



Exercising the Right

Standing Up to Anti-gun Big Banks

The enemies of the Second Amendment are starting to realize that their anti-gun actions have major consequences. The *American Banker* reported on August 17 about how Republican politicians in Louisiana creatively decided to take a stand for the Second Amendment. The Louisiana state bond commission voted on August 16 to ban both Bank of America Corp. and Citigroup Inc. from being involved in the state's upcoming debt sale. The politicians who voted to exclude the banks cited their reasoning being that both banks' "restrictive gun policies" are a violation of Americans' Second Amendment rights. As this column previously reported, the two financial giants took the side of anti-gunners in the wake of the Parkland, Florida, school shooting and undemocratically enacted anti-gun policies that had previously stalled through the political process. Louisiana State Treasurer John Schroder released a statement condemning the banks and explained why he supported prohibiting them from the bidding process: "I personally believe the policies of these banks are an infringement on the rights of Louisiana citizens. As a veteran and former member of law enforcement, I take the Second Amendment very seriously.... We have a very capable group of underwriters, including some of the biggest banks in America who want to participate in this deal.... No one can convince me that keeping these two banks in this competitive process is worth giving up our rights."

Of course Democrats in the state cried foul over the Republicans trying to politicize the debt-bidding process, yet these same politicians didn't make any such complaints when the banks unnecessarily stuck their noses into the gun-control debate. Citigroup spokesman Scott Helfman similarly complained, "It is disappointing that the taxpayers of Louisiana will be deprived from competitive bidding for necessary public works because the process has been politicized." Isn't it funny how when those on the Left take action to further their agenda, it is something to be applauded, but if anyone on the Right tries to fight back, it is denounced as "politicization?"

The Louisiana state bond commission is bidding out the underwriting of \$600 million in the sale of bonds but has multiple applicants already involved. Data compiled by Bloomberg showed that both Bank of America and Citigroup underwrote about \$110 billion of municipal bonds in 2017, so Louisiana's bonds would only be a small percentage of their business. But maybe this is just the beginning of a growing political backlash where states and municipalities that are run by pro-Second Amendment politicians may now take similar actions.

Still, this all could have been avoided for the banks had they just stayed out of the contentious gun debate. Blake Miguez, a Republican member of Louisiana's House of Representatives, chastised Citigroup's head of Corporate Citizenship, Brandee McHale, over the bank's move to insert itself into the gun debate and asked her, "Do you realize how important the Second Amendment is to the people of Louisiana?"

Pervert Picks Wrong House

ABC13 reported out of Houston on August 7 about a pistol-packing grannie who taught a much-needed lesson to a degenerate, repeat sex offender. The event unfolded as the 68-year-old woman, identified by *ABC13 Eyewitness News* simply as "Granny Jean," was home alone late in the afternoon. The



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sexagenarian woman told ABC13 that the suspect rode a bike up to her house and apparently began touching himself inappropriately while standing in her front yard. The man allegedly walked up to her door while engaged in the act that got her attention. Granny Jean was horrified by what she was witnessing, and she yelled at the pervert to leave her property immediately. Granny Jean was not going to tolerate the display and warned the man that she would shoot him if he did not leave. The suspect ignored her warnings and tried opening the locked door. That was when Granny Jean grabbed her loaded pistol and fired one shot through the locked door. The suspect was hit and fell to the ground, where he was found by officers called to the scene by Granny Jean. Granny Jean was adamant that her actions were justified considering the obviously demented actions of the suspect, who posed a clear danger, as well as her vulnerability being a senior citizen in the house all alone.

Granny Jean told ABC13 about the event, explaining that “some guy pulled off his pants and pulled his pants open, playing with his thing, and he ran up and I told him to get away from my door, or I will shoot him.... And he kept coming and reached for my door after it was locked, so I shot through the door.” Granny Jean also said that she wished it didn’t happen, but the suspect brought the outcome on himself. “I don’t bother nobody, I don’t get in nobody’s business,” Jean said. “It’s just me and him, and like I keep saying, I warned him!”

Back-to-school Event

WFTV 9 ABC reported out of Orlando, Florida, on August 11 about a shooting that showed that the often-touted “good guy with a gun” can be a lifesaver! The incident occurred at an event organized by a family at Isaac Campbell Park to help kids prepare to return to school.

The organizers had obtained needed school supplies and thought getting students together to prepare would be a positive thing for the local community. Unfortunately a hot-headed and violent individual was at the park and became embroiled in a fist fight with another person. The angry man, who is believed to be in his 20s, left the park and soon returned with a gun. One of the organizers was live-streaming the event online when the shooting began. Fortunately for everyone there, a citizen who was licensed to carry pulled out his own gun and shot the suspect, who was later transported to a nearby medical facility with life-threatening injuries. Authorities say the shooter was cooperative with investigators, and they do not anticipate that he will face any charges for the shooting. As a matter of fact, Deputy Chief Todd Hutchinson told WFTV that he was “extremely grateful that nobody else was injured in this incident,” and that the shooting “could have been so much worse.”

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