got, though:

That's not the memo Loretta Lynch got either:

She also said that he'll speak on the actions the United States has taken to keep the homeland safe since the attacks in Paris last month. But there will be an element of politics to the speech.

President Obama will do more than just call for calm, he will ask "Congress to review measures and take action."

Lynch's staff later confirmed that the president will specifically call on Congress to review certain gun control measures.

Tom Elliott half-jokes, "I foresee Obama hitting terror tonight on all three root causes: the 2nd Amendment, the 1st Amendment, and global warming."

You can imagine how this'll go. He'll start with San Bernardino, double down on his claim that ISIS is "contained" on the battlefield but that its below-the-radar western sympathizers remain a threat to their home countries, and then meander towards saying that one part of any effective counterterrorism strategy is preventing terrorists' access to weapons, which is why he needs to take immediate executive action to close the "gun-show loophole" and/or strip people on the no-fly list of their right to buy guns without due process regardless of whether either of those things would have impeded Farook and his jihadbot wife. I don't think he'll go full metal gun-grabber by dwelling on the subject, though, for the same reason he didn't do so a few days ago when he offered his "thoughts

and prayers” for the victims’ families. Even this guy can’t be so deluded about Americans’ priorities that he’d believe gun control is what most people are thinking about right now rather than pondering how many other Farooks are out there. He may be tone-deaf but he got slapped around hard enough after scolding the public for worrying about Syrian refugees a few weeks ago that he must have learned a lesson from it. You don’t lecture your constituents about their supposed failings after the most deadly terror attack on the United States since 9/11. Right?

Here’s a question to chew on: Why is he giving this speech at all? No one expects to hear anything new from him about the terror threat. He’ll go on a bit about “lone wolves” self-radicalizing by consuming propaganda online and how that represents a “new kind of threat,” but we’ve heard it all before. The reason Obama took out Anwar al-Awlaki a few years ago, whatever the feds may say about his “operational planning,” is that his sermons about jihad seemed to hold special power to inspire far-flung amateur jihadis like Nidal Hasan. Lone wolves and Internet connections are nothing new. Meanwhile, the gun-control passages tonight will be a fine bit of pandering to his base, but they’ve heard all of that before too. And the pandering in this case comes at a steep price. We’re already headed towards record gun sales this year, with Black Friday a few weeks setting a new benchmark for background checks in a single day; a presidential warning about guns from the Oval Office on national TV is apt to spark the biggest gun-buying frenzy in modern history. (Maybe that’s Obama’s secret plan to put them out of business — to crush them under the sheer weight of demand for their product.) The smartest thing he and the Times could do to limit new gun purchases would be to stop talking about guns, and yet they persist, knowing there’s not the faintest chance a Republican Congress will agree to it. So why bother? The lame duck doesn’t need to impress liberal voters at this point, and his legacy as anti-gun is already secure among historians. Hillary will use gun control to rally the left whether or not Obama speaks up about it.

If there’s any “legacy” politics being played tonight, I think it has less to do with guns and more to do with O belatedly realizing that he’s going to leave office with a “caliphate” in the heart of the Middle East and various western nations battling a homegrown jihadi threat that’s greater now than when he took office. Americans’ concern about terror is spiking and yet most of O’s most memorable rhetoric has to do with ISIS being the “JV team” and why it’s wrong to say “radical Islam” and how it’s un-American for you to fret about jihadis exploiting the refugee process to infiltrate the country. His counterterror legacy, which started with aggressive drone strikes against jihadi leaders and peaked with the raid on Bin Laden, is collapsing. He needs to leave some kind of marker for historians that he was fully aware of the problem and took it seriously. That’s the point of this speech.

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Friends, family worried about San Bernardino terrorists, but said nothing

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Family and friends of the San Bernardino attackers were worried they were becoming radicalized, but didn't say anything. One of Tashfeen Malik's family members in Pakistan told The Los Angeles Times there was concern when she started posting things on Facebook which seemed extremist.

The family member, in Malik's hometown of Karor Lal Esan who asked to not be identified, said Malik's postings on Facebook were a source of concern for her family.

"After a couple of years in college, she started becoming religious. She started taking part in religious activities and also started asking women in the family and the locality to become good Muslims. She started taking part in religious activities of women in the area," the family member told The Times.

"She used to talk to somebody in Arabic at night on the Internet. None of our family members in Pakistan know Arabic, so we do not know what she used to discuss," the family member said. The family speaks Urdu and a dialect of Punjabi known as Saraiki.

It isn't just Malik's family which had concerns. Syed Farook's father told the Italian newspaper La Stampa, his son's philosophy lined up with ISIS'. The interview is translated from Italian and cleaned up a bit.

Never were speaking of terrorism, Isis?

"Sure. And who does not talk about today? He said he shared the ideology of Al Baghdadi to create an Islamic state, and it was fixed with Israel. "

Some say that to radicalize his son was his wife.

"Maybe, I do not know...I only know that (s)he was born in Pakistan and lived in Saudi Arabia, but I never spoke. He did not want to see her in-laws. I told my son that it destroyed our family, but he did not care. "

Farook's dad makes an even more interesting comments regarding how "religious" his son had gotten, saying he was called "an unbeliever" because of a fight over the historical figure of Jesus. He also said if he were home, he may have been able to keep his son from

becoming radicalized. These comments are pretty similar to ones made by the family of Paris attacker, Salah Abdeslam. Mohammed Asdeslam told RTBF TV last month his brothers became more focused on his faith. BBC News has a translated transcript.

Journalist: And you say that you didn't see anything coming, that you never had any suspicion. A slight change six months ago, as you told me.

Mr Abdeslam: Yes, a slight change, indeed. But this change wasn't worrying, not for me, nor for my family. When your brother begins to pray, it's not necessarily a radicalisation. When your brother tells you he's stopped drinking, it's not a radical change. These are people who, for us, just wanted to calm down and show more respect in their practice of religion.

This shows a disconnect between more moderate Muslims and the extremists like Salah Abdeslam, Tashfeen Malik, and Syed Farook. It appears some moderates see the pathway to extremism as just becoming "more religious" instead of actually being extremism. One person suggested to me it was rebellion because teens and people in their 20's crave order. Another suggested Muslim terrorists just tried to hide their tendencies from family and friends until the time is right. He compared it to murderers whose families and friends sit there saying they had no idea what was actually going on. My friend has a point, but it might not 100% be the case. If Farook's dad and Abdeslam's brother saw it as being more religious, then maybe it's time moderates started paying attention more and being willing to speak out. It isn't just issuing CAIR-like statements saying, "This isn't what Islam represents," it's actually taking part in trying to change things and behavior. It means moderate Muslims are going to have to stop being fearful of blowback from the radicals. If Martin Luther, John Calvin, Jacobus Arminius, Ulrich Zwingli, and Jan Hus were willing to risk (and some lost) their lives to point out problems with the Medieval Catholic Church, then moderate Muslims have to be willing to do the same thing. The good thing is there are Muslims doing this. Islamic Institute of Boston Imam Talal Eid wants to do a march in D.C. telling ISIS to "Go to Hell," because Muslims can't be quiet any more. Kansas City Muslims protested against ISIS on Saturday saying ISIS makes them look bad. Corie Stephens at Rare wrote last month how there are over 6K Muslim Americans who are in the Army fighting against terrorists.

While we cannot deny that radical Islam is a threat, we must also recognize that it's just as problematic to the Muslim community as it is to westerners. ISIS doesn't spare its countrymen. They're a radicalized group that sees the vast majority of Muslims as infidels...

She's got a good point. Remember, the Left likes to portray every mass shooter as proof those NRA-loving conservatives and libertarians are just a bad day away from pulling a gun and going on a killing spree. But we know that's not the truth. We know probably 95-97% of the people who own guns (excluding gang-members and mass shooters) are law-abiding, peaceful people. The same goes for pro-life people who protests outside

clinics. They aren't fire-breathing dragons looking to grab weapons and kill abortion docs. They just want abortion to stop. The Right cannot paint the same broad brush with Muslims that the Left does with gun lovers and pro-lifers.

The only way this is going to work is if Christians/atheists/Odin or Thor worshipers/Hindus/etc are willing to reach out to Muslims and accept them. This means Christians who disagree with political figures and pastors who spew anti-Muslim comments have to say they disagree. It doesn't mean agreeing with Muslims on issues, especially on who should have the Holy Land. It doesn't mean having to accept them into your home every week (or month). It doesn't even mean sitting there and refusing to say, "Islamic extremism" like the President seems hesitant to do. It does mean being willing to talk to Muslims and not recoil in fear or anger whenever people see one. I'll be the first to admit, it's a little creepy seeing a woman in a full burka. But it doesn't mean more Westernized Muslims shouldn't be accepted and praised for who they are. It might even convince them to start turning over family members who seem more radicalized and might be planning something. It might even turn some Muslims who are on the fence about radicalization into more moderate ones. Nothing can change what's happened in the past regarding Islamic radicals, but labeling all Muslims as "just a terrorist waiting to happen" won't do anything to solve a very complex problem.

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Man's hoard of nearly 5,000 guns shows ease of amassing arms in U.S.

PAGELAND, South Carolina | By Peter Eisler

As sheriff's investigators threaded past the battered cars, cast-off tires and rusted farm equipment cluttering Brent Nicholson's front yard, there was no hint of the sinister stockpile hidden behind his windowless front door.

Inside, the guns were everywhere: rifles and shotguns piled in the living room, halls and bedrooms; handguns littering tables and countertops. Outside, when they rolled up the door on the pre-fab metal garage, more arms spilled out at their feet.

"This has completely changed our definition of an ass-load of guns," said Chesterfield County Sheriff Jay Brooks. Six weeks after the discovery, officers are still cataloging the weapons, many of which have proved stolen, and the final tally is expected to be close to 5,000. "I don't know if there's ever been (a seizure) this big anywhere before," Brooks says.

The question of how one man amassed such a stockpile of guns arises just as there is renewed American soul-searching over the widespread availability of firearms in the wake of a series of mass shootings.

Even in a country where more people own more guns than anywhere else in the world, Nicholson's cache is extraordinary. The U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives doesn't rank gun seizures by size, but a spokesman says Nicholson's hoard probably is among the largest ever.

Yet when and why Nicholson set out to amass such an arsenal remains a mystery. Investigators are trying to determine whether he was simply a gun-obsessed hoarder or a supply valve in the "Iron Pipeline" of illegal firearms flowing from the south to New Jersey, New York and other northern states.

Nicholson, jailed on multiple charges of possessing stolen property, has not entered a plea or retained an attorney, court records show. His wife, Sharon Nicholson, facing similar charges and free on bond, declined to discuss specifics of the case but stressed in a brief interview that her husband buys his guns legally.

The Nicholson case raises issues that are fueling an increasingly heated national dialogue on the modern-day implications of Americans' constitutional right to bear arms, which

puts no limits on the number of weapons citizens can own. The uncertainty over how he got his guns – and what he was doing with them – underscores disputes over private gun sales, gun registration and what the government should know about who owns firearms and how they change hands.

Now, the spate of mass shootings, capped by Wednesday's spree by a heavily armed couple who killed 14 at an office holiday party in San Bernardino, California, has pushed those issues to the fore in the presidential campaign. The massacre, which follows an attack that killed three last Friday at a Colorado Planned Parenthood clinic and an Oct. 1 rampage by a gunman who killed 10 at an Oregon college, prompted Hillary Clinton, leading candidate for the Democratic nomination, to renew her call to "stop gun violence now" with new firearm purchase restrictions. Conversely, those who top the polls for the Republican nomination, Donald Trump and Ben Carson, insist the answer to gun violence is to empower citizens to thwart such attacks by making it easier, not harder, to buy and carry weapons.

It wasn't hard for Nicholson.

A FAMILY TRADITION

Just about everyone knows the Nicholsons in this struggling town of 2,700, where the textile industry's regional decline has helped strand median household income at \$26,500 a year, half the U.S. average, and burglary rates run well over national norms. Firearms are a cultural staple – hunting clubs and cabins dot the county – and people say Nicholson's penchant for guns was a family affair.

"Everybody knew he'd buy guns; his father bought 'em, his grandfather bought 'em," says Al Padgett, 68, who keeps a booth at a local flea market and says he's known the family all his life. "He collected 'em, hoarded 'em, but I never knew him to sell a gun. Not one. He did everyone a favor keeping 'em off the street."

Brooks sees things differently. Nicholson had piles of allegedly stolen goods, including a zoo's worth of taxidermy trophies, Brooks says, but his preference was guns and he provided a ready market for burglars who grabbed them from cabins and hunting camps. The sheriff still hasn't determined precisely how many guns in Nicholson's cache were stolen, noting that hundreds have had their serial numbers removed so they can't be traced.

"Getting him locked up dries up the outlet for this stolen merchandise," Brooks says.

Brooks suspects Nicholson may have been selling some of the guns. He had relatively few handguns – maybe a half-dozen large buckets full – and "that makes us believe he had a market for those and was moving them north," Brooks says, noting that the matter remains under investigation.

South Carolina is a common starting point for firearms moving up the Iron Pipeline, a route for many of the 230,000 or so guns stolen nationwide each year. The South has more gun thefts than any other region, federal data show, and police in New York and other northern cities say they regularly tie those guns to crimes, though there is no data on how often.

Stemming the flow is a challenge, law enforcement officials say, because it's not organized groups moving truckloads of weapons; it's a loose web of individuals who sell guns more as an occasional sideline than a full-time endeavor.

A SHADOWY PATH

On Oct. 21, a sheriff's deputy just over the state line in Union County, North Carolina, pulled Nicholson over for running a stop sign. Nicholson's pick-up had bogus license plates – and the deputy noticed rifle barrels poking up from behind the seat when he approached the vehicle.

A search turned up 20 rifles, nine handguns and nearly 200 hydrocodone pills, arrest records show, and several of the guns were stolen. Nicholson was arrested for possessing stolen weapons, trafficking in opiates and vehicular violations.

Nicholson was still jailed 48 hours later when a deputy in Pageland stopped by his house with a subpoena in a family court matter. The deputy spotted equipment in the yard that had been reported stolen, and investigators returned with a search warrant. They'd spend the next six days removing guns, hundreds of cases of ammo, and other goods.

“He was going up to Union County to do something with those guns; we don't know what,” Brooks says. “We've got information that he was moving some of these goods and ... we're looking at his activities to see if he was part of something more organized.”

Tracking Nicholson's guns is a challenge because many states, including South Carolina, don't regulate private gun purchases, which are unrestricted and require no background check. So person-to-person sales, including gun show transactions that don't involve licensed dealers, are largely untraceable.

There also is no national gun registration mandate – only some state laws. So, unlike, say, cars, which can be tracked through registrations, guns often have no traceable ownership trail beyond their last sale by a licensed dealer.

It's an issue that also is complicating efforts to trace the origin of the two assault-style rifles and two handguns used in Wednesday's shooting spree in San Bernardino. The guns initially were bought legally: two by someone "associated with" the case and two by someone with no apparent link, according to ATF spokeswoman Meredith Davis. But it's still not clear how those guns got to the shooters.

President Barack Obama and the major Democratic presidential candidates support background checks for private firearms sales; Leading Republican candidates generally oppose additional gun controls, echoing the National Rifle Association's position that they're unnecessary constraints on gun owners' 2nd Amendment right to bear arms.

None of the proposals being floated on either side of the political spectrum would limit the number of guns someone can own.

A HUNT FOR OWNERS

So far, investigators have identified owners of just a fraction of Nicholson's guns. Even those that still have serial numbers can be traced only to the last time they passed through a licensed dealer. And since there's no requirement that gun owners record those numbers, many who believe their guns were stolen and sold to Nicholson are unable to prove the weapons belong to them.

Sharon Nicholson, 52, said in a brief interview at the family's liquor store that her husband typically bought his guns at stores, but Brooks says investigators have found no records of any purchases he may have made from licensed dealers.

Ultimately, the courts will decide what happens to Nicholson's guns. Brooks suspects many will be destroyed, particularly those with no serial numbers, because their rightful owners can't be identified.

Some locals scratch their heads over that possibility, arguing that it's a waste of good weaponry. Nicholson may not have known if he was buying weapons that prove to be stolen, some say, and he should be allowed to keep any that do not.

"It doesn't make sense," says Otis Burch, 85, another local who knows the Nicholsons. "He's a good man – he wasn't selling those guns.

"I asked him just about a month ago if he'd sell me a deer rifle," Burch adds, "and he said he didn't have any."



Stacks of guns are seen in a garage belonging to Brent Nicholson in Pageland, South Carolina, in this undated handout picture provided by the Chesterfield County (SC) Sheriff's Office. Inside Brent Nicholson's house, guns were everywhere: rifles and shotguns piled in the...

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Muslim Group Calls Out PC Culture for Being too Afraid to Take Down Islamic Extremism

By Katrina Jørgensen (1 day ago) | Editor's Choice, Terrorism

A number of Muslim organizations met in Washington, D.C., at the Heritage Foundation for a two-day summit on combating Islamic extremism. The leaders announced the formation of a new initiative called the Muslim Reform Movement.

The Muslim Reform Movement will focus on confronting extremist segments of the religion. According to the Washington Examiner, the group quickly released:

...a declaration of principles calling on Muslims to reject violent jihad and endorse religious freedom for all and secular government, and saying they will call out those who reject it.

During the panel discussion, Naser Khader, a member of the Parliament in Denmark of the Conservative People's Party addressed ISIS directly, saying: "We reject the idea of an Islamic state." He went on to discuss how Muslims must address ISIS:

"We cannot say that the Islamic State are not Muslims. That is what they call themselves.

If we the Muslims do not face the problem of violence that links to Islam in our time, how will we ever succeed in ripping Islam out of the hands of these destructive powers and lift our religion into the 21st century?"

Khader directed criticism at those who hold on to political correctness instead of challenging jihadist threats:

"Let's get rid of political correctness and grab this problem by the root."

Farahnaz Ispahani, a former member of the Pakistani Parliament, made clear the aims of the summit; to provide a counterbalance to radicalization:

"We have all heard 'Where are the Muslim voices?' ... here we are, and we have others like us."

Dr. M. Zuhdi Jasser, president of the American Islamic Forum for Democracy led the panel. After the summit, Jasser discussed the new movement with Fox News.

He told "Fox & Friends" co-host Clayton Morris that members of the Muslim Reform Movement posted their declaration on mosques in the D.C.-area in a symbolic reference to Martin Luther's reformation:

“Some of the members of our reform movement took it to the mosque in Washington, which is Saudi-affiliated, and put it on the door.

And we have video of them putting it on the door, and handing it to them and saying, ‘We want a response from you about these things; and will you sign it and join us?’

If they don’t, they’re part of the first three or four steps of radicalization and Americans need to realize that.”

Jasser added that he didn’t expect the mosque to join the movement.

The terrorist attack in Paris, France, and the more recent terrorist attack in San Bernardino, California, added additional significance to the discussion.


Muslim journalist Asra Nomani noted the importance of calling out radical elements specific to Islam in light of world events:

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Prepping 101: NO BS Bugout Bag Basics & Essentials

by Paul Helinski on June 28, 2015

I have avoided the subject of “bugging out” in this series until now, and it was intentional. Most bugout articles are absolute garbage. I even saw one in a large format news stand magazine that compared ****children’s backpacks**** because in the same issue were several advertising spreads from Columbia. Bugging out is a great topic if you want clicks and magazine purchases, but few people address what it means to actually bug out, and the different scenarios that may force you to leave a secure location. Think about it. Are the roads jammed? Am I going to be on foot at some point? I can’t hide that I am carrying resources, and at some point I may have to deal with “the authorities” who are going to make sure that I am unarmed. How do I maximize the money that I can spend right now, to perhaps survive at some point out on the road to somewhere.

First lets talk about why you would bug out to begin with. Because if you have been following some of the advice in this column, most likely you already have some resources stocked up, and those resources are not going to be easily transported. For instance, in my very early article on food, I suggested #10 cans of freeze dried food from Honeyville. I just did another order with them recently (and no, we have never gotten a discount or anything free). I also suggested filling 6 gallon plastic buckets with commonly available survival supplies. These don’t travel well for anything like bugging out.

In my initial water article, we covered the individual filtration unit called the LifeStraw, which you for sure would put in a bugout bag, but we also covered a water storage system that fits in your bathtub, and even a 250 gallon water storage unit made to fit through apartment doorways. In one closet you could keep enough resources to survive several months, for less than \$1,000. People will be killing each other in the streets. The best advice is to accumulate as much as you can where you are when a “situation” hits, then hunker down and avoid all human contact. Why would you bug out?

There is also the issue of being able to get out. Unless you get some kind of early warning, everyone else is going to be trying to get out too. If you are in the city and you know that no matter what you have to get out, have a plan now. In advance you should build an evacuation plan, and ideally have a place to go. I reviewed the book “Strategic Relocation” a while ago, and it gives you good escape routes off the beaten path for most major cities. Don’t think you are going to go to public government land and wing it, please. The writers who suggest that are going to die in the first wave as they rush to the same place everyone else is going, only to die fighting over the one wild hog that hasn’t been killed yet when they get there. Get a closet water container and hunker down until those idiots all kill each other.

When You Have to Leave RIGHT NOW

This is where the whole subject of bugging out gets interesting. If you are close to one of the coasts, earthquakes all over the world have been showing up in the strangest places. There are cases where you absolutely have to leave, because you will die if you stay.

Do you have to leave ****right now**** because a tsunami just wiped out your neighborhood, and it is either get on the rescue boat or take your chances with staying on the roof? Did your geiger counter just spike to 5 rads an hour because your local nuke plant is melting down after that pretty light from space turned out to be an EMP attack? Have you exhausted your food and water at your current location and now have to forage? Those are all very different scenarios that will require different pack essentials.

Are you in a vehicle or on foot? Are you going to try a vehicle, from which you may have to exit quickly and abandon? From the outset, I would delineate what goes in the packs and what goes in the car. From the outset I would delineate what stays and what goes. Having a plan now is going to make a huge difference if the rubber ever actually meets the road.

Food

Obviously, the majority of your pack supplies should be food. If you have read my original article on survival food, you know that I am not a strong proponent of sole reliance on freeze dried food sold for survival purposes. Lots of regular supermarket food has a long shelf life, and with your own oxygen absorbers, you can store things like rice, beans, flour, pasta and nonfat dried milk for just as long as freeze dried food.

For your bugout bag, I don't think it is as cut and dried, but some foods, like flour, don't travel well, or they will require too much preparation. I think your bugout bag should have about 1/3rd or less prepared food, so if you can't stop to cook, you have some food that you can eat on the move. This could be foil pack tuna, non-refrigerated meat products, and some canned food if your back can handle the weight. The rest should be freeze dried survival food, and/or dry beans, rice, and grains, as well as nonfat dried milk, which I consider an absolute must staple.

Ultimately it comes down weight, and whether you carry your water as food, meaning wet food, or if you carry dry food and plan to hydrate it with carried or found water. I prefer to carry water as water as much as possible, and hope that I'll find water on the road to hydrate the food. I tell people to steer away from military MREs. They are expensive, and they are meant for a system that has "supply lines," people dropping or delivering food, which you won't have. If you have to carry the food, you are much better with dried food that you can, then hydrate.

Then you have to ask the question, where do I get the freeze dried food? I still suggest that you buy #10 cans from Honeyville explained in the previous article. I looked around a lot back then, and have since, and they are the source that the serious preppers use. I have noticed that since I wrote the first article the prices have come up 20-30%, but in

bulk I would say that they are still the choice. Just beware that as a rule there is almost no actual meat in any of the freeze dried meat products. Read ingredients.

If you want to go with individual packages of recipe foods, what I would call the gourmet route, we recently got some review product in from Valley Food Storage, and they seem to be very high quality. When they first contacted us to review their products I compared their quantities and prices vs. other more common brands like Wise, and they seem to stack up with more actual value. I don't suggest that you forgo the 4 pound packages of pasta and dried milk at Walmart that I suggested before, as well as large amounts of beans and rice, before you buy the gourmet food. A good backpack has about 5000 cubic inches, or 80 litres of space, which is the equivalent of more than 3 of the 5 or 6 gallon buckets. But if you have the means, and you want easy to cook, tasty meals, I think Valley is a good option. They also have a pretty cool subscription program where you get food mailed on a budget every month.

I do not, however, suggest that you buy a prepared "survival" backpack from them or anyone else. You are better to choose what goes into your pack, and use every available cubic inch, even if it means carrying empty water containers. Also keep in mind that when you are dealing with designer recipe long term storage foods, you have to store them at ideal temperatures. I have stored the Valley Food samples for a few months in a South Florida not well air conditioned side room and the "Cheesy Mac" has expanded the bag like a balloon. It may say 15-25 year shelf life, but freeze dried recipe foods are extremely sensitive to temperatures. On examination, the Cheesy Mac seemed fine, but something chemically is going on in there, so they are not long for this world. I have not experienced that with #10 cans of powdered cheese from Honeyville stored in the same room, and my guess is that Valley uses the same supplier for their cheese powders. The people who make these recipes test for taste, but they don't have a complete understanding of what ingredients may react with others over time.

To cook your freeze dried food I would plan to bring some Mealspec heaters. I reviewed these products early in this column and they work great, but they are of course only one use each. I am testing a DIY rocket stove this week that is a bit heavy, but there are other backpack style rocket stoves that I haven't gotten in yet to try.

Canned food may be all that you have in the house to take with you, and that's fine if you have the backs to carry it. Hopefully you'll find some support down the road, and the cans will get you through to the next phase of your survival journey. Take everything you can, and bring empty packs with you if you can't fill them when you leave. You never know what the road will bring. Take a can opener or two!

Carrying Water vs. Filtering Water

As we all know, you can't go very long without drinking clean water. And as I explained in my original article on water, you really should have a plan for long term water acquisition where you live. But what if you have to leave? I think that the LifeStraw is a good, lightweight tool that we can all carry for like \$20, but I also think that you need to

carry water with you. I don't suggest that you purchase packaged water, or that you rely on supermarket water bottles. From my research, the cheapest and most efficient way for a person to carry a good deal of water is in surplus military canteens. There is a one quart that you can find on Ebay really cheap, like \$4 with shipping, and there is a 2 quart that sells around \$10-\$15 each with shipping.

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If you are a fan of water bladder systems that are built into backpacks, like the Camelbak brand, they definitely have their merits, but I have found the few I have used over the years to be leaky and prone to unscrewing. The backpacks are usually completely useless as well, because they are meant for day hikers and bicyclists. For the money, I prefer the US Military 2 quart canteen.

The major difference between the 2 quart and the older, oval shaped 1 quart, besides the obvious double size and availability of shoulder slings, is that the new canteen usually comes with a "chem cap," which fits the drink tube of most gas masks. Any military canteen case will also have Molle clips to attach to your pack, which is a huge plus for saving space. Water is heavy and bulky.

I would also make sure that you have a good supply of empty water containers, even old water or soda bottles, to fill dead space in your pack. After your food is eaten or stored, you will need to transport water to your location, and the fewer trips out the better. Collapsible 5 gallon containers are great, but they are too bug to squeeze into small spaces to expand your pack to its biggest. Small bottles will maximize your space and weight.

I would also carry some pool shock and iodine for purifying stream and lake water. They won't remove chemicals, but they will take out pathogens from animals dying upstream, dirty people bathing in the lake, and Giardia.

Do I Need a Gas Mask?

I am actually working on a lengthy gas mask overview right now (like literally right now in another window) and I hope to have it out within a few weeks. There is a ton of disinformation out there on the gas masks that are available in the market today. As a

general rule, some mask is better than no mask. And because you have no idea what the threat you face is right now, I think that everyone should have a good “NBC” mask, which means Nuclear, Biological and Chemical, just in case. If you have a lot of people to protect and you just can’t afford even the basic Russian GP-5 civilian mask, at just under \$20 each with filter, a regular N95 mask will protect you against sneezed viral infections in a mass evacuation. I think an N95 is a little too easy to grab off of your face, but they are at least a level of protection above a surgical mask. One up from there is the dual filter NIOSH masks, but if you are going to spend the money on those, just go for a full face gas mask. There are also some good and cheap options for children, which I’ll get to in the article. The Russian GP-5 and PDF masks for children saved a lot of lives after Chernobyl, and they are available now for cheap, and no, they don’t have asbestos in the filters.

I personally don’t think that biological and chemical threats are worth the weight and bulk of a gas mask, but that’s just me. A gas mask filter is only good for 6 to 8 hours under the best conditions, and they are really difficult to function in. If you are part of a large refugee group running from a biological outbreak, if you are the only one in the crowd with a full face mask, you are going to have it taken by the mob at some point.

Chemical weapons are also a lost cause when it comes to gas masks. Most inexpensive civilian masks will melt from exposure to things like Mustard Gas, and you really need a full chem suit if you expect to fight in a chemical weapons theatre. The good news is that chemical weapons have to be hand spread, or exploded in a small circumference in rockets. so they are therefore extremely localized. If you are just bugging out after an event, if you already survived the event, most likely you don’t have to worry about chemical warfare chemicals right now.

The biggest reason that you would need a gas mask is in the case of nuclear war, or a nuke plant meltdown, which makes gas masks highly conditional when it comes to your bug out pack. You either need one or you don’t. And as I explained in my most recent article on radiation detectors, if you need one, you need one. Nuclear particulates are extremely dangerous to long term health, even if they don’t kill you right away. But the good thing about both Alpha and Beta particles is that they are heavy, and they generally fall straight down once they are released from clouds. So if you are indoors, even without room filtration you probably won’t have much exposure to particles. Having to go outside, however, is a problem.

If you know that you are more than 7 -10 miles from ground zero of a radiation source and your survey meter is still showing high levels, most likely there are particles falling in the air around your location, which means you don’t want to be outside and breathing the air. If you have to move though, you have to move, and that is where an NBC gas mask is going to be a life or death item. Have one for each person on hand, preferably with a few extra filters. If the eventual collapse doesn’t involve radiation, I would leave it behind.

If you do need a mask to travel, don't worry about long term, because of course you can't wear a gas mask for the rest of your life. Radioactive isotopes degrade very quickly, even the ones with long half lives like Cesium-137. As a rule, unless you are near the core of a nuke plant meltdown, overall radiation degrades by 10x every 7 hours. So two days after a nuclear event, the radiation exposure danger is one hundredth times as great. So if one hour after an event the rate is 400 R/hr.

- After 7 Hours – 1/10th – 40 R/hr
- After 49 Hours – 1/100th – .4 R/hr

Other Conditionals

To me nuclear is the biggest conditional that there is, and this applies to all nuclear threats. Whether nuclear bombs are exploding or nuke plants are melting down because the grid went down, your preparation now is going to make a huge difference in your chance of survival. This also applies to your bug out bag. You may have to leave because of an evacuation, but nothing has happened yet. It will, and there is a pretty good chance that one way or the other, the future of America includes nuclear contamination. So while nuclear preparations for your pack are conditional, I would not take them lightly.

If you haven't bought Potassium Iodide pills yet (KI), do so. They sell the pills on Ebay, Amazon, and all over the web. KI is absolutely crucial because of the way your thyroid gland works in your body. With all other radioactive isotopes, your whole body absorbs whatever you absorb, so your whole body can help itself recover over the long term, and the human body is extremely resilient. But Iodine-131, which is spewed by both bombs and core explosions, gets all grabbed up by your thyroid gland and concentrated. If you take KI just as the event occurs, your thyroid gets saturated with the iodine and won't absorb the radioactive isotope. It cycles back to your liver, which sends it to your kidneys for excretion. Yay right! But you have to buy the KI now, and make sure that it is part of your bugout supplies. The half life of Iodine-131 is 8 days, so your two week supply of KI, for each person, will protect you through the life cycle of the isotope.

I would also add to conditionals a lot of stuff that applies to children. If you are already carrying all of your available food and all of your portable water storage, ammunition and other essentials, by all means, having a children's backpack with books and reading material is a great idea. I personally have giant duffel bags in my children's dressers to grab up all of their clothes quickly and get out. They cost about \$35 each. Obviously if you have a baby, you are going to need diapers, but I strongly advice you to buy cloth diapers now, and make them part of your survival plan. You can get waterproof pants and cloth diapers from China really cheap right now, and they are adjustable.

The other thing I would say is highly conditional, but which you really need to buy now, is some kind of solar charger for your electronics. Just beware, I have tested the battery pack and solar charger combos on Ebay and they are junk. My newest experiment is a solar charger backpack, but they are pricey. It seems that the chargers are in the 6-7 watt range, and that they either come in backpacks with a hydration bladder or in a full sized school backpack version. Or upwards of \$100, I would opt for the latter.

If you look through the back issues of this column, you will find that I found a network free GPS application with built in maps for Android, and recently a radiation detector that works off of the headphone jack. Obviously when it comes to keeping kids busy a tablet is a huge plus, so don't discount that part of your bugout plan should be the ability to keep them charged. Apple devices are far less useful than Android, because they don't even have removable memory. You can keep 100s of movies and 1000s of books on micro-SD cards for Android. Survival is boring.

Shelter

I consider a tent of some kind in the same class as matches when it comes to a survival bag or kit. Well of course you would plan to carry some kind of portable shelter, and if possible bed rolls or sleeping bags for each person, depending on the weather.

The one suggestion I would make is that you buy a tent specifically for bugging out, ie, camo. There are camo 4 season tents on Ebay for as little as \$30 for a 4 man tent. You don't want a bright red tent when everyone is going to be clamoring for resources. It is always preferable to use the resources you have, and most of us have a tent, but in this case, I would buy a camo tent with the sole intent of using it in case of a bug out.

Survival Radios

I'm sure the first thing that came to mind on my suggestion of a mobile charger was WTF! Do you really think cell phones will work? No, they will not, and they could be one of the first things to come down if this is an engineered event coming as I suspect. In the week after 911 the cell phone networks went down, probably to contribute to the fear porn factor.

That doesn't mean that communications will not be possible. As I explained in my first article on survival communications, you can get very inexpensive Baofeng hand radios on Ebay which will communicate on all of the hand held Ham radio frequencies. Technically you need a license for these radios, but in a survival situation that won't matter. Those radios in normal use can extend their range using civilian repeaters located on cell towers, and many of those towers even have solar backups. I also broke out the basics of a Ham radio backpack that can reach all over the globe in the hands of an experienced Ham operator in a second article. Communications should be a part of your preparations, in some way that your budget can swing.

You also should absolutely have a multi-band emergency radio with its own solar panel and hand crank. If you are on a budget, you can get them these days on Ebay for under \$20, up to \$100, depending on how many bands they can get. Sometimes the simplest tool is the best.

GPS & Maps

If you are willing to carry some kind of way to charge it, I would strongly suggest taking a GPS of some sort, especially if you already have one in your car. They generally charge on the same 5v cord that you connect to a USB port, and most of them have a battery. An electronic GPS will get you back to the nearest road if you are lost in the woods, and point you in the right direction if you get disoriented. A hiking GPS will also give you trails and terrain.

I also strongly suggest that everyone own at least one national printed map, and one state map, or several states if you are on borders. Finding your way around obstacles will be a big part of long term survival for all of us, if we are required to move. If you don't know your area well, and you are in a rural area, I discovered a way to have your own maps printed with topographical information, with your house as the center of the map. You really need to get your printed maps now, before the writing is on the wall and everyone is worried about surviving and the possibility of bugging out.

Plastic Weapons – Knives, Knuckles & Pepper Spray

You will note that I didn't include a section on firearms in this article, because of course if you can carry a gun and ammunition, as a GunsAmerica subscriber, you of course will. What you carry for many people is what you can carry, and everyone has their preference. I do suggest a backup as well, something easily concealed.

But what if you get herded through a metal detector by the FEMA SS brownshirts? The gun is going to be left behind, but your backpack may be able to go with you. Non-metal hand to hand weapons in these situations will be absolutely critical, and again, buy them now.

At your local flea market you may be able to get plastic "brass knuckles" for about \$10. You can also order both brass and plastic knuckles online in many places, though they were banned from Ebay and Amazon. You can also get a plastic hairbrush that comes apart into a stabbing spike, and all kinds of saps and knuckles from BudK. Pepper spray is something they may be looking for, but you can get pepper spray in a pen as well. There are also plastic "letter opener" knives and spikes on Ebay that are deadly, and that will help you protect your stuff if you are stuck in a refugee camp. Get yourself thinking about your options.

Toilet Paper, Soap, Maxi-Pads, Matches, etc.

If you are bugging out with a lot of people, you have a lot of backs to carry supplies. The most common causes of death in a survival situation are direct results of being dirty. A bar of soap and a couple rolls of toilet paper go a long way, and if you are planning for survival packs, it is really important to plan to carry these things. If you have menstruating women in your group, for sure you also need tampons or maxi-pads for at least a few months. If it isn't happening right now, these could be easily forgotten in a rush. Also bring a couple wash cloths.

Matches, eating utensils, sewing thread, rope and other standard bug out bag essentials are not the purpose of this article. I will mention it here, because I assume you have common sense, and that if you are going to actually go build a bugout bag, you will include these things, and more as your situation dictates. If I had the choice to carry one more pound roll of that Walmart meat or a roll of rope, which do you think I'll pick though? I guess you can tie the rope to the outside of the pack lol.

Choosing a Pack

I saved this for last because well duh, do you really need help choosing a backpack? I have thought a lot about backpacks because I don't plan to bug out on foot, but if I have to, with children, I would prefer to carry more and go slower than carry less and go quicker. I also think that you are better buying surplus military packs than relying on camping and hiking packs, which are often much more expensive anyway. The pack I have shown here is the Molle II Large Rucksack, which is current military issue. It is 5000 cubic inches, plus it usually comes with side "sustainment pouches" for more space. A standard frame commercial pack is 80 liters, which is about the same if you do the math.

I am a strong proponent of using a current issue pack for more than one reason. If you think about it, call me silly, but wouldn't a current issue digicam backpack make you look more military so that people will be more wary of messing with you? Also, if you end up having to be herded into camps, you might get more professional courtesy from the traitor brownshirts if they think that you used to be one of them. Who knows? But I can say that the military packs, even going back to the old Alice packs, which you can still get new with frame for under \$50, are way more tolerant to abuse, regardless, so why spend more money on a commercial pack?

Right now a large MOLLE II Rucksack in ACU camo is selling from \$75-\$150 with shipping on Ebay, depending on the extras. I just found two of them that I put \$40 offers in to the sellers and they agreed, plus \$25 shipping. If you look are on a really tight budget, dig right in and find the deals. They are out there. I found a camo ALICE pack for under \$30 just now, and the guy has 3 of them (though probably gone by the time you read this).

Just beware that there are commercial replica military packs on Ebay as well, from about \$50 in the comparable 80 liter/5000 cubic inch size. From what I have seen, the Chinese made commercial packs don't have the Molle attachment stitching, and I am sure they don't have the durability. Obviously figure it out for yourself. You will want at least one big pack with a frame for each adult and older kid. The military packs can carry up to 200 lbs., not that I could lol.

The hardest thing when you bug out is going to be leaving things behind. If you have the packs and the backs to put them on, assuming you can't carry anymore food and water, of course you would bring medical supplies, extra clothes and even cookware. Certainly if you bought some Schedule H antibiotics from India, or you got some pet antibiotics

(explained in my survival medicine article), you'd want to take them along because they are light. A few compressed trauma bandages wouldn't hurt either, because likewise, they are light. But big white buckets full of rice and beans are going to have to stay behind if you are on foot, no matter how much you hate to leave them. Figuring out in advance what you can reasonably take, both in a car and on foot in packs, is absolutely crucial. Have some extra duffel bags on hand just in case you can start your journey with a ride of some kind. A horse or a 4 wheeler can carry a lot of packs. And if you are moving just to get away from a radiation hot zone, if you don't go too far there is good chance you can come back for more of your stuff at some point. You just never know. Survival is part guessing game and part statistics. I hope to not be a statistic. If you have the packs, you have the packs. I found duffel bags on Ebay for under \$40 that are 45,000 cubic inches, 50" x 30" x 30". That is a lot of nonfat dried milk.

Nobody wants to think about practical survival. It is easier to just stock the pantry and figure that you have enough resources to weather most storms. But that is where most of us are falling victim to a "normalcy bias." Normalcy bias is the name for the little voice in your head that tells you that "it can't happen here," and who knows, it very well may not. But if you dig into what is really going on out there, everywhere, America is in for a fall, and the longer it gets put off the harder that fall is going to be. Bugging out is the worst of the worst case scenario, but it seems like that is what everyone feels is their best option. I disagree. This article turned from a short overview into yet another convoluted discussion of options, because bugging out just isn't that simple, and preparing for it adequately just isn't so cheap either. The richest of the rich have built bunkers under their homes. The governments have built bunkers and stocked them for themselves. Even if you can't build a bunker, I think all of our focus should be on staying home, and staying put. Bugging out is a fools game, for fools. I was talking to a guy in a gunshop the other day and he was dishing about how he wants the collapse to come so he can go out and finally shoot people. Do you really want to be on the road with that guy? Stay home, unless you have to leave. And if you have to leave, make sure you have the packs to take lots of supplies with you.

Thomas Jefferson wrote that "A bill of rights is what the people are entitled to against every government on earth, general or particular, and what no just government should refuse."

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