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San Bernardino: Nothing more than gun control opportunism for the left

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Before the sound of gunfire in San Bernardino had faded away, the radical left wing, ever at the ready, had sprung into action. Members of the intolerant LACTOS (Liberals Against Conservative Terrorist's Offensive Shootings) attempted to blame the GOP and right-wingers for the massacre in tweets: "Well, c'mon, GOP: Tell me how your prayers are with the victims and their families "this" time while you do nothing." And, "No, I'm tired of praying. I want action. I want people to stop saying 'MAH GUNS' in response to death."

Meanwhile, at the White House, five minutes after the shooting started, a clerk in the Rush To Judgment Department removed a sheet from a stack of pre-printed president's statements calling for more gun control, while the folks in the WVNT (Workplace Violence, Not Terrorism) and CCCAP (Climate Change Causes All Problems) offices geared up for the coming propaganda drive.

From the BFIL (Blame First, Investigate Later) and the ITNRAS (It's The NRA, Stupid) were these, first from Democrat presidential candidate Martin O'Malley: "@MartinOMalley Horrifying news out of #SanBernardino. Enough is enough: it's time to stand up to the @NRA and enact meaningful gun safety laws." And: "Another day, another mass shooting in NRA's America."

Those calling for more and stricter gun laws seem unable to grasp that people who want to commit the crime of killing innocents probably won't obey gun laws, either.

Terrorism is designed to scare people into irrational actions or surrender, and the terrorists are winning against the American left, which is clearly terrified of guns. Some rationality is desperately needed.

From 2009 to 2013 the United States experienced 38 "rampage shooting incidents" (RSI) that claimed 227 lives, according to the Rampage Shooting Index. That works out to roughly one RSI

every five months claiming more than 20 lives in each incident. These numbers rank the U.S. at the top of the list. In a not-so-close second place is Norway, with 77 RSI deaths, but only one RSI. Next is Germany with 25 deaths and three RSIs.

These numbers ought to scare the stuffing out of every American, not just the anti-gunners on the political left. Numbers, however, can be used to create many false images, and this is one example of that. The numbers cited previously do not include the elephant in the room: the population of those nations.

When America's population of 315 million becomes part of the equation — the largest by far in the study — the U.S. drops all the way down to sixth place, behind Norway, Finland, Slovakia, Israel and Switzerland. Leading the way with 15 deaths per 1 million population is Norway, while Finland leads in the number of incidents with .37 per 1 million residents. The U.S. numbers are .72 deaths and .12 incidents per 1 million population, ranking sixth — not first — in both categories. Furthermore, the nations with worse numbers per 1 million people than the U.S. have "restrictive" firearm regulations, while the U.S. and Belgium (7th place) do not.

These numbers show that Norwegians are 20 times more likely to die in an RSI than Americans. Adding two years to the span of time cited above, Norway remains in first place, but the U.S. drops to eighth place, when national population is part of the equation.

And so another liberal false narrative falls flat on its face, but where guns are concerned, as with climate change, the left refuses to let inconvenient facts get in the way.

Some on the left are legitimately fearful about the supposed gun violence issue, while others are focused on gaining further control of the American people. This latter group includes Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton and many, if not most, of the active politicians in the Democrat Party.

Brittany M. Hughes, reporting on the Media Research Center online in September, addressed the number of guns in America, noting that in 2009, it was estimated by the National Institute of Justice that there were approximately 310 million firearms in the country. Today, that number is likely higher.

"The number of firearm-related homicides in 2013 — the CDC's most recent data — was 11,208," she wrote, "(so about 309,988,792 guns were just milling about that year, not killing anybody)."

She continued: "That means about 0.000036 homicides were committed per gun in the United States in 2013," less than four homicides per 100,000 firearms.

Some clear thinking on the use of firearms to discourage crimes came from the Cato Institute: "The rationale for [gun control] legislation is to reduce accidental shootings and the criminal use of guns against people. But if harm reduction is the goal, policymakers should pause to consider

how many crimes ... are thwarted by ordinary persons who were fortunate enough to have access to a gun."

Bloomberg Business in 2012 analyzed the vastly contradictory claims about defensive gun use, estimating defensive actions occur tens of thousands of times a year, adding, "100,000 is not a wild gun-nut fantasy," while suggesting higher numbers are more likely.

Common in mass shootings in the U.S. is that they occur in "gun-free zones" where guns are prohibited. It is the American left that prefers gun-free zones, not the American right.