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Buffalo & Uvalde Test 2A Support...

The recent tragic shootings in Buffalo, NY and Uvalde, TX have brought unspeakable grief to the families involved. We know there are no words that can heal the pain those families are experiencing. In Uvalde, they didn't even know whether their loved ones were dead or alive, and the cries for more gun control rang out. Predictably, the anti-gun crowd and weak-kneed, blow with the prevailing wind, Republicans jumped on the red flag and "sensible" gun control bandwagons. The anti-gunners and their RINO brethren will not rest until the masses have been disarmed and only the government and criminals have firearms. The Second Amendment protects all others; when it is gone, we will sink into the depths of elitist globalist totalitarianism, and those who brought it upon us will wish they hadn't been so short-sighted. These useful idiots will be among the first to be purged as they mistakenly believe they will be among the ruling class. Stand up now for the 2nd Amendment, or kneel at the feet of tyrants.

Two Brits Walk into a Shooting Range...

Last month, Im4Rights and a couple from England enjoyed a little taste of the Second Amendment at a shooting range in Tampa. Since they are British passport holders, the range allowed them to shoot with us after completing the obligatory waiver, of course. James had enjoyed shooting some long guns on a previous visit, but this was Emily's first time using an actual firearm. Neither James nor Emily has jumped through the onerous hoops required to own or use firearms in the UK, so they do not have access to firearms in their home country.

Between the range safety video and the basic safety/operation instructions & demonstrations by yours truly, James and Emily took turns shooting the weapons of the day under my watchful supervision. First up was a standard M4 type clone, followed by an AK-47, an AR pistol in 5.56/.223, and we finished off with 9mm semi-auto handgun. The first three were topped with red dot sights for point and shoot fun; the 9mm had hi-vis fiber optic sights, again for ease in alignment on the target. I find that when taking new/first-time shooters to the range, it is best to make it easy to hit

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what they're aiming at, so in addition to easy to see sights, we kept the distance to 25 yards and under.

James and Emily did very well, and their faces were lit up with smiles. Their favorite gun was the 8" AR pistol with a muzzle break. The gun is so loud; I let the folks in the other two active bays know what was coming. It didn't disappoint; everyone stopped to watch the fireworks. It was a great day on the range, sharing our freedoms with visitors from "across the pond." Always be on the lookout for folks you can introduce to firearms. Many, who are against guns, have never even shot one.

My Go Dark Plan...

Dinesh D'Souza's movie "2000 Mules" has spotlighted more than just the illegal ballot harvesting and ballot box stuffing that went on in the 2020 election. It has shined a light on anyone's ability to buy cellphone location data (pings), which can be used to track a cellphone's (and thus its user's) movements, after the fact. This is not news to most people as it is pretty common knowledge cellphone data has been used by law enforcement to place individuals at the scene of a crime, and apps from Facebook, Google, and others, track cell phone location to supposedly "create a better user experience," but it is more often sold to those who want to sell you something.



Most of us who have cellphones accept the tracking and selling of our data as a cost of ownership, a price we pay for the convenience of having a computer in our pockets. Some try to limit tracking and data mining, but in the end, if your cellphone is connected to a tower, big brother can find you. Should there come a time when, I don't want folks to know where my phone is or, is headed, my plan is to use a [GoDark](#) bag. This is not a commercial for GoDark as any Faraday cage will do the trick. I've even used a Mylar bag to hide my phone from cell towers.

Of course, this is all assumes I still deem the cellphone as being useful, I have a vehicle, and fuel is readily available; otherwise, I will stash the phone in someone else's vehicle, on a bus, or whatever moving object is handy. Provided the above conditions are met, my phone will live in a Faraday cage until I "pop up" somewhere to use it briefly. I'll pop up at random times and locations and immediately place the phone back in its Faraday cage and head off for parts unknown. Understanding there are many other surveillance and tracking methods, and this is not a man-hunt situation where people are actively looking for me, this just an extra step to help keep my whereabouts to myself.

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Back to Preps (part 3)...

In the January newsletter, I said I would take a deeper dive into my top five areas for preparations; Food, Shelter, Water, Mobility, and Defense. We covered food in May, so this month we will discuss water. Water is more essential to life than food in that not having water to drink will kill you faster than not having food to eat. People can survive about 3 days without water, but fortunately, except in desert environments, water is relatively easy to find or collect. As always, you should be prepared for short-term, long-term, and permanent events.

If the water you normally drink becomes unavailable or contaminated, what will you do? For example, you live in a city and there is a water main break that takes several days to fix. Do you have enough water on hand to make it through the outage? Short-term events like this can be easily prepared for by storing adequate amounts of bottled or containerized water. It is difficult to store the amount of water needed for long-term events (a few months to a year), so it becomes necessary to filter, boil or treat water as you go. This should be started before exhausting your short-term water supplies in order to maintain adequate supplies on hand. Your short-term bottles and containers can be reused for storage if needed.

Filtering water is one way to solve long-term water needs. One popular brand is the Berkey filter, but it is quite expensive. For my filtering solution I put together my own DIY Berkey Style Filter ([11/2020 parts list & directions](#)) using two 5-gallon buckets with lids, a filter, a spigot, and a drill. The system isn't pretty, shiny, or a work of art... but it is functional! When filtering water, you will want to start with the cleanest water possible so as to improve the life of your filter and to get the best filtering speed. First, let dirt settle, strain dirty water through cloth filters, then coffee filters, if possible.



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The EPA has a nice document on [Emergency Disinfection of Drinking Water](#) that covers boiling and treating water. Keep in mind that disinfection does not remove chemical contaminants like heavy metals and salts.

As a long-term water outage is becoming prolonged and may turn into a permanent outage, it is time to look for other solutions such as rain catchment, sand-point wells, and desalination or distillation systems. There are many resources out there describing how to build these types of systems. It may also be necessary to treat water from rain catchment and sand-point wells.

Volume of Water	Amount of 6% Bleach to Add†	Amount of 8.25% Bleach to Add†
1 quart/liter	2 drops	2 drops
1 gallon	8 drops	6 drops
2 gallons	16 drops (1/4 tsp)	12 drops (1/8 tsp)
4 gallons	1/3 tsp	1/4 tsp
8 gallons	2/3 tsp	1/2 tsp

† Bleach may contain 6 or 8.25% sodium hypochlorite

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