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The Aurora Massacre: Government Could Have Done Worse

A Forbes article says there's a real threat of U.S. ratification of the UN arms treaty under now-increased pressure to "do something" after the Aurora shootings.

This presents a formidable threat, especially if we consider the lesson taught in R. J. Rummel's revealing work, *Death by Government*: Far worse than any carnage inflicted by a lone shooter is done when the government itself has unlimited power over its people.



As to whether James Holmes is indeed a "lone shooter," an analysis of the Aurora, Colorado, gunman in the so-called "Batman Massacre," prepared by Mike Adams of [naturalnews.com](#) concludes that Holmes [might have had some help](#).

According to Adams, the behavior of Holmes "just doesn't add up." Writes Adams:

His behavior already reveals stark inconsistencies that question the mainstream explanation of events. For example, he opened fire on innocent people but then calmly surrendered to police without resistance. This is not consistent with the idea of "killing everyone."

Furthermore, he then admitted to police that his apartment was booby-trapped with explosives. If you were really an evil-minded Joker trying to kill people (including cops), why would you warn them about the booby trap in advance? It doesn't add up.

In addition, according to Adams, Holmes had to have had help. Holmes was broke, collecting unemployment insurance, and yet he was able to acquire an arsenal not only of weapons but explosives and SWAT gear costing thousands of dollars. Where did that come from?

Dan Oates, Aurora's police chief, observed, "Pictures from inside the apartment are fairly disturbing and the devices look to be sophisticated, adding the booby-traps were 'something I've never seen.'" "

[According to CBS News](#), "One rifle, two handguns, a knife, a bullet proof vest, a ballistic helmet, a gas device, a gas mask, military SWAT clothing and unidentified explosives were also found in Holmes' car."

Added Adams:

In other words, this guy was equipped with exotic gear by someone with connections to military equipment. SWAT clothing, explosives, complex booby-traps... c'mon, this isn't a "lone gunman." This is somebody who was selected for a mission, given equipment to carry it out, then somehow brainwashed into getting it done....

This is not your run-of-the-mill crime of passion. It was a carefully planned, heavily funded and technically advanced attack....

And then Adams concluded:



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All this looks like James Holmes completed a “mission” and then calmly ended that mission by surrendering to police and admitting everything. The mission, as we are now learning, was to cause as much terror and mayhem as possible, then to have that multiplied by the national media at exactly the right time leading up the UN vote next week on a global small arms treaty that could result in gun confiscation across America.

While Adams’ theory remains strictly conjectural at this point, the timing of the shootings coinciding with the final details of the UN Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) being polished up in New York by Secretary of State Hillary Clinton cannot be ignored. Larry Bell, an endowed professor at the University of Houston, [wrote in Forbes magazine](#) that the threat of that treaty being signed by Clinton and then ratified by the Senate under now-increased pressure from the media and the Obama administration to “do something” is starkly real. Bell called the ATT an “insidious threat” that targets “our Constitutional right for law-abiding citizens to own and bear arms.” That treaty, if ratified by a Senate now galvanized into action by the horrific murders by James Holmes, would:

1. Exact licensing requirements
2. Confiscate and destroy all “unauthorized” civilian firearms
3. Ban the trade, sale and private ownership of all weapons
4. Create an international gun registry, setting the stage for full-scale gun confiscation
5. Override our national sovereignty, and in the process, provide license for the federal government to assert preemptive powers over state regulatory powers guaranteed by the Ten Amendments in addition to our Second Amendment rights.

The threat is real, claims Bell. He warns not to be fooled into thinking that somehow the language of the treaty applies only to other people and other countries beyond the borders of the United States. Former U.S. Ambassador to the UN John Bolton exposed the real purposes behind the ATT. He said that the UN “is trying to act as though this is just a treaty about international arms trade among nation states, but there is no doubt that the real agenda here is domestic firearms control.”

That threat was amplified by the work of R. J. Rummel, professor emeritus of political science at the University of Hawaii, who in his revealing work, [Death by Government](#), concluded that there are worse things we might fear than a lone (or supported) shooter wreaking havoc in a movie theater. What’s immeasurably worse is when the government itself has unlimited power over its people. Instead of protecting its citizens from what he calls “the savagery of the jungle,” authoritarian dictatorships with unlimited power exercise that power by murdering their citizens. Calling it “democide” — the intentional killing of its citizens through genocide, starvation, massacre, and terror — Rummel estimates that governments have *murdered 169 million of their own citizens* during the 20th century. Further, these exterminations were deliberate and carefully planned, just as a government might plan the building of a road or constructing a spacecraft.

Notes Rummel:

The more power a government has, the more it can act arbitrarily according to the whims and desires of the elite, and the more it will make war on others and murder its ... subjects.

The more constrained the power of governments, the more power is diffused, checked and balanced, the less it will aggress on others and commit democide.

As senior editor William Jasper [noted in The New American](#):



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The bloodiest of those criminal regimes — the USSR and Red China — were not only invited into the United Nations, but *given special status on the UN Security Council*. [Emphasis added.]

That is the nightmare that faces American citizens if in their haste to rid the world of shooters such as Holmes they allow the United Nations to do the job for them. The end result will be immeasurably, horrifyingly, worse.

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Photo: James E. Holmes, left, is seated as he appears in Arapahoe County District Court, with defense attorney Tamara Brady, right, July 23, 2012, in Centennial, Colo.: AP Images



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