

Leftist Lexicon Word of the Week

After the recent mass shooting at Stoneman Douglas High School, people were outraged and looking for answers. How could someone get and use an AR-15 on a group of unsuspecting teenagers? If you answered “mental health issues” or “failure of the local and federal authorities to act before the shooter could commit murder”, you’d be wrong.

It’s gun culture.

Did I mention the people who were getting the most attention with their answers were Leftists?

With every mass shooting, the phrase “gun culture” gets brought out as an explanation/scapegoat for every death. If you do it right, you can even sing “Blame gun culture” to the tune of “Blame Canada” from the South Park movie. But what is it? Glad you asked because otherwise this would be a very short Leftist Lexicon entry.

gun culture

What the Left thinks it means – an environment where anyone is allowed to have guns without responsibility and a regard for human life

What it really means – more proof the Left doesn’t understand people outside of their bubble

Whenever I hear a Leftist talk about gun culture, one question always seems to come to mind: have you been around gun owners aside from your armed security detail? I’ll bet most, if not all, of them haven’t. On the other hand, I have, and let me tell you it was some of the scariest times of my life. And by “scariest” I mean “awesomest.” (I know it’s not a word, but

the point is the same.)

I'm not a gun guy by any stretch of the imagination, but hanging out with the average gun owner is eye-opening. They aren't the weekend militia types or the paranoid guy with an arsenal ranting about black helicopters. They're men and women just like you and me. Most are polite, law-abiding citizens who would never dream of pulling a gun on another person unless their lives or the lives of others were in danger. In other words, the opposite of the Broward County Sheriff's Department.

And, I'm sure some of them might even vote Democrat.

But, since they're gun owners, they're all lumped together with the aforementioned militia and paranoid folks because it's easier to paint all gun owners with the same broad brush than it is to paint with a finer brush and paint an honest picture. Remember, the Left thinks its members are smarter, more moral, and all in all better than everyone else. For them to admit they could be wrong about gun owners, even ones who might agree with every other issue the Left advocates, would be like Bill Clinton giving up extramarital sex: it just isn't going to happen. So, the Left will continue to use a souped-up Wagner Power Painter to give a false picture of gun owners.

And that's where people like us come in. Even if you don't own a gun (like yours truly), you can still respect gun ownership and realize the Left's game. If they can make gun owners less popular than NRA spokeswoman Dana Loesch at a gun control rally, then they can control the debate on guns and gun culture without even having to fire a shot, if you'll pardon the metaphor. That only works, however, if people like us hold our tongues. Granted, coming out as pro-gun today isn't going to be easy. There are voices, young and old, screaming for us to get rid of assault weapons, restrict gun rights even more, and even taxing bullets to the point guns become restrictive to own.

But that doesn't frighten me. I've had more unpopular opinions in my life than Michael Bloomberg has gun control mouthpieces. Yet, as unpopular as they may have been, they have been honest. And that's not something the gun control side can claim. If you speak honestly, you need not fear the barbs of others.

This is why the Left needs to discourage and disparage what they call the gun culture. If the truth gets out, their arguments go out the window. If people find out gun owners aren't dangerous and might actually be safe to be around, there is no Plan B for the Left. You don't have to own a gun to be part of the gun culture. You just need to respect the Second Amendment and recognize the responsibility that comes with owning a firearm, from a Glock to an AR-15. This is a fight we can, and must, win because if the Left gets what it wants, it will be impossible to put the genie back into the bottle and there will continue to be mass shootings. And there will be more calls for stricter gun control that will also fail to stop mass shootings.

Maybe it's not the gun culture that's dangerous, but rather the anti-gun culture.