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RE: Soul-Searching for an Iconoclast

Dear Ground-Breakers:

In the throes of your deTocqueville-mania
prevailing, the young social commentator from
France visited the bustling America in the 1830s,
as we know. He cited the vibrancy of our society
as one of its greatest assets. He was amazed, it
is written, that Americans were constantly forming
"associations" to advance the arts, build libraries,
establish hospitals, and meet social needs of every
kind. If something good needed doing, it rarely
occurred to our ancestors to expect politicians
and bureaucrats---both distant in space and spirit---
to do it for them. "Amongst the laws which rule human
nature," wrote Tocqueville in Democracy in America,
"there is none which seems to be more precise and
clear than all others. If men are to remain civiliz-
ed, or to become more so, the art of associating togeth-
er must grow and improve." Indeed and C-SPAN is doing
just that---with exceptions a pair, alas.

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C-SPAN avoids all real criticism of the mainline
media by not allowing Accuracy in Media, Fairness and
Accuracy in Media, and the Media Research Center to be
allowed in the guest chairs each week. You can do no
less, granted the low estate of big pressdom now. That
would have pleased the young aristocrat, I must say.

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Number 2. on the list is the unconscionable omission of Second Amendment matter in your programming. I acknowledge that a countering voice should be heard from HCI, Inc/one of its spinoffs, etc; but, that is hardly the issue when addressing this question:

"If the Second Amendment is not worth the paper it is written on, what price the First?"

That from a reader in Texas some time ago when the gun-grab reached a fever pitch.

Did you know that there is agreement from both sides on the number of U.S. households keeping a firearm within? It is about one-half! That, my friends, is association of some kind. It may be more, too, viz., Clinton credits the gun-lobby with keeping the House for the GOP in 1994.

We have a near-total blackout of the emerging Lott-Mustard studies from the University of Chicago, using data from every county in the land. How this has been suppressed on the air is like sorcery most fetid. ~~The~~ Professor Kleck figures earlier are also driven away by the anti-gun-rights broadcasters (at least the print mode will touch on it).

You use the same dreary old Time, Newsweek (Tweedle Dee & Tweedle-Dum) faces at every turn with an excess of Washington Putz staffers too much. Has it ever occurred to you folks that the latest ABC embarrassment (if it is) about John Stossel's being in the docks over a 20/20 program ^{rankles!!!} felony (yes)? "When this crime that would jail us is allowed to be swept under the rug, the die is cast and not in a salubrious

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(contd) way, either. In fact, this is the sort of criminality that goes back to the 1960s!!

CBS probably leads the pack in extralegal nonbroadcast misdeeds (not merely misediting). Their "Project Nassau" was a real "fisher-in-the-kisher" as my Irish friends posit. Then CBS' Terry Drinkwater; Michael Isikoff of the Post going across state lines to buy guns illegally; now, the Stossel crime.

You are telling us, by a steadfast refusal to help the bastards (reform comes without a voluntary hue), that there are no penalties for a holder of a press pass or a broadcast licensee.

That is grotesque and it will not likely be altered, for the governmentally-ensured oligopoly of the broadcast conglomerates seems insuperable. Even over you, friends. James Fallows says the media are still in denial. Oh, yes, that is so true it needs stone-engraving. Nowhere is this consummate depravity more evident than in the ongoing continuum to destroy the social significance of self-defense, "oldest of all human rights," the poet Dryden noted.

Reading the ephemera of the news pathology in the U.S., one sees a striking facet, viz., the flattered and pampered scribes in Nazi Germany and Bolshevik Russia had no great impulsion to side with the persecuted against the ruthless leaders and their secret terrorists (the BATF and FBI are ^{our} ~~the~~ counterparts) (albeit with a ways to go yet).

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Esprit d' corps runs high in propagandist circles, however; and, you will never see your average D.C. poltroon-pressie admit the slightest bit of evidence that the chasm out here is widening, deepening and surely darkening. That is, of course, the Ben Stein Thesis: the artifacts of media reflect the make-up of the artisans. When Micheal Gartner went on using the old staged devices at NBC and was fired, not one peep could I find about this in the mainline reportorial schema. It says a lot about the slugs we have for press leadership in the republic. Gartner still gets printed as though his ideas are worth a dime. Jeez.

No escaping it: you will not allow the responsible militia outfits on, because they donot fit the mold of doctrinaire leftism.

Jews for the Preservation of Firearms Ownership in Milwaukee, WI merits a week inside their boilerrooms. If 99% of native Jewry wants a new Volstead Act with arms notbooze ## outlawed---isn't the exception of value here? And JPFO has done a pair of dynamite books (which will never get on your utterly worst segment Book Notes). But, we get every second-rate African-American offering ad stuporem. By disallowing Prof. Mary Lefkowitz, you keep your squalid record intact in that department.

The bulk of the pro-gun-rights factions meet in Denver in September, 1997. What a show!: Buchanan, Liddy, North, Innis and god-knows-who-else?! It is your litmus test, be advised. And, I know what a threat---yes---we face in this, ie, monumental cultural warpage. C180W. [redacted] cc: AIM/Media Research Center [redacted] Libertarian

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