

Some Republicans waffle on private gun sales

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In spite of the fact that the Sandy Hook shooter did not violate any current firearms laws or use loopholes in those laws to gain access to [guns](#), Democrats have focused on [gun bans](#), universal registration of firearms and ammunition, and other [gun control](#) measures that include universal criminal [background checks](#).

None of the current proposals would have prevented the shooter from perpetrating his horrific crimes. Current law worked in preventing him from purchasing guns, and had his mother kept her firearms properly secured in the home, he would not have gained access to them, either.

Yet Barack Obama and Congressional Democrats forged ahead with the most sweeping and restrictive gun control proposals in the history of the Republic. As Godfather Rahm "Rahmbo Dead Fish Emanuel" has always said, "Never let a good crisis go to waste."

At first it appeared that all of the gun control proposals Obama sent to Congress would be dead on arrival. There is little interest in either the Senate or the House to tackle gun issues at the present time. With the House under the control of Republicans and with key Democratic senators facing tough reelection battles in conservative states in 2014, it appeared that gun control would be a dead issue.

However, a few Republicans [appear to be waffling](#) on one of the proposals that some polls show is popular -- universal criminal background checks on all gun purchases including private gun sales and gun shows.

Obama and the Democrats wish to close what they call "the gun show loophole." But such a loophole is largely a myth. Commercial gun sales at gun shows are required by law to include background checks. The issue is the small number of non-commercial, private gun sales at the shows which do not require background checks.

[According to the Cato Institute](#), only 2 percent of criminals use guns purchased at gun shows, and the vast majority of those were purchased from commercial vendors, meaning

that they passed the required background check. Next to none buy guns from private sellers at gun shows.

So why, then, do the gun-grabbers wish to close a loophole that is not really a loophole, fixing a problem that is not really a problem?

The answer is ideology. Anything that Leftists can do to advance their ultimate agenda of gun bans is fair game. And if the proposed law requiring private sellers to do background checks is approved, the net effect will be that all private citizens, not just those who sell at gun shows, will be under heavy restrictions even if they attempt to pass their guns along to their children or sell a gun to a friend.

Normally such a thing would be anathema to Republicans. But the problem is that Democrats and gun control freaks have seized the public relations game, which has some Senate Republicans waffling on the issue.

According to many in the [gun rights](#) movement, citizens cannot allow uncommitted Republicans to be railroaded by the anti-gun freaks among the Democrats into approving a law that addresses a non-issue. And, it appears that such Republicans will be the target of a massive phone call campaign.

Private gun sales between citizens must continue to be protected against the oppressive arm of big government.

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