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TRAGEDY OR POLITICAL OPPORTUNITY?

Former Obama White House Chief of Staff Rham Emanuel made headlines a few years ago when he cynically opined that "You never let a serious crisis go to waste. And what I mean by that it's an opportunity to do things you think you could not do before". In other words, "strike while the iron is hot".

Mr. Emanuel went on to become Mayor of Chicago – a city with some of the most oppressive gun laws; a city with a deserved reputation for rampant gang violence; a murder rate so high Wilmington isn't embarrassed; and a city with an even richer reputation for ignoring the United States Constitution, generally, and the Second Amendment, specifically; and a Chicago city government that would rather blame guns for its problems than blame themselves for the failed social doctrines that breed poverty, hopelessness and despair.

Fast-forward to today, and it would appear that both the current occupant of the White House, Barack Obama, and the Anti-Gun Progressive Left's "favorite daughter" whom they are hoping will succeed Obama in the White House, Hillary Clinton, must have mistaken the word "crisis" for the word "tragedy" and are now applying Mayor Emanuel's cynically infamous quotation to the very sad events that transpired recently at Umpqua Community College in Oregon. In other words, their adopted cynical approach to "crises" has now morphed into their own sick version of Rham Emanuel's cynically opportunistic tactics which can best be described as "strike while the bodies are still warm" – very sick, indeed.

With less than two hours having passed since the crazed gunman executed 9 people because of their Christian faith, and with little or no knowledge of the criminal, his motives, his methods or the facts of the case, President Obama went on national television and proudly announced that he was, in fact, politicizing the deaths of these nine innocent victims to achieve his own ends – his goal, you ask?

Barack Obama has made no secret that his goal, even before this tragedy and even before his 2008 election, is now and always has been to gut the Second Amendment and to strip honest, law abiding citizens of their God-given right of self defense and their constitutional rights to keep and bear arms for lawful purposes – all lawful purposes. So, his cynical and absurdly self-righteous diatribe on national television hours before the crime scene in Oregon had stabilized should have come as no surprise to anyone.

And, of course, CNN and others in the so-called "drive-by media" have jumped on the anti-gun, "here's-our-chance

bandwagon", hysterically touting the "need to do something, anything"... And now we have "Hillary".....

As was to be expected, nothing being suggested by anyone, including Obama and all of his progressive acolytes, would have, in any way prevented this most recent colligate tragedy in Oregon, or any others, past or future.

As this article is being written, Hillary Rodam Clinton, former First Lady and wife of the notoriously anti-gun president Bill Clinton whose infamous "Clinton Gun Ban" was such a failure, has announced that she is "going to war" against you, your guns, your gun rights, and against the NRA.

"We took them on in the 90's", she said, "We're going to take them on again". "I'm going to try in every way". "I am going to get those guns out of people's hands" she declared. Sounds strikingly familiar doesn't it? Do you suppose she was paraphrasing, perhaps even plagiarizing Senator Diane Feinstein?" (Naw.... she's too honest to do that....)

Mrs. Clinton's numbers are dropping across the board. As expected and predicted, she is blatantly pandering to the progressive left and its unabashed anti-gun, big government, anti-freedom agenda in order to stave off her far-left opponents who include the self-described socialist, Bernie Sanders and Maryland's former anti-gun governor, Martin O'Malley – and even our own Joe Biden, whose own anti-gun credentials rival even those of Obama and Bill Clinton.

Mrs. Clinton, who has been trying to "get to the left" of her other "progressive" opponents with limited success, at least has her husband's anti-gun history and tired old anti-gun agenda upon which to rely. Maybe she thinks that by capitalizing upon the grief, shock and horror of Umpqua Community College, Sandy Hook, Virginia Tech and others, she can show that she really is a "real person" with real feelings for her fellow man – good luck with that one!

Candidate Clinton has proposed another "semi-auto ban" (didn't she learn anything from Bill's failed experiment?); another, more draconian ban on private sales; repeal of the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act so that she and her trial lawyer friends can disarm America by suing the manufacturers and retailers out of business; and she is promising numerous other draconian measures she knows she cannot possibly get through Congress.

And that, by the way, is exactly why she has promised to take yet another page out of Obama's playbook by threatening to take executive action as a way to get around Congress – read that as more illegal and unconstitutional activity by unelected bureaucrats and progressive political operatives working out

of a new and revised "Clinton White House", circa 2017 and beyond.

Make no mistake, she and her ilk are coming after you, your guns, your rights and the elected officials who support you and defend your rights. They don't care that their draconian measures will have no effect on crazy people who target innocent citizens in so-called soft target "gun-free zones". "Transforming America" and repealing the Second Amendment is all they really care about.

So far we have not seen nor heard from the far left here in Delaware – but we will. There is a saying frequently heard around Legislative Hall, that "if you want to know what Barak Obama is going to do tomorrow, just watch what Jack Markell and his progressive allies in the Delaware General Assembly are trying to do today". So far, Delaware's far left politicians are to be commended. So far, at least, they have refrained from joining the sick and cynical Obama-Clinton bandwagon the way they did after the tragedy at Sandy Hook.

Time will only tell – but in the mean time we must be prepared for the sick and cynical onslaught that is sure to come.

Be prepared for attacks on the NRA, on DSSA, and on you as law abiding gun owners and hunters. Be prepared to be vilified, trivialized and otherwise embarrassed and humiliated – be prepared to be attacked at home, at work and in your churches and synagogues – that's what the anti-gun left does best. Don't let them do it – stand and fight. Fight with the truth... liars hate the truth.

Twenty years ago, Charlton Heston warned us about a "culture war" in which your Right to Keep and Bear Arms were at the heart of the struggle. Eight years ago, Barak Obama, renewed that "culture war" when he declared that his goal was to "fundamentally transform America" – again your Rights to Keep and Bear Arms were placed at center stage in the struggle, only to be replaced over time by a war on the Christian-Judeo ethical foundations upon which our country was founded.

Obama, Clinton and others have now signaled a re-ignition in the "war on guns" and have shown that they and their allies fully intend to achieve their "fundamental transformation of America" by eviscerating the Second Amendment through whatever means available, both legal and illegal – and yes, even extra-legal.

The results are up to you – you can let them win and allow them to "fundamentally transform America" or you can stand and fight.

This isn't about "gun control" – this is about American Freedom – it is about who we are as the American People.

For Obama, the Clintons, Biden and the other so-called progressives, "Gun Control" isn't about guns – it's about control, pure and simple.... Always has been, always will be.

So stand and fight – stand with the NRA: Stand with the DSSA; stand with the members of the Delaware General Assembly who stand with you – and stand strong and united against those who stand against you and what you believe – stand and fight against those who would trade your freedom for their ability to "rule" (another word for "control").

As a member of the DSSA you already receive our Action Alerts and you are probably already in contact with your local elected officials. When the Delaware General Assembly returns to work in January, you will receive Action Alerts asking you to call, write, email &/or text your elected officials – please do as you are asked. Every vote counts, and make no mistake – 2016 is an election year and every single elected official will be waiting, watching and listening to see if you are watching them and monitoring what they are doing.

Please, do your part – communicate regularly with your Senator and your Representative – even if you know they oppose your views – it is not a waste of time to educate and communicate with a legislator who has voted against you in the past – earn his/her trust and convince them to vote with you in the future – or at least let them know that at least one person in their district opposes their views and will be working to change their minds and maybe even the occupant of the seat they hold.

Freedom isn't free – it must be earned, protected and cherished each and every day.

Vote Freedom First.

Cabela's Mid-Atlantic Long Range Regional

As expected the 2015 Mid-Atlantic Long Range Regional sponsored by Cabela's and supported by over 20 additional sponsors was one to be remembered for a long time to come by those who made the trip to the Bridgeville Rifle and Pistol Club during the last weekend in September for what is fast becoming one of America's premier Long Range rifle events.

Despite the dire predictions of the "weather guessers" of torrential rains and high winds, a total of 65 shooters, some of whom included some of America's top long range shooters including members of various US Teams, gathered in Sussex County over September 25, 26 & 27 for this second annual NRA sanctioned regional championship. A total of 75 shooters from as far away as Texas were originally registered for this tournament but the weather predictions for heavy wind and rain kept at least ten of those shooters away – but that didn't stop the remaining shooters from Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Virginia, Washington, D.C., North Carolina, Michigan, Indiana and Kentucky from joining Delaware's shooters on the line for a practice session and Team matches on Friday, three matches at 1,000 yards on Saturday and two more matches at 1,000 yards on Sunday.

Contrary to the weather forecasts, the rain stayed away, but the winds did their best to confuse, confound, tease and torment the shooters all three days – but especially on Sunday. One shooter described it this way in an internet posting:

"Here's what I learned:

1. Don't fire when the dust devil seeps across the range
2. Don't fire when the 600 yard flag stands straight up in the air
3. The conditions in front of your firing point have nothing at all to do with the conditions in front of the firing point on either side of you

4. If you think you can make a wind call based even partially on the results of the national team members on either side of you, see Rule 3
5. The condition which looks the same as the last time you fired a 10 actually has a foot and a half of vertical hidden in it (this time)"

That same competitor when on to say, "I knew it would be like this when I went, and I would definitely do it again! Great match, extremely well run!"

This NRA Long Range Regional Championship featured essentially two styles of shooting on the line at the same time – "sling shooters" using conventional Match Rifles and the more difficult Palma Rifles and "F-Class" shooters using F-Open Rifles and F-T/R Rifles.

Winning the "sling division" was Delaware's own Jon Howell with a two-day aggregate score of 987-44x, followed by Tom Guercio with a score of 978-37x and Ronald Leblanc with a score of 976-37x. All three were shooting Match Rifles.

The top three Palma Rifle shooters were Nate Guernsey with a score of 967-41x followed by Bridgeville Rifle & Pistol Club Long Range Rifle Team member Angel Rodriguez with a score of 966-29x and Stephen Landry with a score of 935-24x.

Winning in F-Open was US National F-Class Team member, Andy Amber with a score of 966-24x. Andy's winning score in F-Class was followed by scores posted by Bridgeville club member Hugh Cropper with a score of 960-22x and Bridgeville Rifle & Pistol Club Long Range Rifle Team member, Dave Kokuska with a score of 959-33x.

Our winner shooting an F-T/R rifle was none other than US National F-T/R Team Member Bill Litz who came all the way from Michigan to post a winning score of 938-11x. Placing second and third behind Bill Litz were Jim Hittle and Todd Strasavitch, with scores of 931-18x and 930-14x, respectively.

Given the extremely challenging weather conditions and a range that is quickly earning a reputation for tricky conditions, all of the winners are to be congratulated for some really great shooting.

The Bridgeville Rifle & Pistol Club extends its gratitude to all of the shooters who made the trip, to Cabela's, to all of the other sponsors, and to all of the volunteers who made this match a total success.

Information concerning the 2016 Mid-Atlantic Long Range Regional Championship will be published once NRA has approved the dates and the program for next year's event.

DELAWARE JUNIOR EXCELS AT CAMP PERRY LONG RANGE AND WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Delaware Junior shooter and recent Delaware Military Academy graduate, Jonathan Howell (Jon) traveled to Camp Perry, Ohio to participate in 3 Long Range Rifle Championships in late July and early August.

Jon is a member of the Under 21 US National Young Eagles Rifle team. The first match is held annually and was the National Rifle Association Long Range Championship. This match consists of 3 Team matches and 5 individual rifle matches. Several Yough Eagle Teams participated. Jon both shot and coached these matches. The second was the United States Fullbore Rifle Championships. Last year this match was held also as a warm up for the world championships. Finally, the 2015 Fullbore World championship was held. In this match teams and shooters from the US, Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand, Barbados, Channel Islands, Germany, South Africa and Japan participated. Fullbore is fired with rifles only chambered in 0.308 or 0.223 caliber.

As a warm up for the World and National Championships, Jon shot several matches in July at the Bridgeville Rifle and Pistol Club. The first of these was a match where the competition consists of the aggregate of three 600 matches of 20 shots each. In the first match Jon shot a possible score of 200 with 16 X's or center shots. This beat a very old (1999) Junior record of 200 with 15 X's. Jon was also on a roll as the very next weekend, the Camp Perry Bridgeville warm up weekend, where another mid-range match consisting of 20 shots fired at 300 yards, 20 shots fired at 500 yards, and 20 shots fired at 600 yards again for a possible score of 600 points. Jon shot very well at 300 yards, shooting a possible score of 200 with 14X's, then at 500 yards Jon distinguished himself by breaking his old 500 yard Junior record of 199 with 11 X's by shooting at 200 with 13 X's. When the dust settled at the end of the day he had also broken his old 3, 5, 6, aggregate record by 8 points, placing a new mark on the wall of 597 with 33 X's out of 600 possible. GREAT JOB.

The highlight of the Camp Perry matches was in the World Championship. When the last shot was fired in the individual match Jon was 13th in the World among the Under 21 year old shooters. He finished 131st out of 407 of the finest shooters in the WORLD. GOOD JOB JON.



GROW DSSA MEMBERSHIP

It should be a vital concern to all of us that DSSA does not have more members from the many gun owner's in the State of Delaware. In very simplistic terms, the DSSA is the single most important organization that has prevented Delaware from becoming like Maryland or New Jersey. A core group of members have worked diligently with vigilance to the protect rights of all lawful gun owners in Delaware.

I propose that every member of DSSA make the effort to recruit at least one (1) new member in the next six months. This needs to be a priority for each and every one of us. If our membership included even 50% of the gun owners in our state, the legislators would be very reluctant to attach our rights.

For those of you who feel too shy to try this, think of your sons and daughters. How would you feel if they lost the rights we enjoy? Be courageous and reach out to any fellow gun owner you know.

By Mark Carlson, Director

Delaware State IDPA Championship 2015

Friday and Saturday, September 11th and 12th, the Bridgeville Rifle and Pistol Club held its inaugural Delaware State IDPA Championship. This was a defensive pistol match that offered 13 stages simulating potential "real life" scenarios with a minimum round count of 182. For a match of this size it offered a lot of bang for the buck! Many IDPA sanctioned matches have had more stages with 20 or fewer minimum round counts. This led to an all-day shoot that included an hour and a half rain delay which occurred near lunch time – how fortuitous. The weather break gave the shooters a chance to enjoy a marvelous lunch of barbeque beef, pork and chicken along with sides of coleslaw and baked beans. Oh, yeah, and pie for dessert.

When you host a match late in the year, sponsors and prizes can be hard to get as sponsor budgets are pretty thin by then. However, we had a great response from the vendors whom we approached, considering we had no previous track record to entice them.

Beretta and Springfield Armory offered discounted firearms, XS Sight Systems, Multi Holsters, Polycase Ammunition, Talon Grips, Trijicon Sights, Glock, Xtreme Bullets, Starline Brass, Hornady, Cabela's, Target Barn and Midway USA all donated gift certificates or product for the shooters' door prizes. We had about \$7,000.00 worth of product, T-shirts and beautiful American eagle trophies to distribute to the participants. XS Sight Systems even donated a shooter slot to a junior shooter. Thank you to all the vendors who helped make this a memorable experience.

The IDPA members who volunteered to design and construct the stages went all out. They built props and painted areas so the stage design felt as if you really were in that "real life" situation. They built gas pumps for the "Outlaw Biker" stage, a ticket booth and Ferris wheel for the "Delaware State

Fair" stage as well as moving targets for other stages to enhance the challenge. For a first-time sanctioned match, this offered it all! Novice and Marksman shooters were able to enjoy the challenges without being overwhelmed by complexity. Expert and Master level shooters were able to engage targets optimally due to optional approaches to the course of fire. All levels of shooters confirmed that these were fun and challenging stages, and that they couldn't wait to do it again.

Mike Alexander, of Chester Springs, PA, a master level shooter who had recently attended the 2015 Pan-American Invitational Championship held in Puerto Rico and also prior IDPA Nationals, said, "As I told Chuck before I left, we (myself and friend Scott Warren) felt your collection of stages was 'top shelf' and as good as any IDPA match nationwide...including IDPA Nationals". Wow, what a compliment! Maybe we should quit while we are ahead!?! – Nah, We are already planning for next year, so that we can spread the work out and keep up an optimum level of fun and challenging stages. Hope to see you there.

Chuck Limpert, IDPA Match Director



Match Winners



One of the numerous stages.

*****LAST CALL*****

DSSA SEEKING NOMINEES FOR DSSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors of the Delaware State Sportsmen's Association is currently seeking DSSA members who are interested in serving on the Board of DSSA.

Under the Bylaws, the Board of Directors may fill openings on the Board prior to the annual election of Directors normally held during the Annual Meeting of Members. One or more vacancies currently exist on the Board and the Directors are seeking to fill all such vacancies pursuant to the Bylaws.

Members who are interested in serving on the Board of Directors of the Delaware State Sportsmen's Association are encouraged to make their interests known by mailing a "letter of interest" to:

Nominating Committee
Delaware State Sportsmen's Association
P.O. Box 94
Lincoln, Delaware 19960

Required Qualifications:

- Nominees for the position of Director of the Delaware State Sportsmen's Association must be members in good standing of both the DSSA and of the National Rifle Association of America.
- They must be strong supporters of NRA-ILA and must have a strong desire to serve to protect and defend the rights of Delaware's law-abiding hunters, trappers, shooters, collectors and gun owners, and to protect and defend the Right to Keep and Bear Arms as protected by the Second Amendment of the Constitution of the United States and Article I Section 20 of the Constitution of the State of Delaware.
- Directors must be of sound mind and good character, must be qualified under both Delaware and federal law to legally own and possess firearms, must be a citizen of and loyal to the United States of America and must be a resident of the State of Delaware.

Additional Qualifications that would be helpful, but are not required:

- A competitive shooting background is helpful, but not required.
- Hunting, trapping and/or wildlife management experience would be helpful, but not required.
- Experience as a serious "gun collector" would be helpful, but not required.
- Membership in other pro-gun, pro-Second Amendment and NRA affiliated clubs and associations would be helpful, but not required. Likewise, experience as an officer or director of an NRA affiliated club or association would be helpful but is not required.

- Experience as an NRA certified instructor would be helpful, but not required.
- Military and/or law enforcement experience would be helpful, but not required.
- A business or professional background would be helpful, but not required.
- Political and/or legislative experience would be helpful, but not required. Please note that DSSA, like the NRA, is a single-issue, non-partisan organization. If you are a political partisan who cannot separate "pro-gun, pro-hunting issues" from partisan party politics, this is not a position in which you would be comfortable.

Please note that the DSSA Board of Directors normally meets in Dover on the evening of the first Monday of every month.

WHY JOIN DSSA?

If you are reading this you are already a member of the Delaware State Sportsmen's Association (DSSA) so you can stop reading right here, correct? No, not really.

The simple fact is that far too few of Delaware's hunters, trappers, competitive shooters, gun collectors, gun owners and NRA members belong to and actively support NRA's official state affiliate in Delaware- the Delaware State Sportsmen's Association (DSSA).

Yes, we have 15 constituent NRA clubs that fall under our umbrella with total combined memberships well in excess of 5,000 people; and yes, we have almost 700 individual members.

But there are over 15,000 NRA members in Delaware, over 11,700 people holding Delaware Concealed Carry Permits, plus literally thousands of licensed hunters in Delaware and tens of thousands of gun owners in Delaware – and each of these people should be members of NRA's official state association in Delaware – and that's DSSA.

WHY? Why should every NRA member, every hunter, every concealed carry licensee and every gun owner in Delaware be a member of the Delaware State Sportsmen's Association?

Fair question – and here's the answer: Because the Delaware State Sportsmen's Association IS the NRA in Delaware.

Yes, the NRA has a presence here in Delaware, and yes, NRA sends a lobbyist to Legislative Hall to help defend our rights from the anti-gun legislators we all fear and distrust. But that NRA lobbyist covers many states, Delaware being just one, and we are certainly the smallest state assigned to her.

But it is the Delaware State Sportsmen's Association that provides the "boots on the ground" year in and year out – it's the DSSA that is the local presence that our Legislators listen to and respect.

If you will look back at what we have accomplished over the years you would simply be amazed – there is a reason

Delaware hasn't become just like Maryland and New Jersey - or become the next New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut or California – God knows, this Governor has done his dead-level best to bring California policies to Delaware – and not just DNREC policies, but gun policies too. And that reason is DSSA! Here are just a few of our biggest “Wins” in the Delaware General Assembly over the years – and remember, there have been many, many others:

1. Passage of a constitutional amendment in 1987 protecting “*the right to keep and bear arms for defense of self, family, home and State, and for hunting and recreation*”. ART.I Sec. 20, Delaware Constitution.
2. Passage of State Preemption which bars cities, towns and counties from passing a confusing patchwork of anti-gun laws that would result in law-abiding citizens from being trapped in “gotcha” situations
3. Defeated at least six (6) attempts to repeal “pre-emption”, successfully limiting the most recent attempts to modify “preemption” by limiting their scope to municipal and county buildings while protecting the rights of citizens and employees to exercise their rights to carry concealed in accordance with their licenses.
4. Defeated repeated attempts to limit gun purchases to “One-Gun-A-Month”
5. Defeated several attempts to ban gun shows as we know them today
6. Passage of “Range Protection”
7. Passage of Handgun Hunting in Delaware – thus proving to then-governor Carper that handguns do have a legitimate sporting purpose (something we all knew but he refused to acknowledge).
8. At least four (4) times in the past 20 years DSSA has defeated attempts to ban semi-automatic rifles
9. Passage of Concealed Carry Reciprocity
10. Passage of over a dozen (12+) separate amendments to Delaware’s Concealed Carry Laws, all of which made our laws much more fair and much easier to use – and much harder to be abused by judges and prosecutors. There are now over 11,700 CCDW licenses in Delaware. When we started this process there were less than 2,500.
11. Defeated numerous and repeated attempts by both Republican and Democratic Governors to register and/or license guns and to impose other draconian restrictions on law-abiding citizens and their ability to own, possess and/or carry otherwise lawful firearms
12. Protected the rights of Delaware’s hunters and trappers from attempts to make hunting and trapping difficult and expensive for the average hunter and his/her family – passing many new initiatives to make hunting easier and access to hunting lands easier and more uniform

13. Amending really harmful anti-gun bills so as to protect the rights of law-abiding citizens and turning those bad bills into either good bills or at least bills that are no longer true “gun bills”. This amendment process occurs at least a dozen times per Legislative Session and has occurred several hundred times since DSSA began protecting the rights of Delaware hunters, shooters and gun owners in 1968.

But it doesn't stop there – Every election cycle DSSA rates candidates and helps you to understand where each candidate stands on issues important to you, helps to elect and re-elect pro-gun candidates and helps to defeat anti-gun candidates and incumbents. Some years we are more successful than others. But each and every election year, your DSSA works closely with your NRA to help keep Delaware from joining Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, and Massachusetts as anti-gun safe havens for criminals. In recent years, in addition its legislative and electoral efforts, the DSSA has added a third leg to the pro-gun freedom fight – that leg being the litigation leg – so that now our freedoms are being supported by a tripod – legislation, elections and, most recently, litigation.

The DSSA played a pivotal role in the Delaware Supreme Court victory we now know as Doe v. Wilmington Housing Authority. Not only did we assist the NRA in its efforts but DSSA served as one of the amici (“friends of the court”) filing a brief defending the right to carry and, specifically, open carry. If you were to check closely, you would find language in the Court’s opinion that comes directly from DSSA’s Amicus Brief.

And now, the DSSA Board of Directors has authorized forthcoming litigation to challenge DNREC’s regulations banning all firearms from state parks. And we have more litigation in mind for the future – we won’t stop there.

And, if that weren’t enough, DSSA, in its role as NRA’s State Association in Delaware, sanctions competitive shooting state championships, Eddie Eagle Gun Safe Programs, Women-on-Target Programs, youth hunter education programs and other safety and education programs designed to make Delaware’s gun owners, families and children safer and more responsible in terms of firearm use and ownership.

DSSA has been around since 1968. We have been successful. But the only way we will remain successful and the only way we can build upon past successes is if you – our members – continue to support our efforts, maintain your memberships and help us to recruit new members.

And let there be no doubt – the anti-gunners have learned from us and have learned from NRA. They are active here in Delaware and they pose a clear and dangerous threat to your firearm freedoms here in the First State. They are mostly funded by outside entities (the names Bloomberg, Soros and Giffords readily come to mind) but that doesn't mean that they can't harm your rights – they can, they have, and they will – but only if you let them.

Numbers count – and when our pro-gun activists and lobbyists speak with a candidate or elected official, the very

first thing that candidate or office holder will want to know is “How many of my constituents do you represent?” The higher that number is, the more likely that candidate or elected official will listen to our message.

Renew your membership today – become a Life Member – and then help your friends, families, shooting buddies, hunting partners and business associates to become part of the solution – help them to join DSSA. Get the ladies to join, get them involved. The ladies are important to our effort – after all, women are buying more guns than men these days. They need to be part of the fight too.

To assist someone to join DSSA or to renew your membership or to buy a membership for a family member, simply go on line to <http://dssa.us> and follow the prompts. It’s easy to do – do it today.

Be a part of the solution – be part of our team.

Help us to reach our goal of 1,000 DSSA members by the time our General Assembly reconvenes in January – and help us to grow our ranks to 1,500 or more by Election Day 2016.

We can do it – but only if you help. Do your part for freedom here in Delaware.

Thank you!

The Oregon shootings and Barack Obama, our politicizer-in-chief

By Erick Erickson Published October 02, 2015 FoxNews.com

Thursday night, as the sun set over Washington, if you asked President Obama who had been brave that day, he’d have said himself, not the students who declared themselves Christians knowing they were going to die because of it. Barack Obama, after all, had stood up to Republicans and the NRA — real bravery.

In 1,299 words, at a press conference at the White House, the president never condemned the killings in Oregon. Before he spoke, officials confirmed that the shooter targeted his victims based on their religion. In 1,299 words, the president never called for religious tolerance.

Before we knew who the gunman was or what his motive was, the president of the United States rushed to the podium to make the case for gun control. He even admitted he was politicizing it and that the shooting should be politicized.

In his speech, the president said, “We talked about [gun control] after Columbine and Blacksburg, after Tucson, after Newtown, after Aurora, after Charleston.”

But the president did not politicize the shooting in Virginia when it was a black, gay man who killed the reporters.

The president did not politicize the shooting in Chattanooga when it was a Muslim radical who did the shooting.

The president did not politicize the shooting of the Muslim family in North Carolina when it turned out the shooter was a gay-rights supporting atheist Obama voter. No, he and the

political left ran from those stories as quickly as possible. “Look over there!!!” the media demanded. “Look at this story,” they declared as soon as the shooter did not mean the demographics that allowed them to press for gun control or talk about racism.

They moved on from those stories as quickly as they moved on from the story of the gunman at the Discovery Channel offices who was killing liberals for not doing enough to stop global warming.

They moved on from those stories as quickly as they moved on from the gunman at the Family Research Council who was a gay rights activist intent on killing Christians.

Before the identity of the shooter was public this time, however, the president rushed as quickly as possible to make the case for gun control. He wanted to get out the gun control story as quickly as possible, just in case the facts became inconvenient to his politics and the left had to again move on quickly.

What is so outrageous is that this time the president decided to politicize the situation after we already knew that the shooter had demanded the victims declare their religion before gunning them down. But the president never mentioned that. He never mentioned religious tolerance.

Last week, the president told Pope Francis that we should all be able to live our faith in the public square. Meanwhile his administration and allies continue to harass Christians and sue them. Now someone goes into a school, demands to know the religion of the victims, and guns them down. But instead of calling for religious tolerance – as he would have if the shooter had been a Muslim – the president instead demands gun control.

But in calling for “common sense” gun control, the president cannot name any gun control laws that would have stopped the shooting. In the same way Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe demanded background checks after the Virginia shooting only to find out the shooter had had a background check, the president cannot name any gun laws, other than curtailing gun ownership, that would have stopped the shooting.

That is why, time and again, gun control arguments fall flat. But men like Barack Obama keep trying.

Perhaps instead of the president politicizing the deaths of around a dozen Americans, killed for professing their religion, he should first answer a simple question: why are there more mass shootings like this under his watch than under George W. Bush’s watch? I really don’t think the man presiding over a cultural suicide should really be the man who leads on this issue, particularly when his “common sense gun control” policy solutions would not have stopped this tragedy.

Evil is on the rise. It is real. It is active. It is global. And the president more often than not coddles it instead of confronting it.

So perhaps we should just go back to ignoring him.

**MEMBERSHIP FEES AND DONATIONS,
PLEASE TAKE NOTE:**

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