

I work as a manufacturing engineer. When there is a non-conformance to a product or a specific part within the product we manufacture, a root cause analysis is conducted. The entire point of the root cause is just that, to find the root cause that is causing the non-conformance. We need to find and understand what the non-conformance actually is, why it's happening, and how to fix it permanently.

This exact same root cause analysis can be used for any problem which requires a solution. In this case, gun control, in which Tim Walz is proposing the following:

- HF14 – Universal background checks
- HF15 – Red Flag Laws
- HF 396 – Safe Storage Requirements
- HF 601 – Mandatory lost & stolen firearm reporting

What do all these bills have in common? They infringe on law-abiding citizens second amendment rights and do absolutely nothing to help reduce gun violence. The problem isn't the gun, it's only effective in harming people when it's in the hands of an individual who wants to harm people. Law-abiding citizens are law abiding because they follow the laws and criminals are criminals because they don't. It's literally that simple.

How is infringing on law-abiding citizens second amendment rights going to do anything to prevent gun violence when the problem is the criminals, who already don't follow the laws? What your doing is putting a band-aid on problem as a means to say, "Look, I did something!", when the reality is you did nothing at all. The gun violence will continue, you'll introduce more second amendment infringements bills, and the gun violence will continue. This process will keep going, and going, and going, because you never bothered to even try and determine the root cause. You've decided to the least amount of work possible and just hope and pray the problem goes away.

You need not look any further than California as evidence. California has over 20,000-gun control laws, the most out of any state. Yet, you continue to hear about the gun violence and mass shootings that plague its residents. What's their solution? Even MORE gun control! My god, if this was my thought process to fix non-conformances in my place of business, I would have been fired years ago.

Albert Einstein's definition of insanity is "doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different result". This could not be any more relevant than with gun control laws and in the minds of anti-gun Democrats who propose this as a "solution". Instead of infringing on Minnesotans second amendment rights, how about you spend your time and money on actual solutions?

Thank you,

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