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### **Disarming America**

Dear Friend of Radio Liberty,

**“For those of us fighting for our traditional rights, the US 2nd Amendment is a rare light in an ever darkening room. Governments will use the excuse of trying to protect the people from maniacs and crime, but are in reality, it is the bureaucrats protecting their power and position. In all cases where guns are banned, gun crime continues and often increases.... The excuse that people will start shooting each other is also plain and silly. So it is our politicians saying that our society is full of incapable adolescents who can never be trusted? Then, please explain how we can trust them or the police, who themselves grew up and came from the same culture?”**

**No it is about power and a total power over the people. There is a lot of desire to bad mouth the Tsar, particularly by the Communists, who claim he was a tyrant, and yet under him we were armed and under the progressives disarmed. Do not be fooled by a belief that progressives, leftists hate guns. Oh, no, they do not. What they hate is guns in the hands of those who are not marching in lock step of their ideology. They hate guns in the hands of those who think for themselves and do not obey without question. They hate guns in those whom they have slated for a barrel to the back of the ear.”**

**“Americans never give up your guns.”**

**Stanislav Mishin, *Pravda*, December 28, 2012 (1)**

**“If I could have gotten 51 votes in the Senate of the United States, for an outright ban, picking up every one of them [so-called “assault weapons”] – ‘Mr. and Mrs. America, turn ‘em all in’ – I would have done it.”**

**Senator Diane Feinstein (D-California) explaining her intentions, 1995. (2)**

**“One of the definitions of a nation state is that the state has a monopoly on legitimate violence. And the state ought to have a monopoly on legitimate violence.... If the premise of your question is that people are going to resist a tyrannical government by shooting machine guns at American troops, that’s insane.”**

Rep. Jerrold Nadler (D-New York) in a December 2012 press conference dealing with proposed restrictions on civilian possession of “high-capacity” ammo magazines. (3)**“The scientific concept of dictatorship means nothing else but this: power without limit, resting directly upon force, restrained by no laws, absolutely unrestricted by rules.”** Vladimir Lenin

**“What would things have been like if every Security operative, when he went out at night to make an arrest, had been uncertain whether he would return alive? Or, if during the periods of mass arrests ... people had not simply sat there in their lairs, paling with terror at every bang on the downstairs door and at every step on the staircase, but had understood that they had nothing left to lose and had boldly set up an ambush of half a dozen people with axes, hammers, pokers, or whatever else was at hand?”** Alexander Solzhenitsyn (4)

On July 1, 2011, a tiny band of angry, desperate citizens armed with a few shotguns and superior knowledge of the terrain around their tiny village held off a gang of 60 heavily armed, experienced gangsters.

The leader of the gang was a man who called himself “The Gypsy.” For months he had sent his hired thugs to torment and terrorize the 130 or so residents who lived in the isolated rural hamlet. The gang members brazenly helped themselves to anything of value – power tools, appliances, cash, copper tubing and wiring that was ripped out of walls of local homes to be sold to scrap metal dealers. Shoplifting became so commonplace that the town’s only retail store was all but driven out of business.

Residents traveled to the nearest city to demand police protection, only to see their petitions deflected by indifferent, contemptuous officials. The Gypsy was a politically protected figure, and taking him out would be more trouble than it was worth. Besides, there was the all-important matter of “officer safety” to consider.

Predictably, somebody in the local police informed The Gypsy about the complaints, and the mob boss mounted a punitive expedition. When the armed convoy arrived at the narrow bridge leading into the village late in the evening, the mobsters found it cut off by a human roadblock composed of practically every able-bodied man in the area. They were armed with anything and everything they could find – including a pine cone that

was hurled at the invaders, an object that, as intended, was mistaken for a hand grenade in the darkness.

As several of the gangsters fled in terror from the mock grenade, the town's defenders opened fire, killing one of the intruders and wounding several others. Within a few minutes the marauders were put to flight. Several hours later the police arrived – too late to be of any help, as they always do – and their first priority was not to pursue and arrest the gangster who had tormented the tiny village, but rather to intimidate the local residents and clamp down a cover-up. It didn't work.

Within hours, news of the battle had resonated across the country, and the name of the village – Sagra – had become **“a catchword for a spate of violence around the country in which people have banded together to defend themselves in the absence of police protection,”** reported the *New York Times*. (5) One entrepreneur immortalized the public mood in a commemorative t-shirt bearing the defiant inscription: **“If the government can't help people, it doesn't have the right to forbid them from defending themselves – Sagra 2011.”**

Sagra, as it happens, is a minuscule village near Yekaterinberg, Russia. The Gypsy is a Russian gangster named Sergei Lebedev, who is part of the KGB-organized criminal underworld. His intention was to seize control over the village and turn it into a base of operations for his narcotics network. The town's residents had other ideas.

“What's going on in this country is that the government isn't protecting anyone,” observed Sagra resident Andrei Gorodilov, the man who triggered the defensive assault by hurling the pine cone “grenade” at the invaders. His view was validated by Konstantin M. Kiselyov of Yekaterinberg's Institute of Philosophy and Law: “The police are corrupt or lazy or politicized, and it's the same all across the country. So people must protect themselves. They can't count on the government or its structures. That is why the country is turning into one big Sagra.”

During the Soviet era, Russians and other inhabitants of the Gulag state knew better than to trust their “local” police. After the Soviet Union was re-configured as the Russian Federation, there was a brief interval in which people dared hope for the emergence of a culture of ordered liberty. Unfortunately, they found themselves caught between a newly emancipated criminal underworld (which had always collaborated with the Soviet security organs, and still does) and a political “overworld” that cared nothing at all about the rights of those they governed.

For a few decades in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> Century, Russia had witnessed the birth of a civil society built on culturally appropriate adaptations of the Anglo-Saxon legal heritage – defense of property, due process, trial by jury, and the like. That system was brutally

destroyed by the Bolshevik Revolution, which enthroned the nation's worst and most contemptible elements – especially within the law enforcement apparatus.

In “post-Soviet” Russia, as elsewhere, the role of the police **“is to control situations and to control the people rather than help them,”** observes Leonid Kosals, a professor of economics at Moscow's National Research University. As a result, people “turn to their neighbors and to relatives and local networks to solve their problems by themselves.... [I]n Russia we have thousands of such cases.”

The trend toward privatization of security in Russia is likely to grow as a result of President Medvedev's recent initiative to reform the country's militia – that is, its police force – by purging about 200,000 officers from the ranks. Sociologist Mikhail Vinogradov, who estimates that one-third of Russia's police force is composed of alcoholics and psychopaths, points out that in 1991, the militia was reduced by about thirty percent – and the result was a sharp reduction in the crime rate. (6)

When the residents of Sagra beat back Lebedev and his politically protected mafia, they not only put the local police to shame, they provoked a spontaneous public uprising on behalf of the right to armed self-defense. This led Alexander Torshin, the Speaker of the Federation Chamber, a position roughly akin to that of Senate Majority Leader, to make a public address invoking the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and proposing to amend the Russian Constitution to guarantee that **“a Russian citizen has the right under the law to bear arms.”** (7)

**“We must give our citizens a chance at survival,”** Torshin stated in a wire service interview. When asked about the possibility that wider firearms ownership might lead to a “surge in killings,” Torshin replied that it would actually bring about a “reduction in street crimes and the murder rate.” Those comments are all the more dramatic in light of the fact that just a few months earlier, Torshin – in reaction to the shooting of a prominent television personality — had called for a total ban on private possession of all firearms – even “non-lethal” handguns. (8)

Torshin, like every other Russian politician of his vintage, was a member of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. (9) Yet he was willing to acknowledge and defend the individual right to armed self-defense, if only for reasons of cynical political opportunism. He holds a position in the Russian parliament broadly analogous to that of Majority Leader Harry Reid – who is expected to act as the Obama administration's point man when the Dear Leader introduces new gun grab legislation in the wake of the Sandy Hook massacre. (10)

It should be recognized that the State of Connecticut already has a Soviet-style firearms law that permits police to confiscate guns from anybody deemed to be a “danger” to

himself or the public. That measure was enacted in 1999 after a mass shooting perpetrated by a disgruntled employee of the state-owned lottery corporation. Since 1999, thousands of guns have been seized by police from Connecticut residents who were never charged with a crime of any kind. (11) If this firearms law is to be considered insufficiently restrictive, the only other measure of any kind that would make sense would be outright confiscation – or, as Diane Feinstein put it, “Mr. and Mrs. America, turn ‘em all in.”

Feinstein is not the only politician who has endorsed outright confiscation. In remarks on the House floor, Texas Democratic Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee urged Americans to turn in their personal firearms in order to, quote, “**be part of the solution and part of America.**” She also mentioned that she has sponsored HR 227, a measure that would raise the age of eligibility to carry a handgun from 18 to 21, and ban people under age 21 from possessing semiautomatic weapons. She didn’t explain if that ban would apply to military personnel – but then again, Congresswoman Jackson Lee has not earned a reputation as a person who carefully thinks things through. (12)

Former Seattle Police Chief Norm Stamper has called for the outright repeal of the Second Amendment. After 34 years in law enforcement, Stamper says, he knows “what bullets do to bodies.” Another product of that long law enforcement career is Stamper’s memoir, *Breaking Rank*, which documents the corruption and abuse that are commonplace among the law enforcement agencies to which he would give a monopoly on the legal use of firearms. (13)

Rep. Jackson Lee and Chief Stamper are typical of people who assume that the political elite should have the privilege of armed protection, while the Mundanes who constitute the productive class are to be disarmed. The same is true of gun grab advocate Diane Feinstein.

In 1995, Senator Feinstein described how she obtained a concealed carry permit while serving as Mayor of San Francisco in the 1970s. “**I know the sense of helplessness that people feel,**” she commented during a 1995 Senate hearing on the Oklahoma City Bombing. “I know the urge to arm yourself, because that’s what I did.” Now, as a member of the Senate, she is constantly protected by heavily armed bodyguards – a luxury common Americans don’t enjoy. (14)

The same government that is preparing a radical escalation in the war on private gun ownership has spent the last year acquiring hundreds of millions of rounds of hollow-point ammunition. Its perspective on the right to armed self-defense now places it substantially to the left of the government of “Post-Soviet” Russia – and where American celebrities and politicians are demanding that Americans surrender their firearms, a

columnist for *Pravda* – yes, *that Pravda* (15) – is urging Americans not to “give up your guns.”

Puzzled as we might be by developments in the former Soviet Union, what’s happening to the former United States of America is no mystery at all.

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Written by William Grigg

The Obama administration, the radical Left, the Communists, and the Brotherhood of Darkness (BOD), are trying to disarm the American people. Why? They want to consolidate their control of our nation. What are they doing? They are trying to use the tragedy that took place in Newtown, Connecticut to justify registration and confiscation of weapons.

The American people have not been told the truth about the tragic event that took place at the Sandy Hook Elementary School on December 14, 2012. What happened? Initially several recorded police transmissions were available on the Internet that revealed there were other shooters, but most of the recordings have been deleted because the BOD doesn't want the public to learn the truth

What happened in Newtown, Connecticut? We can't be certain because government officials immediately confiscated the video footage recorded at the Sandy Hook Elementary School just as they confiscated the video footage recorded at the Murrah Building in Oklahoma City on April 19, 1995, and most of the video footage recorded at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. Why was the video footage confiscated? The BOD doesn't want the American people to learn the truth.

What can you do? You can help us expose the organization that covertly controls our nation (**the Brotherhood of Darkness**), and the sinister spiritual force that energizes that movement (Satan). How can you expose them? You can talk to your neighbors, people you encounter at the grocery store, and people in your church. What will you say? Ask them if they believe something is seriously wrong in America, and ask if they have heard of the **Brotherhood of Darkness**. If they are aware of the organization, encourage them to read my book, **Brotherhood of Darkness**. If they aren't aware of the BOD, encourage them to read my book because it will change their view of the world forever.

Why am I stressing the importance of my book? I am trying to get it reprinted, so I am offering 60 copies (a case) of **Brotherhood of Darkness** for less than \$2.40 per book, you pay the shipping, and you will receive a free 4 CD set, or a free DVD that we have produced. If you would rather not purchase an actual case of books, you could donate \$149.95 specifically towards the reprinting of my book.

I believe 2013 will be a pivotal year. The world situation is deteriorating. I suggest you prepare for the possibility of an EMP attack, you warn others, and please continue praying for Radio Liberty, for our provision and for our protection.

Barbara and I appreciate your loyal support and your faithful prayers.

Yours in Christ,  
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