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## Arizona shootings prompt call for ban on high-capacity clips

### Efficacy of gun curbs disputed, underscoring East-West divide



SOLIDARITY: Members of Congress and staffers gather outside the Capitol on Monday to observe a moment of silence for Arizona Rep. Gabrielle Giffords and other victims of the shooting rampage Saturday. (Associated Press)

By Seth McLaughlin - The Washington Times

10:16 p.m., Monday, January 10, 2011

For many in Rep. Gabrielle Giffords' southeastern Arizona district, guns are a way of life for hunting and protection while they're working on their ranches in a part of the country that has become ground zero for smuggling.

But, to some East Coast lawmakers, that gun culture led to Saturday's shooting rampage in Tucson, Ariz., which killed six and wounded the congresswoman and 13 others. Now two lawmakers have said they'll push for tougher gun controls, including stricter limits on high-capacity ammunition magazines.

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By Kara Rowland - The Washington Times

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### Rights group says China failed to keep promises

By Ashish Kumar Sen - The

"The only reason to have 33 bullets loaded in a handgun is to kill a lot of people very quickly," said [Sen. Frank R. Lautenberg](#), New Jersey Democrat. "These high-capacity clips simply should not be on the market."

The shooting, which shocked the nation and has sparked a renewed call for a more civil political debate, has also exposed long-festering regional divisions over whether gun regulation deters crime and improves public safety, or whether it leaves more people vulnerable to attack.

"If a guy had taken his car and rammed it through that crowd and ran [[Mrs. Giffords](#)] over, do you think we would be calling for change to registration on cars?" said [Philip Van Cleave](#), president of the [Virginia Citizens Defense League](#), a gun rights group. "Of course, there would not be — yet, just as many people could be killed with the same evil intent."

The man charged with the shooting, [Jared Lee Loughner](#), appeared shackled in court Monday to face federal charges that could carry the death penalty. He was ordered held without bond, as doctors said [Mrs. Giffords](#), 40, was responding to verbal commands but remained in critical but stable condition.

At the [White House](#), President [Obama](#) observed a moment of silence and then praised those who tackled the shooter and prevented him from continuing to fire.

"Part of what I think that speaks to is the best of America, even in the face of such mindless violence," [Mr. Obama](#) said.

Authorities say the suspect used a 33-round magazine in his Glock 19 semiautomatic pistol, which allowed him to fire numerous bullets without having to manually reload. When his first magazine was empty and he tried to reload, two men tackled him, ending the killing spree.

[Mr. Lautenberg](#) and [Rep. Carolyn McCarthy](#), New York Democrat, said they will introduce legislation aimed at reinstating part of the federal assault-weapons ban that from 1994 and 2004 barred the manufacture and sale of magazines that held more than 10 rounds at time.

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I am watching Fox news and their is no end to the liberal Marxist Demcrats blaming everything except personel responsibility of the gunmen for the shootings. It amazes me that these so called "men" have made it this far in life as they are such whiney wimpy weak puny little people. Whaa Whaa whaaa,,,Schumer wines. Brad Sherman from CA, a turtle like little person, Waxman, Frank, Kerry,.....winey wimps of the Congress.  
Then there the Marxist gals like Wasserman Shultz, Pelosi, Boxer, They all have

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**Do you think the Arizona shootings will spur tighter gun control laws?**

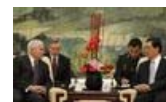
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By Anne Gearan - Associated Press  
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the same mantra----its the guns, its the bad words Palin is using, its the talk radio. They want the FCC to control the AM talk jocks, the internet, .....Waaa. Waaa, Waaa. The real mental cases are in Congress---take a day off and watch C Span all day.

That will make you want to stop paying your taxes after you see what these idiots do during the day. If any for profit business was run this way, bankruptcy would be certain within 3- days.

There has to be a COMPLETE AND TOTAL RE-DESIGN OF THE WAY GOVERNMENT WORKS. It does not Function, its a flurry of activity that wastes huge amounts of money, gives itself a raise, then raises your taxes after it allowed 14 million illegals to enter the country, with the only intent to make lots of babies, get free medical care and a place to stay. and then send all the dollars they stole back to mexico.

The only part of Government that deserves our Gratitude and unconditional support is the Fighting Man and Woman. These young American Men and Women that are dying daily, for this country deserve everything we can give them. Note that I said MAN and WOMAN. I did not say Transexual. Gay. Lesbo, HeShe, It, or fag. Those that fall into that category should not be in the Armed Services.

no\_more\_illegals says:  
19 minutes ago

This is BS. If this lunatic would have had 2 revolvers of 6 round each capacity. You know the Marxists would come up with a way to ban revolvers. As far as this OIF veteran is concerned. The MarxPukes can ake ALL the laws they want. They ain't getting mine.

JAQUEBAUER says:  
29 minutes ago

The little people in DC and Chicago are sitting targets because of Marxist gun prohibitions.  
The Arizona killings happened because a mentally unfit guy was permitted to walk the streets freely and buy a gun-both facts that existing Az. laws are supposed to prevent. Dont blame Palin, Rush, or the NRA for this shooting----Blame one deranged man and Local Law Enforcement failure as the cause.  
When the deranged politicians start enforcing the existing law, and deport all the illegals and secure the borders, and stop wasting money and stealing from the taxpayers, and keep the crooks in jail instead of letting them out, and believing in America First, instead of his business deals in China, and providing our children with a quality education and defending this nation against its enemies, THEN and ONLY THEN would I think about trusting Washingtons judgement on firearms bans.

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