



By Mike Suddreth

President Barack Hussein Obama, Sec. of State Hillary Clinton, Attorney General Eric Holder, Sec. of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano and the rest of the Obama administration have directed the media to do away with any derogatory phrases used to describe or report terrorism that threatens all Americans.

This shows the importance of doing something about media bias, which is now way out of control. The American people are in danger every minute from international terrorism, from suicide bombings, from a 9/11-style slaughter, from the release of a weapon of mass destruction and possibly even the incineration of one of our major cities and loss of life running into the millions. Recently, British officials issued a report finding a terrorist attack on a major city with nuclear or biological weapons is "more realistic" than ever. Yet the Obama administration and the mainstream media feed us gibberish and nonsense about man-caused

disaster and overseas contingency operations. On the war on terror, we can't trust the mainstream media and it is starting to seem we can't trust our government. What's worse, the language lunacy probably signals further retreat, appeasement and softness on the war on terror ... I mean overseas contingency operation.

One top priority must be to get the truth out to the public. The media is the key, as if the public gets the truth — which the mainstream media isn't giving it now — it will put pressure on our government to start doing the right thing and we'll also start bringing about change at the ballot box.

"I want change I can believe in!"



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News and Events

Tiaht Co-sponsors 2nd Amendment Self Defense Bill

WASHINGTON—U.S. Congressman Todd Tiaht (R-Goddard) recently co-sponsored the National Right-to-Carry Reciprocity Bill (H.R. 197). This legislation would protect the rights of licensed firearm permit holders by allowing them to carry firearms across the country without a confusing patchwork system.

"The National Right-to-Carry Reciprocity Bill recognizes that those who have a valid state-issued concealed firearms permit should not have to forfeit their safety when traveling," said Tiaht. "Not only does this bill protect the rights of concealed firearm permit holders, it also maintains the right of states to issue concealed weapons permits as they desire. As a mobile society, legal firearm permit carriers should be able to travel from state to state and exercise their fundamental right to self defense—this legislation ensures that."

Specifically, the National Right-to-Carry Reciprocity Bill would allow any person with a valid concealed firearm carrying permit or license, issued by a state, to carry a concealed firearm in any state, as follows:

- 1) In states that issue concealed firearm permits, a state's laws governing where concealed firearms may be carried would apply within its borders.
- 2) In states that do not issue carry permits, a federal "bright-line" standard would permit carrying in places other than police stations; courthouses; public polling places; meetings of state, county, or municipal governing bodies; schools; passenger areas of airports; and certain other locations.
- 3) The bill applies to D.C., Puerto Rico and U.S. territories.
- 4) It would not create a federal

licensing system; it would require the states to recognize each others' carry permits, just as they recognize drivers' licenses and carry permits held by armored car guards.

The Ammo Supply Takes a Near Hit

The Department of Defense had ordered that all once fired brass must be destroyed and no longer sold to commercial re-loading companies. The DOD stood to lose significant income in selling surplus brass and the civilian and LE ammo supply would lose significant volume in an already very tight market for ammunition. Protests were immediately filed at the congressional level to reverse the policy. This made aware the threat to training and recreational shooting as very real ... unlike some other concerns circulating on the internet. As predicted, the anti-gun forces made attempts to ban the ammo this time, not the guns. Thanks to the quick intervention of the two Montana Democratic Senators, the Department of Defense policy of destroying once fired brass has been reversed. Sales to commercial reloading companies are again underway. The reversal means ammo supplies will not be further restricted in this time of heavy consumer demand.

Running Out of Ammunition

By [Tracy Turner](#) THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH

Firearms instructors can't seem to keep enough ammunition on hand for his monthly National Rifle Association pistol-training class. Increased demand for ammo and a resulting shortage have caused some groups for the first time to re-evaluate whether they will be able to hold the gun classes.

"The ammo is being snapped up as soon as it comes in," a local resident said. "The potential for new gun laws has the Average Joe saying, 'I've got to get mine before the gun laws change and I can't get (ammunition)."

"It's kind of like that run on Elmo dolls. People are in a frenzy." Bullets are running low throughout central Ohio as a nationwide ammunition shortage hits the area.

The shortage is the result of a confluence of events, industry observers say: a run on guns by consumers since the election of President Barack Hussein Obama, more ammunition being sent to fight the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and the increased cost of raw materials needed to make bullets.

Shelves are almost bare at some gun ranges and Walmart and Dick's Sporting Goods locations. The demand is such that some retailers have begun to limit ammo sales.

"In the first three months of the year, we've already sold what we typically sell in an entire year," said Rex Gore, owner of Black Wing Shooting Center. Sales now are limited to a few boxes at a time, depending on the caliber, he said. "We've never seen anything like this before," Gore said. "We've had spikes in demand before with other administration changes, after 9/11 and when people were preparing for Y2K, but nothing like this." It's taken us by surprise."

Reports are coming in from all over the country of a shortage of supplies as manufacturers struggle to keep up with the increased demand, said Alexa Fritts, a spokeswoman for the NRA. Gun owners are feeling threatened by the potential for new restrictive gun laws and the increasing loss of jobs that could boost the potential for crime, she said.

The NRA has warned its members, which number in the millions, that the Obama administration supports more-restrictive gun laws and wants to raise taxes on ammunition. "Gun owners are very politically savvy, and this administration poses a risk to their freedoms," she said. "Add to that an economy that is struggling, which increases the chance of home invasions, and people want to be able to protect their families."

Gun sales have increased significantly since the November election, as indicated by the 31 percent increase in FBI firearms background checks performed since then. More than 4.2 million background checks were performed from November through January, compared with 3.2 million performed during the same three-month period a year earlier, according to federal records.

Despite Obama's statement that gun control is not a big issue for his administration, conservative pundits have continued warning of the potential for more-restrictive gun laws, said Paul Beck, a political-science professor at Ohio State University. The move is a fundraising and member-mobilization tactic, he said. "Conservative interest groups do the best when liberals are in charge, and liberal interest groups do best when conservatives are in charge," Beck said. "You can understand the NRA taking this as an opportunity to strengthen their organization." "It may be more rabble-rousing than reality."

Ammunition such as 9 mm and .45-caliber bullets for semiautomatic pistols and .38-caliber bullets for

revolvers seem to be the hardest to find, said Rich Vance, owner of Vance's Shooters Supplies. Another glaring shortage is for .223- and .308-caliber rifle cartridges, he said. The increased demand has also led to higher costs, Vance said. "Depending on the brand

The 90 Percent Myth

By William La Jeunesse and Maxim Lott

Perhaps you've heard this shocking "fact" before -- on TV/Radio, in newspapers, on the Internet and from the highest politicians in the land: **90 percent** of the weapons used to commit crimes in Mexico come from the United States.

-- Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said it to reporters on a flight to Mexico City.-- CBS newsman Bob Schieffer referred to it while interviewing President Obama.-- California Sen. Dianne Feinstein said at a Senate hearing: "It is unacceptable to have 90 percent of the guns that are picked up in Mexico and used to shoot judges, police officers and mayors ... come from the United States."-- William Hoover, assistant director for field operations at the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, testified in the House of Representatives that "there is more than enough evidence to indicate that over 90 percent of the firearms that have either been recovered in, or interdicted in transport to Mexico, originated from various sources within the United States."

There's just one problem with the 90 percent "statistic" and it's a big one: **It's just not true.** In fact, it's not even close. The fact is, only 17 percent of guns found at Mexican crime scenes have been traced to the U.S. What's true, an ATF spokeswoman told FOXNews.com, in a clarification of the statistic used by her own agency's assistant director, "is that over 90 percent of the **traced** firearms originate from the U.S."

But a large percentage of the guns recovered in Mexico do not get sent back to the U.S. for tracing, because it is obvious from their markings that they do not come from the U.S.

"Not every weapon seized in Mexico has a serial number on it that would make it traceable, and the U.S. effort to trace weapons really only extends to weapons that have been in the U.S. market," Matt Allen, special agent of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), told FOX News.

In 2007-2008, according to ATF Special Agent William Newell, Mexico submitted 11,000 guns to the ATF for

and the caliber, bullets now cost between \$5 to \$15 more per box," he said. "No one was really prepared for this demand increase," he said, "We all kind of got caught flat-footed."

tracing. Close to 6,000 were successfully traced -- and of those, 90 percent -- 5,114 to be exact, according to testimony in Congress by William Hoover -- were found to have come from the U.S. But in those same two years, according to the Mexican government, 29,000 guns were recovered at crime scenes.

In other words, 68 percent of the guns that were recovered were never submitted for tracing. And when you weed out the roughly 6,000 guns that could not be traced from the remaining 32 percent, it means 83 percent of the guns found at crime scenes in Mexico could not be traced to the U.S. ... so, if not from the U.S., where do they come from? There are a variety of sources:

-- The Black Market. Mexico is a virtual arms bazaar, with fragmentation grenades from South Korea, AK-47s from China, and shoulder-fired rocket launchers from Spain, Israel and former Soviet bloc manufacturers.

-- Russian crime organizations. Interpol says Russian Mafia groups such as Poldolskaya and Moscow-based Solntsevskaya are actively trafficking drugs and arms in Mexico.

-- South America. During the late 1990s, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) established a clandestine arms smuggling and drug trafficking partnership with the Tijuana cartel, according to the Federal Research Division report from the Library of Congress.

-- Asia. According to a 2006 Amnesty International Report, China has provided arms to countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America. Chinese assault weapons and Korean explosives have been recovered in Mexico.

-- The Mexican Army. More than 150,000 soldiers deserted in the last six years, according to Mexican Congressman Robert Badillo. Many took their weapons with them, including the standard issue M-16 assault rifle made in Belgium.

-- Guatemala. U.S. intelligence agencies say traffickers move immigrants, stolen cars, guns and drugs, including most of America's cocaine, along the porous Mexican-

Guatemalan border. On March 27, La Hora, a Guatemalan newspaper, reported that police seized 500 grenades and a load of AK-47s on the border. Police say the cache was transported by a Mexican drug cartel operating out of Ixcán, a border town.

Ed Head, a firearms instructor in Arizona who spent 24 years with the U.S. Border Patrol, recently displayed an array of weapons considered "assault rifles" that are similar to those recovered in Mexico, but are unavailable for sale in the U.S.

"These kinds of guns -- the auto versions of these guns -- they are not coming from El Paso," he said. "They are coming from other sources. They are brought in from Guatemala. They are brought in from places like China. They are being diverted from the military. But you don't get these guns from the U.S."

Many of the fully automatic weapons that have been seized in Mexico cannot be found in the U.S., but they are not uncommon in the Third World.

The Mexican government said it has seized 2,239 grenades in the last two years -- but those grenades and the rocket-propelled grenades (RPGs) are unavailable in U.S. gun shops. The ones used in an attack on the U.S. Consulate in Monterrey in October and a TV station in January were made in South Korea. Almost 70 similar grenades were seized in February in the bottom of a truck entering Mexico from Guatemala.

"Most of these weapons are being smuggled from Central American countries or by sea, eluding U.S. and Mexican monitors who are focused on the smuggling of semi-automatic and conventional weapons purchased from dealers in the U.S. border states of Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California," according to a report in the Los Angeles Times.

So why would the Mexican drug cartels, which last year grossed between \$17 billion and \$38 billion, bother buying single-shot rifles, and force thousands of unknown "straw" buyers in the U.S. through a government background check, when they can buy boatloads of fully automatic M-16s and assault rifles from China, Israel or South Africa?

Alberto Islas, a security consultant who advises the Mexican government, says the drug cartels are using the Guatemalan border to move black market weapons. Some are left over from the Central American wars the United States helped fight; others, like the grenades and launchers, are South Korean, Israeli and Spanish. Some were legally supplied to the Mexican government; others were sold by corrupt military officers or officials.

The exaggeration of United States "responsibility" for the lawlessness in Mexico extends even beyond the "90-percent" falsehood -- and some Second Amendment activists believe it's designed to promote more restrictive gun-control laws in the U.S.

In a remarkable claim, Arturo Sarukhan, the Mexican ambassador to the U.S., said Mexico seizes 2,000 guns a day from the United States -- 730,000 a year. That's a far cry from the official statistic from the Mexican attorney general's office, which says Mexico seized 29,000 weapons in all of 2007 and 2008.

Chris Cox, spokesman for the National Rifle Association, blames the media and anti-gun politicians in the U.S. for misrepresenting where Mexican weapons come from. "Reporter after politician after news anchor just disregards the truth on this," Cox said. "The numbers are intentionally used to weaken the Second Amendment."

Second Amendment Task Force

The newly formed Second Amendment Task Force is adamantly opposed to reinstating the ban on the sale of assault weapons as it clearly would demonstrate a violation of United States citizens' right to keep and bear arms. The Constitution absolutely does not outline any provision to restrict ownership of a gun belonging to a specific category. Members will diligently work with their colleagues on the Second Amendment Task Force to defeat any form of legislation in Congress that poses a threat to the Second Amendment.

Second Amendment Task Force cont.

The bipartisan task force includes a group of Members from a wide spectrum of backgrounds that represent a large geographical area:

Democrats

Rep. Dan Boren (D-OK), Task Force Co-Chair
Rep. Jason Altmire (D-PA)
Rep. Travis Childers (D-MS)
Rep. Brad Ellsworth (D-IN)
Rep. Jim Matheson (D-UT)
Rep. Mike McIntyre (D-NC)

Republicans

Rep. Paul Broun (R-GA), Task Force Co-Chair
Rep. Rep. Rob Bishop (R-UT)
Rep. John Carter (R-TX)
Rep. John Boozman (R-AR)
Rep. Steve King (R-IA)
Rep. Steve Scalise (R-LA)

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65 Pro-gun Democrats Oppose New Assault Weapon Ban

By JIM ABRAMS – Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — 65 House Democrats said Wednesday that they would oppose any attempt by the Obama administration to revive a ban on military-style weapons that President Bill Clinton signed into law in 1994 and President George W. Bush let expire in 2004.

The pro-gun Democrats, led by Rep. Mike Ross, D-Ark., wrote Attorney General Eric Holder that they would "actively oppose any effort to reinstate the 1994 ban, or to pass any similar law." They urged the administration to avoid a "long and divisive fight over a gun control issue" at a time when Washington needs to concentrate on the economic crisis. The House letter came a day after Montana's two Democratic senators, Max Baucus and Jon Tester, wrote a similar letter to Holder saying the Justice Department should enforce existing laws before considering new gun ownership restrictions. "We will strongly oppose any legislation that will infringe upon the rights of individual gun owners," they said. The letters came after Holder, during a news conference to announce the arrest of Mexican drug dealers, said the drug cartels were obtaining high-powered weapons like the AK-47 from U.S. gun stores and said the President Obama administration supported reinstating the ban on the sale of assault-style weapons.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., has said she plans to introduce legislation to bring back the 1994 assault weapons ban. Another long-term goal is requiring that all gun shows conduct background checks before selling firearms ... The National Rifle Association has said it is mobilizing to stop any assault weapons ban, and the opposition of 65 House Democrats, many from rural or conservative districts with strong pro-gun sentiments, probably would doom any legislative drive to restrict gun ownership.

Ammo Sales Curbs on Durham's Agenda

Jim Wise - Staff Writer

The News & Observer

DURHAM -- The legislative agenda proposed by the Durham City Council on Monday included measures that would restrict handgun ammunition sales and increase the costs of registering a car...

...Durham's resolution on ammunition sales is a simplified version of the "Bullet Ownership Bill" promoted by Durham minister Melvin Whitley. It would modify existing state laws to allow handgun-

ammunition sales only to those holding a pistol purchase or concealed weapons permit.

Durham Police Chief Jose Lopez spoke in support of the restriction.

"I would support anything that in any way is going to curtail our youth having access to firearms and having access to bullets," Lopez said. Amending the law also would "help identify those who are out there buying them in some bulk," the police chief said.

NRA Working to Introduce "Castle Doctrine" Self-Defense Bills in North Carolina

The NRA is working with State Representative Mark Hilton (R-96) and State Senator Andrew Brock (R-34) to introduce "Castle Doctrine" self-defense bills, which will seek to allow law-abiding citizens to use the force they deem necessary against a violent criminal attacker to protect themselves wherever they have a legal right to be. The bill also provides civil immunity for those who defend themselves from criminal attack.

***Please contact your State Legislators and respectfully urge them to cosponsor "Castle Doctrine" self-defense legislation when it is introduced and to support passage of this critical reform.

Several Pro-Gun, Pro-Hunting Bills Introduced in North Carolina

The North Carolina General Assembly has several firearm and hunting-related bills that have been introduced.

One of the key proposals is an amendment to the State Constitution of North Carolina that would recognize the right to hunt, fish, and harvest game. **Senate Bill 329**, introduced by pro-gun State Senator David Hoyle (D-43), would establish that citizens of North Carolina have a recognized right to hunt, fish, and harvest game, using traditional means and methods. The language contained in **S 329** is the culmination of several years of work to craft language that will protect hunting for future generations. We are grateful Senator Hoyle, a past recipient of the NRA defender of Freedom Award, worked closely with NRA to come up with strong language that will ensure the long tradition of hunting in North Carolina will continue for the foreseeable future. If passed, **S 329** would allow the voters of North Carolina to approve this amendment during the general election of November 3, 2010. **S 329** was introduced recently with strong bipartisan support, with 25 Senators signing on representing districts across the state. Please take a moment to thank those Senators who signed this critical legislation. **S 329** has been referred to the Senate Ways and Means Committee.

During late March, State Senator Doug Berger (D-7) introduced Senate Bill 782, which would repeal the law requiring people to get a permit from their sheriffs to purchase a handgun. SB 782 has been assigned to the Senate Committee on Commerce, where it has yet to be assigned a hearing. Please begin contacting your State Senator, to thank him or her for signing on as a co-sponsor or urge them to do so as a show of support of this necessary bill. House Bill 269 and House Bill 270 continue to be held up in the House Judiciary III Committee, as they were not brought up at their last scheduled hearing. Currently, each bill has its own separate issues but we will be sure to update you on the progress of each as session continues.

HB 270 would eliminate the prohibition on Right-to-Carry permit holders carrying their lawfully concealed firearms into a restaurant that serves alcohol. HB 270, introduced by State Representatives Mark Hilton (R-96), Fred Steen (R-76), Justin Burr (R-67), and George Cleveland (R-14), has been deferred to sub-committee for further discussion. NRA testified in support of this measure, and we will work to ensure it is reconsidered by the full committee. **HB 269** would allow those with Right-to-Carry permits to carry their firearms in state parks. HB 269, introduced by State Representatives Mark Hilton (R-96), Justin Burr (R-67), George Cleveland (R-3), and Jim Gulley (R-103), has been held over due to drafting issues.

N.C. bill would allow diners to pack heat

Staff Writer – The News & Observer

A bill filed recently in the state legislature would allow concealed weapons in restaurants that serve alcohol in North Carolina.

State Sen. Andrew Brock, a Mocksville Republican, filed a bill last week that would allow North Carolinians with concealed weapons permits to take their guns into these restaurants.

Under state law, it is a Class I misdemeanor to take "any gun, rifle or pistol" into any establishment that serves alcohol, unless you are the proprietor, a police officer or on-duty military.

Brock said criminals are more likely to target restaurants for robberies knowing that fewer patrons may be carrying a gun. He cited shootings in malls and at Virginia Tech.

"The reasons they have gunmen go into these areas is because they know the people there are defenseless," he said. "If they knew that people were armed or had a possibility of being armed, they wouldn't go in there."

A separate House bill would allow concealed weapons in state parks.

Roxane Kolar, executive director of North Carolinians Against Gun Violence, said the advocacy group opposes the bills.

"Right now, most people visit state parks because it's a safe environment," she said. "While others may feel safer having their weapons in a state park, there's a lot of others who won't."

She said the group opposes allowing guns in restaurants because "guns and alcohol don't mix." Even though most people with concealed weapons permits are responsible, she said, they may not stay that way after a few drinks.

Upcoming Events at WGC

- **ATA** Practice every Tuesday & Thursday 5:00pm-9:00pm. \$3.50 fee practice clays. ATA Match #2 on Saturday, May 2, 2009 Contact Tom Pitts 828-264-1578 or Morgan Shaw 828-297-3039
- **IDPA** Pistol Match on Saturday, April 18th. Side Match is Shotgun. 10am start. Contact Todd Walker 336-620-7061
- **NRA High Power** Saturday, April 25th 9:00am **Must be signed in and ready before 9:00am Contact Info: Steven Lunsford 828-559-0455
- **300yd Bench Rest** Contact Info: Marvin Gragg 828-295-9965 marvingragg@bellsouth.net Dave Richardson 336-372-5873 dw_richardson@hotmail.com
- **Schutzen Verein** Rimfire Rifle Match #2 Tuesday, May 5th 5:00pm until done Contact Mike Testerman 828-297-1897 ***Scheduled on 1st Tuesday of each month
- **Club Match** Thursday, May 14th, 2009 Big Bore Pistol 25m/50m 4:00pm-6:45pm Contact Tom Bennett 828-773-2799
- **Tactical Firearms Course** By Appointment; Handgun/Rifle/Shotgun Contact: Tim Honeycutt 828-234-0749 or Mike Suddreth 828-850-9595
- **CCH Classes** Joe Moody 12-2pm April 11th Gary & Sandy Hoyle 6-9pm April 24th Gary & Sandy Hoyle 9am-3pm April 25th Contact: 828-963-6307

RANGE HOURS

8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Wednesday is from 8:00 A.M. To 12:00 P.M. if mowing is being done. Check with the person mowing to see if you can use the portions of the range where mowing has been completed. No Outdoor shooting is allowed after 5:00 P.M. on Wednesday. Sunday is from 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Be sure to check by the two churches up the road to be sure they have finished their services before you start at 1:00 pm.

Scheduled events such as ATA Matches, High Power Matches, I.D.P.A. Matches, etc. and the monthly Club matches may run after 8:00 P.M. on any days other than Wednesday or Sunday. The entire range is closed during scheduled discipline events unless the discipline director agrees to open parts of it to the general membership for practice. The entire range is closed on the Thursday evening when the club match is being conducted. No exceptions. Read your club manual.

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