



Senator Declares after Orlando: "Due Process Is Killing Us"

The attack on the 2nd Amendment turns against the 5th and 14th.

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This morning, Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) was on MSNBC's Morning Joe discussing police responses to the Orlando shooting. [Here](#)'s his key thought.

With all due respect, due process is the essential basis of America. The Constitution was established to "secure the blessings of liberty" — that's the whole purpose of our government — and that government can't deny us our life, liberty, or property without due process of law.

If the government wants to deny someone's liberty, it better have an awfully good reason and it better be ready to defend itself in court immediately — akin to what happens when someone is arrested or involuntarily committed. Otherwise, we'd live in a world where perhaps there's less crime, but also life isn't worth living.

Senator Manchin may want to live in a police state, but few of us would want to join him there. Count me out of the time machine to East Germany.

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