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Terror, who or what is to blame?

By now, everyone should be aware about the terror attack in Orlando, Florida last Sunday. It truly was a tragic event. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families affected by this cowardly attack. As Sunday went on, we learned more about the attack and the attacker. I’m sure there will still be more to come out on this one.

I cringe on the immediate aftermath blame by news pundits on what the causes were. In the beginning, the liberal media was very cautious to be politically correct by not calling it terror before there was an official statement. In comparison, Fox News was calling it a terror attack within the first hour. After about 5 hours, all the news stations were on the same page calling it a terror attack. Even before they were willing to call it a terror attack, the liberal news sources were already blaming guns and expressing the need for more gun control.

Below is an interesting comment I heard late Sunday evening, almost a full 24 hours after the attack and as all the stations were discussing the terror attack and calling it an extremist attack. Then I heard this one. This is astonishing. Pay attention to this. Again, this is after even the White House had confirmed the attack to be a terror attack by an extremist terrorist associated with ISIS. Ok, are you ready?

On MSNBC, there was an interview with Kelly O’Donnell. The program host mentioned that so far Obama has had to deal with 16 tragic shootings. One of Kelly’s replies was as follows, paraphrased here: “Yes, he has had to deal with these shootings all too often. He’s had to deal with shootings like, Sandy Hook, Columbine, the theater shooting in Colorado, and now this one in Orlando,” Now get ready for the doozy comment. She said, and now this one in Orlando that has implications of it being a terror attack.”

Did you catch that? “Implications” of a terror attack. After all news stations have shown press conferences of law enforcement officials on TV stating that he declared allegiance to ISIS during the attack, Kelly comes along and says, “implications of a terror attack.” One other thing in case you didn’t notice it, the other examples she used in this report were not shootings by Islamic radicals. They were shootings by deranged Americans that did the shootings for other than religious reasons. She didn’t mention San Bernardino, the Boston bombers, or the attack on Fort Hood. Oh, and don’t forget the attack in, I think it was South Carolina, where the guy sat in on a whole prayer service in the church. Then at the end, got up and started shooting everyone in the church, in the name of ISIS.

Why is this important? Because it clearly shows the liberal media wanting to stay away from the Islamic extremism at all costs and yet attack guns. Advocate for more gun control. Islam extremist aren’t the problem. Guns are the problem. The outrage by the liberals that the republicans do not enact more gun control infuriates them.

I can say this is one area where the Washington republicans have been doing the right thing. They have blocked all gun control proposals from liberals. Of course, the president has done illegal executive orders expanding gun controls. For that, conservatives have been mad at congress for not fighting him on those executive orders.

Back to this outrageous statement by Kelly O’Donnell on MSNBC. To refer to the Orlando extreme Islam terror attack as an attack that has implications of it being terror related is unbelievable. Now as far as maybe legislation that would be used to stop terrorists from getting guns, that would be appropriate. I’m not sure how they could pass a law like that. Over the last couple of days, I did hear some meaningful discussion on the issue that maybe there is a way to ban guns from people with terrorist ties. This would require a constitutional test.

Here’s notice to all gun owners out there. If you are even thinking of supporting Clinton for president, be aware she has declared that she does not believe the right to own guns is an individual right. She believes the Supreme Court was wrong when they made that decision and that the Supreme Court needs to reconsider that decision. The next president will appoint more than one Supreme Court justice for sure. Clinton also supports a ban on any and all assault style guns.

Anyway, the liberal media is so biased against guns, that it is ridiculous. They blame guns for all these terror attacks. Don’t forget the Boston bombers. Don’t forget the one college where a student went nuts and first stabbed to death his roommates, before going to the college and shooting a couple people. Guns aren’t the problem. Crazy people are the problem. As far as a ban on assault weapons, why? Why should we allow the government to disarm us, when the bad guys will still have guns? We have a right to defend ourselves from these bad guys. The police cannot be there when they attack. Look at Orlando. Think about this. What if someone in that club had been in possession of a concealed handgun? What if they had been able to draw their concealed gun and protect themselves and others? Could there possibly be less death to deal with today? Maybe.

Anyway, banning guns will do nothing to stop future gun violence. All responsible gun owners believe guns should be kept out of the hands of criminals and mentally unstable people. Coming up with constitutional laws that deal with mentally-challenged people,

Maybe some new law that deals with terrorists and terrorists organizations, might help.

I don’t know what those laws would look like. I do know that disarming we, the people, is not the answer. People who can legally own a firearm are allowed to do so. That right should not be infringed upon.

By the way, hats off to Trump for his strong support for the second amendment in a speech yesterday. He was point on in his support for gun ownership, and no bans on guns would come under a Trump administration. Finally to Kelly O’Donnell on MSNBC, get a grip on reality. Orlando was not an attack on a nightclub with terror implications. It was an extreme Islamic terrorist attacking defenseless citizens. People are now dead or wounded because of this coward. All in the name of ISIS.

In conclusion, hey liberal media, Obama and Clinton: Get real. Call terror attacks what they are. Don’t blame inanimate guns. They don’t hurt anyone. People do. The constitution gives me the right to own a gun, and defend myself and my family from the bad guys that want to harm or kill.

I’m Tom Wiknich, and that’s what I think. I’d like to know what you think. If you have any comments about this editorial, or would like to discuss or recommend a topic, I’d like to hear from you. Please email them to [info@kzgn.net](mailto:INFO@KZGN.NET).