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Libertarians charge Texas legislature with 2nd Amendment violation

In all the uproar and commotion over the Texas Legislature's "right to carry" concealed weapons bill, it appears the law's violation of the 2nd Amendment has been overlooked, according to the Libertarian Party of Texas. Texas Libertarian Party chairman Jay Manifold has reminded the Texas Legislature that it has put up

another bureaucratic roadblock, "directly contrary to the spirit and clear meaning of the 2nd Amendment, ignoring the rights of Texans to arm themselves for protection."

The Libertarian Party has consistently insisted that no law, state or national, may infringe on the people's right to keep and bear arms. "That includes restrictions like registering weapons protected by the 2nd Amendment, or training or any other government imposed obstacle to ownership," Manifold continued.

The Supreme Court ruled in 1939 (U.S. vs. Miller) that weapons considered ordinary military equipment (normally hand-held), or those weapons that could contribute to the common defense, are designated as arms protected by the 2nd Amendment.¹

Different Echo, Different Drum

by Sam Aurelius Milam III

The discussion of the Oklahoma City bombing continues. I recently read an article, *Echoes of April 19*, that appeared in the June 1995 issue of *California Liberty*. Although the article contained some libertarian ideas, it also contained the statement:

"Nobody disputes that this event was a terrible tragedy, a truly hideous act of destruction and terrorism that ranks with the worst atrocities of any group of thugs, anywhere."

Even if this analysis were correct, someone somewhere would dispute it. In fact, it's pure Clintonista propaganda.

In general, terrorism is an attack against non-combatants and is often associated with demands by somebody who claims responsibility. Was the Oklahoma City bombing such an act? I think not. Consider: Americans have lately suffered atrocities and acts of war committed by armed civilians who work for the U.S. government. The bombing was an attack against some of those very civilians. As such, it was a legitimate action against combatants. The other victims were collateral casualties, just like when the government attacks a target. The collateral casualties were unfortunate but unavoidable. After all, it wasn't a smart bomb. Also, there were no demands and nobody claimed responsibility. Only in the government press would an attack be automatically called terrorism just because it is anti-government.

I suppose the confusion shouldn't surprise me. For a long time now, U.S. citizens have failed to understand the deteriorating behavior of the U.S. government. They have

"That means," Manifold insisted, "that citizens have the right to own handguns, rifles or so-called assault weapons similar to those used by the military...and no

government has the Constitutional authority to infringe on this right."

"Unfortunately, our legislators failed to recognize their Constitutional limitations. In their haste to appear anti-crime, they have foisted another scheme to fatten the general revenues of the state, at the expense of the very citizens whose rights they are sworn to defend," Manifold added. The new concealed handgun law requires citizens to undergo extensive background checks, potential intimidation from law enforcement agencies, expensive training and certification and a \$140 permit, which must be renewed every four years. The cost alone will exclude thousands of law-abiding Texans from the permit system.

Manifold pointed out that lower income families tend to live in high crime areas, and will be unable to meet the permit fee requirements. "At minimum wage, the \$140 fee is a week's salary for a lot of our working citizens," Manifold emphasized.

"The Libertarian Party calls for Texans to recognize their Constitutional right to keep and bear arms, and demand that their elected officials uphold the Constitution and the Bill of Rights," Manifold concluded. ∞

¹ Editorial Comment: Common defense means that people must have whatever weapons it takes to defend themselves. Since the U.S. government now attacks U.S. citizens with army tanks and helicopter gun-ships, people should arm themselves with anti-tank weapons and surface-to-air guided missiles.

—Sam Aurelius Milam III, editor

believed that they could compromise with increasingly coercive authority. They have thought that comfort or the illusion of security justified the loss of liberty. They have done everything possible to pretend that there is no problem, even though the nature of government has never been much of a secret. Although some of the blame for the present state of things lies with the government, you can't really blame wolves for being wolves. A wise shepherd will guard his flock. A foolish one will lose it. Much of the blame therefore lies with the weak, lazy, cowardly, or ignorant U.S. citizens who have allowed things to get this bad. It's just that I hope for better than that from libertarians.

Incidentally, the Oklahoma City bombers didn't attack the children. They attacked a federal installation that just happened to have some children in it. This is far different than if they had attacked a school that just happened to have some federal agents in it. We don't even know if they were aware of the children. However, the federal agents (FBI and BATF) who attacked the Branch Davidian compound were certainly aware of those children. Lon Horiuchi (FBI) was aware of the infant nursing at Vicki Weaver's breast when he looked at her through a telescopic gun sight and shot her in the face. The Oklahoma City bombers are not thugs. The federal agents are thugs. If, after this incident, federal agents continue to place children in federal installations, then I will declare that the intention of those agents is to use the children as shields. Such cowardly behavior by the U.S. Gestapo wouldn't surprise me a bit. ☞

A Forbidding Revelation

by Sam Aurelius Milam III

- 16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:
- 17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.
- 18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man: and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.

—Revelation 13:16-18

In the U.S.A. today, citizens are required to possess identification. Compliance with this policy is virtually universal. Understanding of its implications is virtually nonexistent.

Identification means,

“...something used to identify a person or thing.”

—Thorndike Century Senior Dictionary

“Proof of identity”

—Black’s Law Dictionary

There are thus at least three aspects of identification. It must (1) **reveal** and (2) **prove** (3) **identity**.

Identity is a word with many meanings, depending upon how it’s used. With regard to providing ID upon demand, identity means the unique designation of one individual which distinguishes that individual from all others.

An individual’s name alone isn’t necessarily unique, and therefore might not constitute identification. An individual’s name associated with an address or other appropriate information is unique. Other things, as well, are identification. Examples are Social Security numbers, driver’s license numbers, employee numbers, and credit card numbers. Each of these numbers, within its area of use, distinguishes one individual from all others.

An individual may have many such identities, and any valid identification must reveal at least one of them. Whether the identity revealed is a name and address or a number, anything that (1) reveals (2) identity satisfies two aspects of identification.

Identification must also prove identity. What constitutes proof?

“**Proof** ‘Proof’ is the establishment by evidence of a requisite degree of belief concerning a fact in the mind of the trier of fact or the court ‘Belief’ is a subjective condition resulting from proof. It is a conviction of the truth of a proposition, existing in the mind, and induced by persuasion, proof, or argument addressed to the judgement. Proof is the result or effect of evidence, while evidence is the medium or means by which a fact is proved or disproved”

—Black’s Law Dictionary

Thus, the only criterion for successful proof is belief. Anything that induces belief is proof. If I tell (reveal to) someone who I am (my identity), and he believes me (proof), I have provided identification. For example, I might provide a series of photographs and mementoes documenting my entire growth from birth to the present. With it I might provide affidavits signed by people who knew me as a child, and sworn statements by my parents. Such evidence might be very

convincing, and induce belief. If so, it satisfies the above mentioned requirements of identification.

However, such identification will not allow me to cash a check, obtain a credit card, or rent a video cassette. If the identification convinces the individual to whom I present it, thereby satisfying the requirements of identification, and I still cannot cash the check, then there must be another requirement. The identification is insufficient for some reason. To understand why, you must understand the legal meaning of *insufficient*.

“**Insufficient** Not sufficient; inadequate to some need, purpose, or use; wanting in needful value, ability, or fitness; incompetent; unfit, as insufficient food; insufficient means. It is the antonym of ‘sufficient.’”

—Black’s Law Dictionary

My “home-grown” identification avoids every requirement of insufficiency but one: it is incompetent.

“**incompetent** 2: not legally qualified”

—Webster’s New Collegiate Dictionary

To be competent, identification must be legally qualified

Legally according to law. —Black’s Law Dictionary

That means identification must be authorized by law. Such authorization exists. An example is the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV).

Identification Cards

13000 (a) The department may issue an identification card to any person attesting to the true name, correct age, and other identifying data as certified by the applicant for such identification card.

—Vehicle Code

Verification of Identity: Unlawful Denial of Birth Certificate

13007.5 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this code or in the regulations adopted thereunder, including specifically the driver’s licensing manual, the department may verify the identity of a person applying for an identification card through United States Census records even though the date and month of birth are not included as to any person born prior to the year 1916.

—Vehicle Code

The DMV is thus authorized to provide identification, and DMV identification is competent. Other agencies, such as the Immigration and Naturalization Service, and the Passport Agency, are also authorized to provide identification. Notice also that the DMV may verify its identification against records maintained by the United States Department of Commerce, the same place your birth certificate is filed.

The acceptability of identification provided by such agencies clarifies a fourth requirement of identification, which is that identification must be attested by government. This enables me to provide a complete definition.

identification - evidence, attested by government, that reveals and proves identity.

Identification must be traceable to the government. Otherwise, it isn’t identification but is only incompetent evidence.

From this government monopoly follows an important consequence which, perhaps, isn’t obvious. If an

individual claims to be “A”, and the government says that individual is “B”, then what is that individual’s “true” identity? The only identity that will be recognized is the one for which the individual can provide identification, and the only valid identification is that provided by the government. The answer, then, is that the “true” identity of an individual is whatever the government says it is.

If you doubt the power of government to dictate your identity, I can suggest a couple of tests. Try to persuade the Social Security Administration to give you the social security number of your choice. They won’t do it. Remember, your name isn’t your identity, but your Social Security number is. Try to get your state driver’s license authority to give you the driver’s license number of your choice. Again, they won’t do it. It’s ironic that you can **request** a specific identity for your car, but not for yourself.

That these agencies use the name given to you by your parents is conventional, but not necessary. If they put a different name on your card, and refused to change it, you’d be stuck with it. Your real name is the one on your birth certificate, a government document filed with the United States Department of Commerce. It’s your real name because it’s on the certificate, and not because your parents gave it to you. If they had given you a different name than the one which eventually appeared on your birth certificate, the one they gave you wouldn’t count. Your real name would be the one on the certificate. Recall that you can’t legally change your name unless you request and obtain permission from the government.

“**names** . . . Statutes often prescribe ways by which a person may change his name. The usual method is by applying to a court. **Granting the name change is usually a matter of judicial discretion.** A Minnesota district court judge refused to permit an applicant to change his name legally to the numerals 1069, which, the man said, ‘describe what is inherent in me.’”

—Family Legal Guide, <emphasis added>

Your real name is the one acknowledged by government, and potentially the one dictated by government. Recall that the California DMV, and I presume licensing agencies in all states, will verify information with the United States Department of Commerce. They don’t verify it with your parents.

There are many things that you can do **only** if you have ID traceable to the government. Since you can’t do them otherwise, the ID constitutes permission from the government to do those things. Among them are opening bank accounts, buying or selling stock, renting just about anything, making credit purchases, using checks, buying insurance, being employed, buying a house, owning or driving a car, owning a business, getting married, and so forth. That the government doesn’t always **directly** impose the ID requirement is a frivolous objection. The requirement is there, regard-

less of its private sector camouflage. It’s a fact that in the U.S.A. today, it’s impossible for anyone to **legally** transact business of any kind without government ID.

Permission means control. If you must get permission from the government before you can do something, that means you must satisfy any prerequisite that the government imposes upon the permission. The preconditions to obtaining ID continue to escalate, and there is no end in sight. The ID is a prerequisite to almost everything and you can get it only from government. The accumulation of so much power in the hands of government constitutes the very essence of tyranny.

So what about the prophecy in the book of Revelation? I don’t believe in the sacred validity of Biblical prophecy, but this passage is in some ways an uncanny description of the present situation. Consider for example, *his name* in Revelation 13:17.

“And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.”

The subject of this sentence isn’t the beast, but the man. The sentence lists requirements, separated by commas, placed upon the man. Once you realize that, you’ll know what was meant by *the number of his name*. It’s the number of the man’s name. Notice also that Revelation doesn’t speak of the mark of the beast. It speaks of the mark. Recall the electronic implants that are being discussed as a method of marking U.S. citizens.¹ They’re already widely used on animals, and they’ll soon mark people as well. They’ll serve as health care cards, benefits cards, Social Security cards, immigration ID, work eligibility cards, postal ID, ATM cards, check books, drivers licenses, etc. Prior to the development of implants, people thought the mark would be placed on the skin. However, notice the wording.

“And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads.”

According to Revelation 13:16, the mark isn’t placed on the hand, but in it. This is a description of the electronic implant.

Finally, consider that the number of the beast was really the number of a man.

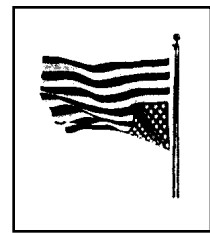
“Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man: and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.”

The beast, therefore, is a man.

I believe that there is no Satan except for man himself, who is surely capable of sufficient evil. There is no Hell except when man creates it for himself, here on Earth. At such creation, man is a true master. It seems likely that man is, after all, his own worst enemy. That is probably the final and most profound revelation. 🦅

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The Little Red Hen

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Once upon a time, there was a little red hen who scratched about the barnyard until she uncovered some wheat. She called her neighbors and said, "If we plant this wheat, we shall have bread to eat. Who will help me?"

"Not I," said the cow.

"Not I," said the duck.

"Not I," said the pig.

"Not I," said the goose.

"Then I will do it myself," said the little red hen, and she did. The wheat grew tall and ripened into golden grain.

"Who will help me reap my wheat?" asked the little red hen.

"Not I," said the duck.

"Out of my classification," said the pig.

"I'd lose my seniority," said the cow.

"I'd lose my unemployment compensation," said the goose.

"Then I will do it myself" said the little red hen, and she did.

At last, it came time to bake the bread. "Who will help me bake the bread?" asked the little red hen.

"That would be overtime for me," said the cow.

"I'd lose my welfare benefits," said the duck.

"I'm a dropout and never learned how," said the pig.

"If I'm to be the only helper, that's discrimination," said the goose.

"Then I will do it myself." said the little red hen.

She baked five loaves and held them up for her

neighbors to see.

They all wanted some. In fact, they demanded a share. But the little red hen said, "No, I can eat the five loaves myself."

"Excess profits!" yelled the cow.

"Capitalist leech!" cried the duck.

"I demand equal rights!" shouted the goose.

The pig just grunted. Then they hurriedly painted picket signs and marched around shouting obscenities.

The government agent came and said to the little red hen, "You must not be greedy."

"But I earned the bread," said the little red hen.

"Exactly," said the government agent, "That's the wonderful free-enterprise system. Anyone in the barnyard can earn as much as he wants. But, under government regulations, the productive workers must share their product with the idle."

And the little red hen, her neighbors, and the government agent all lived happily ever after, except for the little red hen (who never baked bread again) and her neighbors (who wondered why).

Buck Hunter Shoots Off His Mouth

Dear Buck

No matter where I go, men just keep asking me for dates. How can I get them to stop?

—Traveling Saleswoman

Dear Traveling Saleswoman

Go to a theatre costume shop, get yourself a big handlebar mustache, and wear it.