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The Solution to our Nation's 'Gun Problem'

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Killing people is a moral problem not a societal problem. There are few people who want to talk about morality these days. It's no wonder that there are no longer any moral taboos. What was considered immoral 40 years ago is being made formally legal today by voters, legislators, and our courts. I believe there is a relationship between "defining deviancy down" and an increase in the disregard for other people. An uptick in 'Moral Misfits' is the result.

The usual suspects are out in force calling for additional gun-control measures. School children are most vulnerable to gun violence. They can't defend themselves, and neither can the teachers. Schools are "Gun Free Zones," but only for the law abiding. Criminals don't care about gun laws; that's why they're criminals.

Thieves don't care about laws against theft, and rapists don't care about laws against rape. The same is true about drinking and driving. We've just had a high profile drunk driving arrest. "Dallas Cowboys nose tackle Josh Price-Brent was arrested early Saturday morning [December 8, 2012] on intoxication manslaughter charges involving a car accident that killed teammate Jerry Brown."

Laws won't stop people intent on doing harm.

So what do the law-abiding citizens do? They arm themselves just like they would in war. There are terror insurgents in the United States hell-bent on destroying others. That's a fact. Just the other day a young woman was murdered when she told three teenage thugs to "get a job."

More people are killed in the United States through violent means than are killed in our current foreign wars. In March of this year, violence in Chicago had left 52 people dead – more than twice as many as died in the March of 2011. There were 39 Coalition Military Fatalities in Afghanistan during the same month.

Schools should immediately develop a program where every teacher is trained in how to handle a firearm. All teachers must comply to get hired. If Israel can do it, why not America? [Larry Pratt of Gun Owners of America](#) wrote the following in 2008: "In the mid-seventies, a terrorist attacked an Israeli school bus, murdering over 30 children... A majority of Israelis... found a compelling reason for putting guns in schools – terrorists would get guns whether Jews were armed or not. As a result, schools in border areas, and school buses, were manned with gun-toting teachers or others assigned to be at the ready."

Signs should be posted around the school that read: "The teachers and administrators of this school are armed and trained in deadly force. Anybody attempting to enter the school intending to do harm will be shot on sight."

Instead, if a student draws what looks like a gun, he'll be suspended for ten days.

And what should we do with those who are involved in a murder spree? They should be executed. The man who shot and killed a number of people at Gabrielle Gifford's campaign rally and the man who killed the people in the movie theater are still alive. There is no doubt that these men killed these people. Their mental state, either before or after the shootings, is irrelevant. They should be dead by now.

We need some public executions to send a message. Let's stop blaming law-abiding citizens and go after the criminals.

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Obamacare Tax Opponents Include 18 Democrat Senators

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After maintaining control of the White House and US Senate, one would expect the Democrats to be flexing their muscles in every way possible, but it appears that there are some cracks in that plan. Last week, [eighteen Democrat Senators and Senator-elects](#) sent a letter to Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid asking him to delay the medical device tax, set to take effect January 1, 2013. One of the key provisions of Obamacare, the medical device tax of 2.3% will be levied on the manufacturer of all medical devices used in the medical field, including examination gloves.

While 2.3% may not sound like a lot, it adds up to a great deal to many companies, especially when you considered other tax increases they are facing under Obamanomics. One company in Indiana, Zimmer Holdings, who manufactures hip replacement parts, has already given pink slips to 450 employees in an effort to offset the additional \$60 million in taxes they are facing in 2013. Stryker Corp, a Michigan company that also manufactures hip replacement parts handed out pink slips to 5% of their workforce as they say they will be paying \$100 million in taxes in 2013. Many experts believe that these layoffs are just the tip of the iceberg and that thousands more may result from the implementation of the medical device tax.

States such as Indiana, Michigan and Massachusetts have a number of companies that manufacture medical devices and it just so happens that they also have at least one Democratic senator. In Massachusetts alone there are over 400 medical device manufacturers and they are counting on Sen. John Kerry and newly elected Elizabeth Brown to help protect them from this business killing tax.

In their [letter to Reid](#) they stated:

“The medical technology industry directly employs over 400,000 people in the United States and is responsible for a total of two million high-skilled manufacturing jobs. ... With this year quickly drawing to a close, the medical device industry has received little guidance about how to comply with the tax — causing significant uncertainty and confusion for businesses. We urge you to support delaying enactment of this provision in a fiscally responsible manner.”

I find it ironic that these Democratic Senators are realizing that increasing taxes on the businesses means fewer jobs in an already depressed job market. However, they fail to realize that the same thing will happen when they raise taxes on the wealthy, since many of them are the owners of businesses who employ millions of Americans. These wealthy people are going to scale back their businesses or raise prices to compensate for having to pay more in taxes.

An example is [business tycoon Steve Wynn](#), who over the years has created 250,000 jobs in the state of Nevada. He has the opportunity to build a new hotel complex in Las Vegas that would create 10,000 direct new jobs and up to 25,000 indirect jobs, but he is holding back because of Obama and his anti-business mentality which includes taxing the rich.

Democrats only see the negative affect of the tax increases when it hurts their state and their chances of being re-elected. The medical device tax is just one of numerous taxes contained in Obamacare and I'm sure many of them will have the same negative impact on businesses, doctors, hospitals and the American people. Unless the medical device tax and others are stopped and repealed, the American economy is destined to spiral down the drain to recession and depression.

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GROUND ZERO CULTURAL CENTER IS REALLY GROUND ZERO MOSQUE

by AWR HAWKINS on Dec. 11, 2012 at www.breitbart.com

When opposition to constructing the Ground Zero Mosque was blunted by promises that its builders would construct [Park51 Cultural Center](#) instead, protesters were finally shamed into silence (or ignored) and the construction began.

Now, two years later, one word best sums up the cultural center -- and that word is *mosque*. In other words, in what appears to have been a classic bait and switch, the builders put aside their original plans to build a 16-story mega-mosque in order to keep things civil. And then, in the guise of a cultural center, they simply built a smaller facility they're using as a mosque. As the [New York Post](#) puts it: "While the developers of Park51 insisted for two years that the project was more than a mosque, it now appears to be just that. [As] dozens of worshipers gather at Park Place Friday for prayer services."

Moreover, such prayer "is the only activity in the building."

What does this mean? This means that those who intended to put a mosque as close to the ruins of the worst terrorist attack ever to take place on American soil have succeeded. There is a mosque at Ground Zero, and to make things even worse, it is located in a building -- the Burlington Coat Factory -- that was badly damaged during the 9/11 attacks.

I don't know if this was intentionally done as part of the stealth jihad that's slowly but methodically progressing into and throughout the United States. But one thing's for sure: they said they were building a cultural center, and so far we've got a mosque.

Nicholas Kristof has [a very interesting column](#) in the NYT about what he discovered during a recent visit to Kentucky.

When Entitlements Become Traps

This is painful for a liberal to admit, but conservatives have a point when they suggest that America's safety net can sometimes entangle people in a soul-crushing dependency. Our poverty programs do rescue many people, but other times they backfire.

Antipoverty programs ... discourage marriage: In a means-tested program like S.S.I., a woman raising a child may receive a bigger check if she refrains from marrying that hard-working guy she likes. Yet marriage is one of the best forces to blunt poverty. In married couple households only one child in 10 grows up in poverty, while almost half do in single-mother households.

Most wrenching of all are the parents who think it's best if a child stays illiterate, because then the family may be able to claim a disability check each month.

"One of the ways you get on this program is having problems in school," notes Richard V. Burkhauser, a Cornell University economist who co-wrote a book last year about these disability programs. "If you do better in school, you threaten the income of the parents. It's a terrible incentive."

There's [more at the link](#). Recommended (albeit sickening) reading.

It's interesting to read that article, then correlate its findings with [an interactive map of who's drawing what government benefits across the country \(also published by the New York Times, back in February\)](#). I highly recommend that you use that map to check on how well - or poorly - your own part of the country is doing in the 'welfare stakes'. Given the risk of social upheaval if (more likely *when*) the entitlement programs grind to a halt (whether for [economic reasons](#) or as the result of [other pressures](#)), you'll be able to assess your own risk factors more readily.

(EDITED TO ADD: If you think this growth in welfare/entitlement programs sounds like the deliberate implementation of the economically-illiterate [Cloward-Piven strategy](#), I won't argue with you...)

Column: Gun-Free Zones Provide False Sense of Security by Glenn Harlan Reynolds

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Killers aren't stopped by these policies.

"After a shooting spree," author William Burroughs once said, "they always want to take the guns away from the people who didn't do it." Burroughs continued: "I sure as hell wouldn't want to live in a society where the only people allowed guns are the police and the military."

Plenty of people — especially among America's political and journalistic classes — feel differently. They'd be much more comfortable seeing ordinary Americans disarmed. And whenever there is a mass shooting, or other gun incident that snags the headlines, they do their best to exploit the tragedy and push for laws that would, well, take the guns away from the people who didn't do it.

There are a lot of problems with this approach, but one of the most significant is this one: It doesn't work. One of the interesting characteristics of mass shootings is that they generally occur in places where firearms are banned: malls, schools, etc. That was the finding of a famous [1999 study](#) by John Lott of the University of Maryland and William Landes of the University of Chicago, and it appears to have been borne out by experience since then as well.

In a way, this is no surprise. If there's someone present with a gun when a mass shooting begins, the shooter is likely to be shot himself. And, in fact, many mass shootings — from the high school shooting by Luke Woodham in [Pearl, Miss.](#), to the New Life Church shooting in Colorado Springs, Colo., where an [armed volunteer](#) shot the attacker — have been terminated when someone retrieved a gun from a car or elsewhere and confronted the shooter.

Policies making areas "gun free" provide a sense of safety to those who engage in magical thinking, but in practice, of course, killers aren't stopped by gun-free zones. As always, it's the honest people — the very ones you want to be armed — who tend to obey the law.

This vulnerability makes some people uncomfortable. I teach at a state university with a campus gun-free policy, and quite a few of my students have permits to carry guns. After the Virginia Tech shooting a few years ago, one of them asked me if we could move class off campus, because she felt unsafe being unarmed. I certainly would have felt perfectly safe having her carry a gun in my presence; she was, and is, a responsible adult. I feel the same way about the other law students I know who have carry permits.

Gun-free zones are premised on a lie: that murderers will follow rules, and that people like my student are a greater danger to those around them than crazed killers. That's an insult to honest people. Sometimes, it's a deadly one. The notion that more guns mean more crime is wrong. In fact, as gun ownership has expanded over the past decade, crime has gone down.

Fortunately, the efforts to punish "the people who didn't do it" are getting less traction these days. The Supreme Court, of course, [has recognized](#) that under the Constitution, honest people have a right to defend themselves with firearms, inside and outside the home, something that the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit recently acknowledged in [striking down Illinois' gun-carry ban](#). Given that gun-free zones seem to be a magnet for mass shooters, maybe we should be working to shrink or eliminate them, rather than expand them. As they say, if it saves just one life, it's worth it. *Glenn Harlan Reynolds is a professor of law at the University of Tennessee. He blogs at [InstaPundit.com](#)*

COLUMN: DEALING WITH GUNS AND MENTAL ILLNESS

by Pete Earley, 1:15PM EST Dec. 15, 2012. This story is part of **USA TODAY: COLUMNISTS' OPINIONS**

My adult son's voice was rattled. "You watching the news about Sandy Hook?" he asked.

"Yes, 20 children and six adults murdered," I replied.

He let out a sad sigh. "I'm trying to wrap my head around this."

Like most Americans, my adult son was distraught about Friday's murders. How could anyone not be? But for him the news was especially unsettling. That's because he's one of "them." He's one of the ones being demonized on television. He's been diagnosed with a mental illness. He's been arrested. He's been repeatedly hospitalized in mental wards.

My son has never shown an interest in buying or owning a firearm. He's never physically harmed anyone. He's a gentle soul. Yet, television pundits are blaming people such as him for the atrocities at Sandy Hook Elementary School. If only we could keep the guns out of the hands of the "nut jobs," *Time* magazine's Joe Klein opined two days after the Tucson shootings that killed six people and wounded 12 more. We would all be safe.

During the presidential debates, President Obama jumped on the bandwagon. We need better laws to keep guns away from "the mentally ill." Even the gun lobby agrees.

Federal statutes already prohibit anyone who has been "adjudicated as (being) mental defective or has been committed to a mental institution" from buying a firearm. Connecticut, where the Sandy Hook shootings happened, prohibits the sale of firearms to anyone who has been found not guilty of a crime due to a "mental disease" or has been a "patient in a mental hospital within the preceding 12 months."

Can we toughen existing laws? Of course. But the devil is in the details. Many of the police, firefighters and EMTs who responded to the 9/11 disaster in Manhattan reported feelings of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, a mental illness. Many of our returning military veterans who fought in Iraq and Afghanistan have also filed claims for PTSD. Should we be afraid of them? What about the FBI agent who becomes depressed after his teenage daughter dies in a car accident? Should he not seek psychiatric counseling or take anti-depressants because it might cost him the right to own a firearm?

Ironically, the move on Capitol Hill has been to weaken existing laws, not tighten them. Sens. Richard Burr, R-N.C. and James Webb, D-Va., along with 10 other co-sponsors, want to give 127,000 military veterans the right to own firearms even though their psychiatric disabilities are so severe that courts have appointed others to manage their finances.

The National Institutes of Mental Health reports that about one in four adults suffer from a diagnosable mental disorder in a given year. That's 57.7 million people. According to a recent article published by Public Health Law Research, gun restrictions on people with a history of mental illness, such as background checks

and waiting periods, had no significant effect on homicide rates. The restrictions, however, did reduce the suicide rate, suggesting that people with mental disorders, especially depression, are more likely to kill themselves than others.

My aim is not to make an anti-gun control argument. I favor tighter controls, especially on assault weapons. What troubles me is broadside finger-pointing that increases stigma against persons such as my son. He didn't ask to have a mental disorder anymore than I asked to have poor eyesight and asthma.

Early reports suggest the Sandy Hook killer had a mental disorder. The mass killers in Tucson and on the Virginia Tech campus did, too. It appears the Aurora, CO shooter has one. When 20 children lie dead in a school along with six adults, it's hard to keep these mass murders in perspective. It's hard to remember that only a small subset of severely disturbed persons commit them. A 2006 study found that the vast majority of violent acts in America are not attributable to mental illness. Persons with mental illness are more likely to be victims.

But those studies provide no solace to grieving Connecticut parents.

Asking how we can keep guns out of the hands of someone such as Adam Lanza is an important question. But it is not the only one that needs to be asked. It may not be the most important one. The best way to keep severely disturbed individuals from committing murders is by getting them into treatment facilities where they can get help and not harm others.

Connecticut has an estimated 140,000 residents with severe mental illnesses. About half are not getting any treatment. Why? Between 2005 and 2007, the state closed 17% of its public hospital beds for treating psychiatric disorders. What happened to the patients who used to get help in those facilities? In my home state of Virginia, persons with psychiatric problems who are dangerous are being released to the streets because there are no treatment beds available.

In addition to debating gun control, we need to ask why our mental health system is failing us.

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Overcriminalization: Jail Time for Charging a Cell Phone, Drying Clothes From The Foundry, written by Daniel Dew and David Jackman, on Dec. 11, 2012 at 10:21am

Did you know that you could be put in jail for charging your cell phone? Or for hanging your clothes out to dry? These are just two examples of recent events illustrating the burden that overcriminalization puts on the poorest among us.

Late last month, a homeless Florida man, 28-year-old Darren Kersey, was arrested for charging his cell phone at a public charging station. The charge? ["Theft of city utilities."](#)

Sergeant Anthony Frangioni [justified his action in the police report](#), stating that "theft of city utilities will not be tolerated during this bad economy."

How much does this so-called theft cost? "Cell phone chargers...run about seven cents a month," [said a spokesperson for Tampa Electric Company](#).

This arrest is especially questionable since there are [free charging stations for electric cars](#) all around the Sarasota area. Thankfully, the judge threw out the case due to a lack of legal justification for the arrest.

Mr. Kersey, who is supporting two daughters, lost the job that he had just started because he couldn't make the \$500 bail. He ended up spending only one night in jail, but it cost him what may have been the opportunity needed to rise out of poverty. He was fired for an unexcused absence.

The Village Board of Great Neck, New York, not to be outdone, has [criminalized hanging clothes out to dry](#). The new ordinance makes hanging clothes out to dry in a front lawn an offense punishable by up to a \$1,000 fine and 15 days in jail.

Is this to punish those who can't afford clothes dryers, or to force them to live elsewhere? Is drying clothes on a line such an eyesore that a \$1,000 fine and 15 days in jail are appropriate?

On a side note, legislators are constantly forcing "green" down people's throats. What is more "green" than hanging clothes to dry rather than using an appliance?

Overcriminalization puts everyone at risk of becoming a criminal. It is especially dangerous for those who cannot afford a lawyer who can help them avoid violating the law, or to defend themselves once they are ensnared. Apparently, prison isn't just for the bad guys anymore.

David Jackman is currently a member of the Young Leaders Program at The Heritage Foundation. For more information on interning at Heritage, please visit: <http://www.heritage.org/about/departments/ylp.cfm>. Just an article to let you know how Agenda 21 is progressing. Have you read "**Agenda 21**" by Glenn Beck? You should, it gives you a whole new opinion on some of the happenings in our Country – our World!!

Is Obama Moving To Criminalize Criticism Of Islam? ... You Be The Judge...

Posted by Michael CHILDS, Admin II on December 15, 2012 at 1:08pm in Patriot Action Alerts

The whole "conspiracy theory" of the Obama administration being infiltrated by the Muslim Brotherhood, purging government documents critical of Islam, and seeking to criminalize the criticism of Islam is just that – a conspiracy theory – isn't it?

Sadly, it isn't.

If you simply pull back the curtain and look at what Obama has been doing in plain sight—inviting groups convicted of terrorism into the White House, having Muslim Brotherhood members within the State Department, purging training materials of anything critical of Islam—you would find that this whole "conspiracy theory" goes by another term: the truth.

How America got to this point and whether we can return to that Shining City on a Hill instead of on our way to the trash heap of history remains to be seen.

I have a feeling the American people, as they have done in the past, will rise up and take back this country... There are some really nasty responses to this (surprise, surprise) that I only disagreed with in form only. The question was ask – What are WE, Citizens of the USA, going to do about it. The House of Representatives will say the same now as they did during the last term – "Our hands are tied until we have control of the Senate." This must be our goal for the mid-term election – Conservative control of the Senate!! This may be our last opportunity!! Get out there and work to put Conservative Senators into office. Notice I didn't say Republican – that hasn't always worked – we'll probably HAVE to go with Conservative Republicans. But the important requirement is that the elected person will pay attention to their constituents and vote as according to the constituents' desires.

Has America Become The Land Of Special interest and Home of the Double Standard? Reflect on this for a moment, did we take a wrong turn a few years back?

Let's see: If we lie to the Congress, it's a felony and if Congress lies to us, it's just politics.

If we dislike a black person, we're racist and if a black dislikes whites, it's their 1st Amendment right.

The government spends millions to rehabilitate criminals and they do almost nothing for the victims.

In public schools you can teach that homosexuality and lesbianism is ok, but you better not use the word God in the process.

You can murder a child in the mother's womb, but it's wrong to execute a mass murderer.

We don't burn books in America, we now rewrite them.

We got rid of the communist & socialist threat by renaming them progressives.

If you protest against Obama's policies you're a terrorist, but if you burn an American flag or George Bush in effigy, it's your 1st Amendment right.

You can have pornography on TV or the internet, but you better not put a nativity scene in a public park during Christmas. In America, criminals are now called sick people.

The government takes money from those who work hard & gives it to those who are lazy.

Parenting has been replaced with Ritalin & video games. The land of opportunity is now the land of handouts.

And how do we handle a major crisis today? The Government appoints a committee to determine who's at fault, then threatens them, passes a law, raises our taxes, then tells us the problem is solved so they can get back to their reelection campaign.

An 80 year old woman can be strip searched by the TSA but a Muslim woman in a burka is only subject to having her neck and head searched.

You can get arrested for expired tags on your car but not for being in the country illegally.

Your government believes that the best way to eradicate trillions of dollars of debt is to spend trillions more of our money.

A seven-year-old boy can be thrown out of school for calling his teacher "cute", but hosting a sexual

exploration or diversity class in grade school is perfectly acceptable.

The Supreme Court of the United States can rule that lower courts cannot display the 10 Commandments in their courtroom, while sitting in front of a display of the 10 Commandments.

Children are forcibly removed from parents who appropriately discipline them while children of "underprivileged" drug addicts are left to rot in filth-infested cesspools.

Working class Americans pay for their own health care (and the health care of everyone else) while unmarried women are free to have child after child on the "State's" dime while never being held responsible for their own choices.

Hard work and success are rewarded with higher taxes and government intrusion, while slothful, lazy behavior is rewarded with EBT cards, WIC checks, Medicaid and subsidized housing, and free cell phones.

The government's plan for getting people back to work is to provide 99 weeks of unemployment checks (to not work).

Being self-sufficient is considered a threat to the government.

Politicians think that stripping away the amendments to the constitution is really protecting the rights of the people.

The rights of the Government come before the rights of the individual.

Parents believe the State is responsible for providing for their children.

You pay your mortgage faithfully, denying yourself the newest big screen TV while your neighbor defaults on his mortgage (while buying iphones, TV's and new cars) and the government forgives his debt and reduces his mortgage (with your tax dollars).

Your government can add anything they want to your kid's water (fluoride, chlorine, etc.) but you are not allowed to give them raw milk.

Being stripped of the ability to defend yourself makes you "safe".

You have to have your parent's signature to go on a school field trip but not to get an abortion.

Using the "N" word is considered "hate speech" but writing and singing songs about raping women and killing cops is considered "art".

SURELY WE SHALL REAP WHAT WE HAVE SOWN..

FREEDOM IS NOT FREE. SUPPORT AND/OR WORK WITH YOUR LOCAL TEA PARTY.

Is this what America has become? Think hard about these changes in the American way of life. Is this what you want America to be? No? Think about it!! Better yet do something about what you don't like!! Talk to your elected Congress People and DO something.

How Should We Respond?

Sent to FHTP by Frank Clark on Sun, Dec 16, 2012 3:48 pm

There has been a great deal said in the news and by pundits about the shooting that took place in Newtown, Connecticut on Friday, the 14th. What is sad about most of what I have read and heard is the focus on the external causes coupled with opportunists trying to use this tragedy to promote their agenda.

Is there a precedent in Scripture to help us assess this massacre?

It is ironic that this shooting should occur a few days before Christmas. You see, there was a similar event that occurred shortly after Jesus was born. Matthew chapter two starting at verse 16 tells us how King Herod slaughtered all the children of Bethlehem, aged two and under, while trying to kill Jesus. Now look at what it says after that. "Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

¹⁸ "A voice is heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more."

So, how should we respond? Jesus had compassion on children. (Mt 18:1-6, 19:13-15) He also had compassion for those who were oppressed (14:13-31) and who suffered loss of loved ones. (Mt 5:4, Mk 5:21-24) He is also the one who is the Son of God who died for the sin of the world. (1 John 2:2) Because of His position as our intercessor in Heaven, we need to go to His throne of grace with boldness and ask for His healing compassion on the families in Newtown. (Hebrews 4:14-16)

This is not a time for narcissistic self-absorption and politicizing. This is a time to reach out to folks who are hurting beyond what most of us can imagine. My wife and I lost our first-born son a number of years back due to the antics of a reckless driver. But even that is not quite as devastating as having a child or family member shot while in school.

Legislation will not change what has happened. What we have witnessed is the same human condition of sinfulness that existed during the time when Jesus was born. We are celebrating His birth during this time of year, because He is the only One capable of enabling us to overcome that same human condition in these days.

Let all Christians do what we did in our church service this morning. We stopped during the service and looked to God in prayer for these families. Then we were encouraged to continue praying. There are some that can do more, because they have some kind of contact with these families already in place. May God move on them to be Jesus in the flesh and extend His compassion and aid to those hurting families during this time. In the meantime, let us not fail to continue in prayer for the folks of Newtown, Connecticut.

Thank you, Frank. When evil events happen in our world and in our country, in particular, we often need help in handling them. The Bible is always a great source of comfort. It is amazing how much comfort prayer can be. The Bible and God are always there when we need Them, we just need to seek His help.

The following is from **Congresswoman Lynn Jenkins'** Newsletter of Dec 14, 2012 **Second District Small Business Tour**

On Monday December 10, I visited second district small businesses including: BRB Contractors in Topeka, Heatron in Leavenworth, and ATC Composites in Ottawa. It is important to me to understand how businesses are preparing for consequences from the nation's impending fiscal cliff, particularly how the variety of potential solutions might affect second district employees, the jobs available to them, and their benefits and wages.

Business owners are paralyzed by uncertainty right now, and it is also having a negative effect on their employees. Not knowing how, if, and when things are going to change, is making it difficult to plan for the future. Employers cannot grow their business without knowing the rules of the game, and each day we wait for a solution is another day we are holding the economy back from growing, preventing businesses from hiring more of our unemployed workers, and stifling economic security for employees. Representing the views of Kansans in Congress is my number one priority, so I am glad I was able to visit with several communities about their concerns regarding the fiscal cliff and take their views to Washington.

Fiscal Cliff Progress Report

On Wednesday, I participated in the [House Republican Leadership press conference](#) to discuss the progress of a fiscal cliff deal. The consequences of our nation's fiscal problems will bring harm to our families and friends, from senior citizens to seniors in high school like my son Hayden. Like many of those who rely on Medicare, my mother, is a senior on a fixed income. As the largest driver of our debt, if we do nothing to reform Medicare, it is bankrupt in 12 years. Higher tax rates are not going to help keep Medicare and Social Security around for future generations. These higher rates will merely delay real solutions, and instead of making reforms that strengthen these programs for future generations, we will be forced to make benefits changes for current seniors. I do not want my mom's benefits to be cut, and I do not want there to be any changes for those who are 55 and older. I want Medicare to be there for others, like my son's generation as they start planning to retire. This is why we must do something about our spending problem today.

Even if we agreed to 100 percent of the president's tax increases and eliminated the entire Department of Defense, we would still be in the red next year. The math speaks for itself. The election was not a mandate to raise tax rates on small businesses; it was a mandate for both parties to work together to enact a balanced approach to address our debt, and solve the serious problems facing our country.

We have a rare opportunity to contribute to a better future for our families, friends, and other hardworking Americans. I hope the president will come to this realization very soon and provide some leadership by proposing a real solution with real spending reforms.

Fellow Conservative,

In 2010, I was elected to go to Washington and stand up for fiscal responsibility and conservative principles. And I have.

Now, Speaker Boehner and House leadership are attacking me for fighting for those very same

principles. They won't say why. But because I won't give them my voting card, they removed me from the House Budget and Agriculture Committees. And Speaker Boehner promised to retaliate against other members who dare not vote his way.

My voting card belongs to the people of Kansas' Big First District. I won't hand it over to Speaker Boehner and House Leadership. **I need you to stand with me for conservative principles. [Make a contribution of \\$15 now by clicking here.](#)**

My vote and my conservative principles will never be for sale.

House leadership might support raising taxes, but we should not tolerate them punishing Republicans for being conservatives.

If you're outraged by Speaker Boehner's attack on conservative principles and if you think we need fiscal responsibility now more than ever, [stand with me by making a contribution now.](#)

Thank you for your support,
Tim Huelskamp

As I'm sure you all know, Congressman Tim Huelskamp was taken off of 2 important committees by Speaker of the House Boehner. At one point Speaker Boehner said Congressman Huelskamp's voting has nothing to do with the removal from committees, then at another time he said Huelskamp needed to get with the group and vote another way. We are of the opinion that Boehner needs to be replaced. This opportunity will present itself in January. Will you help us accomplish that goal?

The following was taken from the Dec. 10, 2012 Newsletter of **Congressman Kevin Yoder**

Fiscal Cliff Negotiations Continue

Conversations surrounding the fiscal cliff continued to be the focus in Washington, DC last week. Negotiations to solve our nation's fiscal problems are ongoing between the President and Congress, but there are a few points I believe must be significantly addressed in any resolution.

First and foremost, a solution to solving the fiscal cliff must be long-term. Washington too often passes short-term "band-aid legislation" and punts on making the tough decisions to fix our country's serious problems. Small-business owners and the entrepreneurs need policy certainty beyond the next three months, or six months, or even one year.

Additionally, Washington must recognize that the federal government has a spending problem, not a revenue problem. It makes no sense to send more 3rd District tax dollars to D.C. to see it wasted as usual when no serious effort is made to curtail Washington's out-of-control spending.

The President campaigned on the idea of finding \$2.50 in spending cuts for every \$1 in new revenue as a framework for reducing the national debt. However, the White House offered its proposal last week that made only \$1 in spending cuts while taking \$4 in new revenue.

House Republicans have done their part and offered new revenues – and not by raising tax rates on job creators and small businesses. It's time we see specifics about significant spending reductions that will truly help get our country on the path to solving our fiscal crisis.

Talking to CNBC's Power Lunch

On Tuesday December 12, I'll be joining Sue Herrera and Tyler Mathisen on [CNBC's Power Lunch](#) to talk about updates and recent discussions surrounding the fiscal cliff. Please help me spread the word, and if you're able, please watch your television between 12:00-12:30pm CST.

FOX News: Med Schools Work to End Doctor Shortage

Late last week, [FOX News](#) aired a segment highlighting the work of the [University of Kansas Medical Center](#) to help keep doctors and medical students in the rural areas of the central and western part of Kansas.

This was given to me by to me by one of our Flint Hills TEA Party members the week after the last 2012 KSU home football game. Jerry worked all of the these games for our "YES for Liberty" Scholarship. Thank you, Jerry, for your hard work and your Newsletter contribution.

BARACKA CLAUS

Santa Claus is a very wonderful man who hands out lots of presents to good little boys and girls. Santa's elves work all year long to make all of the presents.

Baracka Claus is a man who hands out lots of presents to all the Democrats so he can get reelected. Baracka has a subhuman group who work all year long to make all the presents. Baracka Claus' subhuman workers are called American Taxpayers.

BARACKA CLAUS

Whatever a Democrat wants, must be given to them, the elves must provide the presents. Some elves have been sacrificing their labor for over 50 years. But Baracka Claus says the elves must sacrifice more. The elves children have had food, clothing shelter, medicine, and educational opportunities taken from them. But elves must sacrifice more. Unborn generations of elves, must sacrifice more.

BARACKA CLAUS

The problem for the working taxpayers, is the Democrat don't care about them, don't think about them.

The presents must be out there or the Democrat party does not win power, money and control. The labor or theelves taxpayers must be taken.

BARACKA CLAUS

During the election did anyone see any Republicans defending the elves? The American taxpayers. "Taxpayer Rights"

Democrats say their voters need presents and most Republicans have to agree. The Republicans do not protect the labor of the elves, the American Taxpayer.

DEMOCRATS HATE CHRISTMAS, BUT LOVE THEIR PRESENTS!!

Read the "Truth of the Situation"!!

(IBD) Lesson Of Sandy Hook, Clackamas Mall – Ban Gun-Free Zones

Posted by Daniel John Sobieski on December 17, 2012 at 8:00pm

Gun Laws: Before the tragedy in Connecticut, a shooter at an Oregon shopping mall was stopped by an armed citizen with a concealed carry permit who refused to be a victim, preventing another mass tragedy.

In the target-rich environment of the Clackamas Town Center two weeks before Christmas, the shooter managed to kill only two people before killing himself. A far worse tragedy was prevented when he was confronted by a hero named Nick Meli.

As the shooter was having difficulty with his weapon, Meli pulled his and took aim, reluctant to fire lest an innocent bystander be hit. But he didn't have to pull the trigger: The shooter fled when confronted, ending his own life before it could be done for him.

We will never know how many lives were saved by an armed citizen that day.

From Virginia Tech to a movie theater in Aurora, Colo., to a school in Newtown, Conn., such mass shootings are usually in venues declaring themselves gun-free zones.

Other mass shootings — from a high school shooting by in Pearl, Miss., to the New Life Church shooting in Colorado Springs, Colo., which took place before the massacre in Aurora — have been cut short when someone retrieved a gun from a car or elsewhere and confronted the shooter.

John Fund, writing in National Review, notes that the Aurora shooter had a choice of seven movie theaters within a 20-mile drive of his home that were showing the Batman movie he was obsessed with. The Cinemark Theater he chose wasn't the closest, but it was the only one that banned customers from carrying their guns inside, otherwise allowed under Colorado law.

On April 16, 2007, there was no one able to shoot back when Seung-Hui Cho shot 32 people to death on a Virginia Tech campus that, like the theater in Aurora, had declared itself gun-free. The state of Virginia is not a gun-free zone, and crime has dropped where guns are allowed.

Handgun purchases increased 112% between 2006 and 2011, and violent crimes committed by people using handguns fell by 22%. In 2006 there were 23,431 violent crimes in Virginia, and that dropped to 18,196 in 2011. As we and others have said, more guns in the hands of potential victims means less crime.

Had gun-controlled Norway let citizens carry concealed weapons, lone gunman Andres Brevik would not have been able to shoot 68 unarmed people after setting off a car bomb in the heart of Oslo that killed nine others.

This is plain as day – if you outlaw guns only outlaws will have guns. I understand you can't have guns in every schoolroom, but NO GUN areas ARE the areas where mass killings have taken place. I'm not sure how to protect schools and our greatest asset – our children, maybe lock down from the outside and bulletproof

glass would help, but other than that have NO "NO gun" areas. One, just one, law abiding person with a gun could have prevented the mass killings in most, if not all, of the mass murders in the USA in the last 10 years. I'm not real sure how to stop all the shootings, but what I do know is forbidding law abiding citizens from having guns, and I don't mean just hand guns, is NOT the way. These shootings are NOT the only reason USA citizens should have access to guns of their choice. How about the Second Amendments? We need to get back to the Constitution, Amendments and the Bill of Rights. They were written as they were written for excellent reasons. Our President is NOT standing by these writings, but that is no reason we shouldn't – let's NOT put ourselves in his category, at his level.

"Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom, must, like men, undergo the fatigues of supporting it."
~ Thomas Paine, The Crisis no. 4, Sept 11, 1777

1927 School Bombing Resurfaces in Wake of Sandy Hook Shooting Aftermath

by IBTIMES Staff Reporter on December 18, 2012 at 10:03am

Last weeks [massacre in Newtown, Conn.](#), which claimed the lives of 20 students and six adults, has registered as one of the worst mass shootings in American history.

Forever etched into the minds of men, women and children around the United States, the tragedy took place when a deranged gunman entered [Sandy Hook Elementary](#) School. The act has sparked mass mourning, outrage and debate worldwide.

But while the tragic event has gone down as one of America's worst school shootings, the country has unfortunately seen comparable massacres with even higher body counts.

On May 18, 1927, three bombs went off at the Bath Consolidated School in Bath Township, Mich.. The explosion claimed the lives of 38 elementary school students, two teachers and four other adults. At least 58 other people were injured.

Reports from the incident, now known as the [Bath School Disaster](#), indicate that most of the victims were children in the second to sixth grades (7–14 years of age).

As the [investigation](#) into the Bath School Disaster moved forward, it was revealed that the bomber was the school board treasurer Andrew Kehoe.

Kehoe, 55, reportedly spent months placing explosives inside the school as well as rigging his car and his house with explosives and shrapnel.

Once Kehoe blew up his own house, he used a detonator to blow up part of the school. He then blew up the truck, killing himself and several others including a child who survived the first blast.

[Investigators later found](#) more than 500 pounds of unexploded dynamite under the school. Kehoe had intended to kill hundreds of people, mostly students, but his wiring was faulty.

When comparing the Bath School disaster and the Sandy Hook shootings, the two are similar in several facets.

Before Kehoe enacted his plan to blow up the school he attacked and killed his wife. Police believe that Sandy Hook shooter Adam Lanza killed also attacked a loved one, his mother, before he went on his rampage.

Comparisons can also be made in the heroics that took place in both incidents.

Reports from the Bath School disaster indicate that School Superintendent Emory Huyck performed heroically, rescuing children and adults from the disaster scene.

After about 30 minutes, Kehoe reportedly drove up to Huyck and motioned him over to his truck before setting off a blast that killed them both and several others.

[According to an eyewitness](#) from the Sandy Hook Shooting, school principal Dawn Hochsprung was in a meeting regarding a student at the time of the shooting. When shots rang out, the witness said the principal ran toward the gunfire in an effort to stop Lanza, but was fatally shot.

The most recent, combined with outrage leftover from the Aurora shootings, which took place earlier this year, has increased the awareness for stricter laws on gun control.

While it has not even been a week since Sandy Hook, several lawmakers have promised to introduce or reintroduce gun control legislation, ranging from a reinstatement of a federal ban on assault weapons to banning the sale of high-capacity magazines.

But as the debate is nothing new among American citizens, there are some who will always remains skeptical as to the effect it will have on violence in our country.

"You can make as many laws as you want it will NOT change people who want to hurt others," reader Steve Lahey commented on CNN.com.

I don't know who wrote this or where it originated I just received it in email from a cousin. Hopefully, you'll feel better concerning these children and their families.

Scene in heaven... Sorrowful but lovely

Twelve 11 Days before Christmas

Twelve 11 days before Christmas, around 9:38, when 20 beautiful children stormed through heaven's gate. Their smiles were contagious, their laughter filled the air. They could hardly believe all the beauty they saw there. They were filled with such joy, they didn't know what to say. They remembered nothing of what had happened earlier that day. "Where are we?" asked a little girl, as quiet as a mouse. "This is heaven," declared a small boy. "We're spending Christmas at God's house."

Then what to their wondering eyes did appear, but Jesus, their savior, the children gathered near. He looked at them and smiled, and they smiled just the same. Then He opened His arms and He called them by name. And in that moment was joy that only heaven can bring. Those children all flew into the arms of their King and as they lingered in the warmth of His embrace, one small girl turned and looked at Jesus' face. And as if He could read all the questions she had, He gently whispered to her, "I'll take care of mom and dad."

Then He looked down on earth, the world far below He saw all of the hurt, the sorrow, and woe. Then He closed His eyes and He outstretched His hand, "Let My power and presence re-enter this land! May this country be delivered from the hands of fools. I'm taking back my nation. I'm taking back my schools!" Then He and the children stood up without a sound.

"Come now my children, let me show you around." Excitement filled the space, some skipped and some ran. All displaying enthusiasm that only a small child can. And I heard Him proclaim as He walked out of sight, "in the midst of this darkness, **I AM STILL THE LIGHT.**"

Oh, so true. It is not for these children and their teachers that we weep, but for ourselves, that we have lost them. Our Lord will take care of them AND He will take care of us. Have Faith they are OK and we will be too.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!!!

**Remember the
REASON FOR THE SEASON!!!**