

Letter: More citizens with more guns is the wrong solution

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Re: “Can we remain the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave?” Daniel J. Schmidt 6/10/22.

Oh Please. What a bunch of nonsense. Mr. Schmidt is willing to suffer the ongoing almost daily national tragedies of mass shootings, the epidemics of suicides and violence against women and the lives of school children so everyone can buy a military grade weapon and unlimited rounds of ammunition no questions asked?

Mr Schmidt worries that the Second Amendment might be watered down to suit those who live in a “constant state of fear.” We live in the most violent industrialized nation on earth and Mr. Schmidt’s proposed solution to all this violence is that more citizens should buy more guns. I suggest that Mr. Schmidt is the one living in fear.

Instead of us all running around brandishing weapons at our neighbors and strangers, how about more logical solutions? How about stronger background checks? How about reasonable waiting periods? How about a ban on military style weapons and those people-killing rounds of ammunition?

A couple U.S. senators have said recently that those guns are needed to kill gophers and feral pigs. Really? That is their argument for assault weapons? I do know that type of gun decapitated two young children in the

recent Texas school shooting. And there were lots of armed law enforcement hanging around while that shooting was taking place.

Mr. Schmidt seems to believe that the Texas shooter might have thought twice if he knew all the Ulvalde citizens might be carrying guns. Maybe, but I doubt it. The shooter wasn't rational.

What would have stopped him is not being able to purchase an assault weapon and those terrifying rounds of ammunition in the first place. By the way, Mr. Schmidt, the shooter's grandmother is in satisfactory condition.

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