



The way of the 'New Democrats' isn't working

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To the Editor:

A Dec. 28 letter to the editor repeats the "gunshow loophole" myth. The argument is that violent criminals can simply walk into a gun show and buy weapons to use in violent crimes in short order. Every gun sale in America made to anyone other than a friend or relative must use a seller with a Federal Firearms License who runs a background check on the buyer. According the Cato Institute, "If a dealer sells a gun from a storefront, from a room in his home or from a table at a gun show, the rules are exactly the same: He can get authorization from the FBI for the sale only after the FBI runs its 'instant' background check (which often takes days to complete). As a result, firearms are the most severely regulated consumer product in the United States — the only product for which FBI permission is required for every single sale." Those advocating disarmament ignore the fact that gun control laws have always resulted in dramatic crime increases, including Democratic strongholds like Detroit, Chicago, DC, New Orleans, New York state, Maryland, and Massachusetts.

Instead of standing up for civil liberties, "New Democrats" are first to complain that Constitutional rights are getting in the way of their big government, George Soros agenda. The claim is made that the "no fly" list is not being used to deny ordinary people the right to defend themselves, (perhaps implying the oft-repeated stereotype of law abiding gun owners being reckless with firearms). We are absolutely not. Worse, peace activists, taxpayer's advocates, members of Congress, and even Cat Stevens were placed on this watch list with no notice and no clear way to contest the accusation.

Reader should also take note that none of the gun grabbers has raised ire at the fact that Senators Ayotte, Shaheen, and candidate Hassan have been voting to erode our Constitutional rights. Ayotte voted for indefinite detention, the NDAA, and renewal of the Patriot Act. Governor Hassan signed SB124 into law, which takes away our age old right to a Probable Cause hearing, while refusing to even consider pardoning even one of dozens of people in our prisons who maintain their innocence. Ayotte, Shaheen, and Hassan have all supported Obamacare, larger budgets, and Obama's job killing, counterproductive climate change agenda that will simply send billions of tons of fossil fuels (and millions of jobs) to developing countries that have no worker safety nor environmental standards. If these "New Democrats" still cared about the erosion of civil liberties, they would speak as forcefully as John F. Kennedy and Mark Udall against the onerous intrusions and that this group is now pushing--one that is ruining lives and destroying families.