

I am 71 years old, Retired from the Marine Corps in 1993. I also worked for the Deschutes County District Attorney's Office for nearly 10 years as a Trial Assistant, Office Manager, and Senior Trial Assistant. Afterwards, I applied for and received my Private Investigator's License and was certified to be a Security Officer.

What I have learned and seen is that criminals are the ones who are largely responsible for gun crimes. So, I suppose both Ballot Measures 114 and 348 are not designed for the criminals in our society but INTENDED for us law-abiding gun owners.

Reading the Ballot Measures it seems obvious to me they were written by someone who has no idea what the policies are in the State of Oregon.

The idea of 21 as when someone can own a firearm seems counterproductive. When I joined the Marine Corps in 1969 at 17 years old and went to Vietnam when I was 18 years old; at 18 years old U.S. Citizens couldn't vote until they were 21. Then the law was changed and 18 years old were allowed to vote. Now, you want to change legal age that someone can own a firearm.

Obviously, the authors of the Ballot Measures has never watched or participated in 3-Gun or USPSA competitions. There they would see participants change magazines, 10 rounds or 30 rounds, faster than the slide can complete its cycle. Besides, many firearms that require a magazine comes with a 15 round magazine or larger. So, what is happening is the authors are trying to restrict law abiding citizens from owning a firearm.

Buying a Permit to Own a firearm is already redundant, law-abiding citizens just have to spend more money.

Getting required training is reasonable, but still only applicable to law-abiding citizens.

How about this for a novel idea, start enforcing the laws on the books. When a criminal commits a crime with a firearm lock the fool away for the rest of his life. Do not allow Plea Deals. As Citizens of the State of Oregon, put the enforcement in the laps of the State Attorney and District Attorneys to not bargain a plea deal to take the gun crime off and convict on the lesser crimes. Make any crime involving a gun non-negotiable.

Law-abiding Citizens are not the root of societies' gun problem. Criminals and societies moral problem is the gun problem.