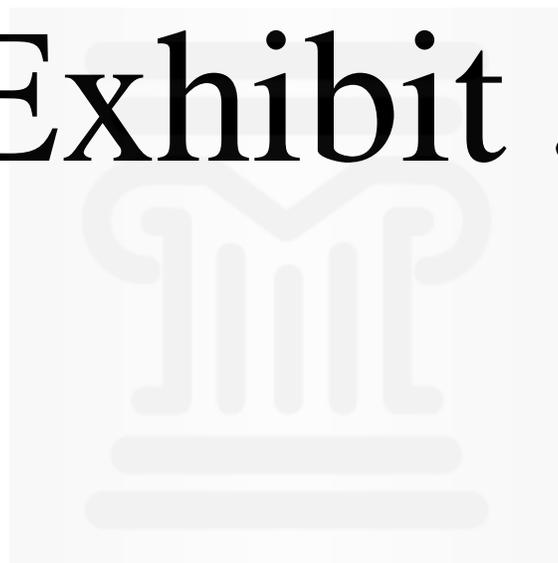


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Say no to guns at the State Fair

Group's lawsuit is both unnecessary and dangerous.

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Just when everyone was looking forward to the Minnesota State Fair after a painful hiatus due to COVID, along comes a gun advocacy group that is [suing](#) the State Agricultural Society, which controls the fair, and the Ramsey County Sheriff's Department, which is providing security.

Metal detectors are being used for the first time to help screen fairgoers. In a statement, the Minnesota Gun Owners Caucus, which filed the suit on behalf of a Twin Cities preacher and a longtime firearms advocate, said that as an arm of state government, the society is "completely preempted under multiple state statutes from prohibiting the lawful carry of firearms on the state fairgrounds."

The lawsuit contends that "Minnesota law allows permitted carry even inside the State Capitol — an area more serious than the light-hearted State Fair."

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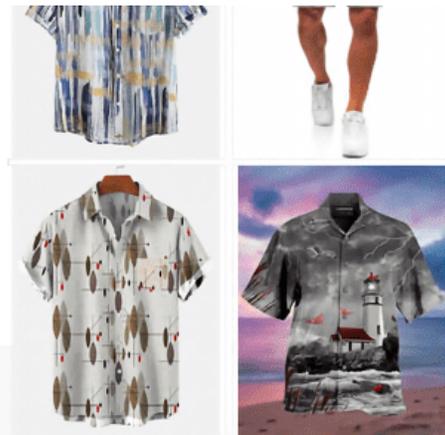
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We're not sure what "more serious" as opposed to "light-hearted" has to do with anything. It is simply a distraction, a fact without relevance. Yes, guns are allowed at the State Capitol. But they are not allowed in courthouses, another public space. Nor in churches, which are nonprofit. Nor at hospitals.

The proponents of this foolish, dangerous notion would have you believe that as a society we are unable to draw any lines, to make any distinctions. It's all or nothing. We allow guns everywhere or nowhere.

That has never been and should never be the case.

We are fully capable of assessing a situation, determining risk and setting boundaries. Minnesota State Attorney General Keith Ellison told an editorial writer that, contrary to the lawsuit, "there are state statutes that specifically allow institutions to keep out guns. That is a very sound law."



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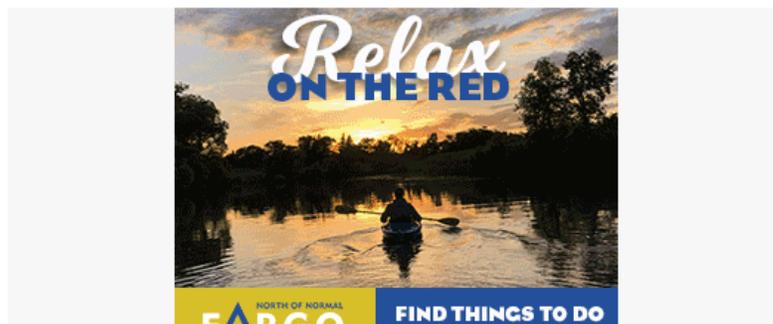
Let us state this as clearly as possible: Guns at the Minnesota State Fair is a terrible idea. It would fundamentally change the nature of the Great Minnesota Get-Together to see people with rifles slung over one shoulder or a Glock tucked into a holster amid fairgrounds packed with families, toddlers, seniors and teenagers.

Whether the advocates are doing this as simply one more exercise in boundary-pushing, to raise funds, or out of perhaps an overweening fear of fairgoers, they risk driving off those who were greatly anticipating the peaceful celebratory atmosphere at one of Minnesota's most cherished traditions.

"I don't know why they feel so afraid," Ellison said. "Guns inherently introduce an element of danger. The rest of us have rights, too, including the right not to be in a gun-infested area just so someone can prove a point." While Ellison is not a party to the lawsuit, he told an editorial writer that he will review the complaint and "will not hesitate to get involved if need be."

Gov. Tim Walz, himself a gun owner and hunter, said in a statement to an editorial writer that "responsible gun owners know that just because you can have a gun doesn't mean you should in any situation." Guns at the fair, he said, would be "unnecessary and irresponsible."

Minnesota should hope Ramsey County District Court acts as quickly as possible to affirm the right of fair organizers to ban firearms, as other entities have been able to do.



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I don't attend the fair, but many friends do. These gun owners simply want to show off at the state fair. We don't need these little boys showing their toys at a community event.

👍 LIKE 2 ↩️ REPLY

upnorth52
AUGUST 16

The gun fanatics will never have enough - just say NO

👍 LIKE 2 ↩️ REPLY

mikeh1972
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When did choices become so hard for people? Go or don't go!

👍 LIKE 2 ↩️ REPLY

outofthebox
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Will the people that go stay away from my grandmother?

👍 LIKE 1 ↩️ REPLY

dmacsr
AUGUST 16

Masks optional and people can bring guns in...sounds like a great Minnesota get together...I will pass.

👍 LIKE 2 ↩️ REPLY

DavidL11
AUGUST 16

Shouldn't the real question be "Why are we having a state fair when a Covid variant outbreak?"

👍 LIKE 4 ↩️ REPLY

geekfreedom
AUGUST 16

No.

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Checkmate-10
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Say no to the State Fair

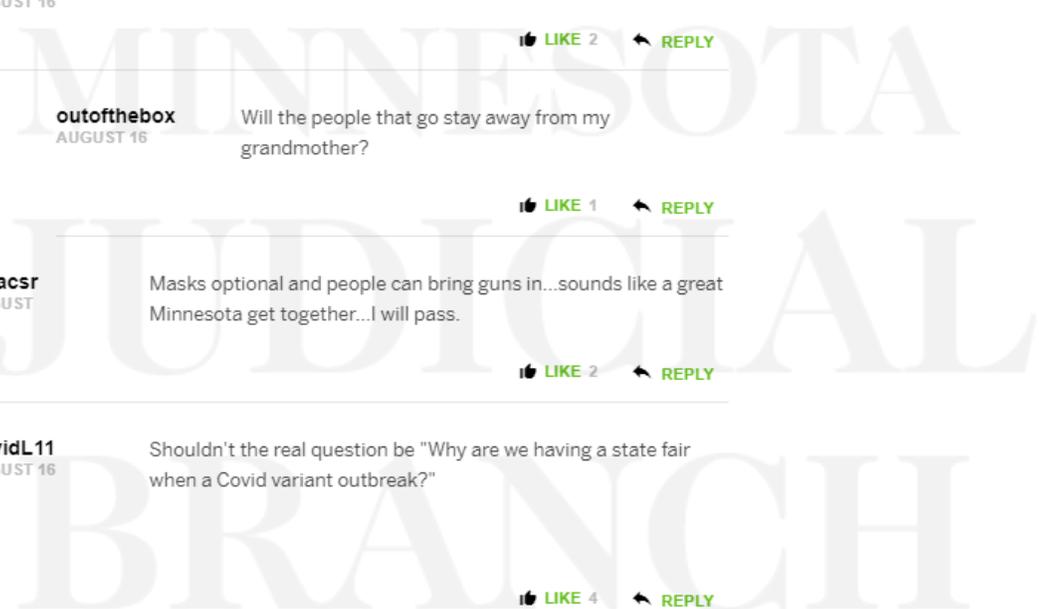
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truth2Btold

Minnesota is not the wild wild west. Sounds like a return to the

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good Ole days of pickups with gun racks and a 12 pack behind the seat. Probably anti vaxxers too. Carry a gun for protection against an enemy they will never meet but die from a virus they can't even see. ?? Explain this one to me.

 LIKE 6  REPLY

outofthebox
AUGUST 15

First world country with the most guns per capita-USA. First world country with the most deaths per capita by fire arms-USA. Coincidence?

 LIKE 6  REPLY

patcannon
AUGUST 15

The "Editorial Board", which I have to assume refers here to an employee tasked with writing this and not given any time to do research, has a couple details of Minnesota's carry permit law wrong. For one, there's no blanket prohibition against carry in churches. Individual churches can prohibit carry in their premises; some do, some don't. Same for in hospitals, except the roughly 10% of hospital that are state hospitals, at which carry is prohibited based on the fact that they serve to incarcerate certain violent offenders.

Attorney General Ellison, for his part, doesn't seem to be aware that the Fair has been "gun-infested" since our shall-issue permit law passed sixteen years ago. Personally, I've carried a handgun every time I've gone to the Fair. Why—because I want to get in a shootout in a crowd? God, no. Much more relevant is the walk to my car and the possible stop at a gas station on the way there or back. (And I'm not about to leave it in the car, anywhere.) The real risks of violent crime are small, it's true, but they're they're real, especially this year. and the police won't be there in time to help you. Especially this year.

 LIKE 7  REPLY

stellarone
AUGUST 16

if the fair has been 'gun infested' then this is exactly what is needed, metal detectors to stop all guns from going in.
if you believe there is real danger there, you should not go.

 LIKE 5  REPLY

gonejohnson
AUGUST 16

stellarone,-----you remember the shootout at the last state fair? Yup right at the front gates where the criminals where gunning people down. Not safe to be there as too many gang bangers with guns are allowed in! Probably a good thing to have responsible, legal, permit holders just stay home and let the criminals sort it out!

 LIKE  REPLY

stellarone
AUGUST 16

you suggesting to have vigilantes to sort it out? with shoot outs? the metal detectors keep all the legal and illegal guns out. that is the solution.

👍 LIKE ↩️ REPLY

patcannon
AUGUST 16

By that logic, I shouldn't go anywhere. In any case I won't be going this year anyway, but that's mainly due to the pandemic.

👍 LIKE ↩️ REPLY

jrgigler
AUGUST 16

If you carried at the State Fair, then you acted against the rules of the property owner (State Ag Board), and are not a law-abiding person. Had you been caught, you would have been asked to leave, or face misdemeanor charges. Hardly a "good guy with a gun".

More importantly, if you had to pull your pistol and shoot someone, please tell us the training you have had to avoid shooting the innocent people in the massively crowded areas behind the bad guy?

👍 LIKE 5 ↩️ REPLY

frank60
AUGUST 15

A "good guy" with a gun is only one trigger pull away from being a bad guy with a gun. We have seen this far too many times.

👍 LIKE 16 ↩️ REPLY

Mcgovernik
AUGUST 15

"OSHA for criminals" Thomas Sowell

👍 LIKE 1 ↩️ REPLY

spartaville
AUGUST 15

Can licensed gun owners open carry loaded long guns under MN law?

👍 LIKE 2 ↩️ REPLY

renfriend
AUGUST 15

Even if they can should they be allowed?

👍 LIKE 2 ↩️ REPLY

jrgigler
AUGUST 16

No, they cannot carry long guns on public areas in Minnesota. You can open carry a pistol, but you have to get a concealed carry permit to do so - that requires a background check, county sheriff approval, and a training course.

👍 LIKE 2 ↩️ REPLY

stellarone
AUGUST 16

long guns is the next thing gunner want to carry around.
and then no permits and no B G checks, just have everyone carry guns every where, legally. that would include the criminals.
then guns on the planes.

👍 LIKE 1 ↩️ REPLY

kamaura

This is a nonstarter, legal gun owners and legal gun carriers are

AUGUST 15

not a problem. The problem is some people have very little to do and then create problems that don't exist and or they're afflicted with OCPD - Obsessive Compulsive Political Disorder.

👍 LIKE 7 ↩️ REPLY

stellarone
AUGUST 15

eliminate the guns from criminals and there is no problem.
as was said, 'not one incident' for a self defense to do.

👍 LIKE 3 ↩️ REPLY

renfriend
AUGUST 15

Except for people like the one that shot up the Las Vegas music festival? Frankly if you need to carry your gun everywhere...I think you just want to shoot and I don't want you any where around me.

👍 LIKE 14 ↩️ REPLY

raschumacher
AUGUST 15

Gun nuts are welcome at the State Fair of Texas, in Dallas, Sep 24 - Oct 17. There's even corny dogs. Yee haw! No Swedish coffee, though.

👍 LIKE 3 ↩️ REPLY

DJsmobro
AUGUST 15

I vote yes on concealed carry anywhere by permit

👍 LIKE 6 ↩️ REPLY

stellarone
AUGUST 15

for why? for their male macho ego?
for the odds of 0.000008% chance of trouble?
so they can be a vigilante?

👍 LIKE 12 ↩️ REPLY

renfriend
AUGUST 15

I vote no.

👍 LIKE 11 ↩️ REPLY

macrosteles
AUGUST 15

A thousand times no. There should be no guns allowed at the State Capital either.

👍 LIKE 10 ↩️ REPLY

timmoran
AUGUST 15

I would never join a club that would have me as a member (paraphrasing Groucho Marx). Why would all the gun-obsessed out there want to go anywhere where they feel a need to be armed?

👍 LIKE 16 ↩️ REPLY

RohnJohnson
AUGUST 15

Okay. Let's say the gun gropers win their lawsuit and get to lock and load for the fair. Will they then whine because they weren't allowed to use their AR-15s at the target-shooting booth? It's hard to knock over enough tin ducks to win the big teddy bear. Maybe the Supreme Court will have to decide if the gun gropers were constitutionally disadvantaged by the requirement to use the BB guns.

👍 LIKE 14 ↩️ REPLY

stellarone
AUGUST 15

the gunners eventually want no permits and then we have anyone and everyone bringing guns in. slippery slope.

👍 LIKE 6 ↩️ REPLY

mikeh1972
AUGUST 16

Or maybe you could watch and learn how responsible gun owners act. AR-15? Where was that mentioned? Oh, right, just in your ranting post.

👍 LIKE 2 ↩️ REPLY

stellarone
AUGUST 16

that is what repubs want and have achieved in other states.
so that is their next.
and then next is no permits, no B G checks. means criminals have guns legally every where.
and then next is guns on planes.

👍 LIKE ↩️ REPLY

mikeh1972
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Then call on your locals to do their jobs.

👍 LIKE ↩️ REPLY

stamps55
AUGUST 15

Guns for protection. "Good Guy" with gun; mistaken for "Bad Guy" in CO = both dead. "Good Guy". in KY responded to persons breaking in, he shot. they shot back, killing Girl Friend - Bad guys were the cops. Image a couple drunks in the FL nightclub trying to shoot the "Bad guy". In. Las Vegas if there had been some "Good. Guys" on the ground trying to respond to the "Bad Guy" up in the hotel. On and on the "Good Guys" at a mass shooting. can be as dangerous as the "Bad Guys:

👍 LIKE 24 ↩️ REPLY

stellarone
AUGUST 15

In Texas, a good guy pulled his gun during 'an incident' and the cops killed him because he was holding a gun out.

👍 LIKE ↩️ REPLY

qqq
AUGUST
15

Exactly. Dangerous to be holding a gun when cops are looking for the bad guy.

👍 LIKE 2 ↩️ REPLY

stellarone
AUGUST 15

1 second to drop it
after they cops start to shoot.

👍 LIKE ↩️ REPLY

hermajesty
AUGUST 15

The dangers in attending the State Fair this year are

- 1) Catching covid
- 2) Being frustrated because certain areas are too crowded
- 3) Getting indigestion from patronizing too many food booths
- 4) Stepping in animal droppings in the livestock barns
- 5) Getting heat exhaustion in the Grandstand Building
- 6) Getting dizzy on one of the Midway rides
- 7) Being bored when someone in your group wants to spend more time at an exhibit than you do
- 8) Restrooms that aren't cleaned often enough

None of these dangers require firearms. In fact, I'm on the fence about attending this year, and allowing firearms would make me definitely boycott.

 LIKE 28  REPLY

timmy99
AUGUST 15

"None of these dangers require firearms."

That's not the point. This is 'merka! Rights are all the matters. Responsibility is for communists!

This is 'merka!

 LIKE 7  REPLY

jerseygirl54
AUGUST 15

I respectfully disagree. America suffers from as lethal obsession with guns. It is pathological. It is immoral. It is dangerous. Freedom requires responsibility. Period.

If not, you have anarchy. Of you seek anarchy, Afghanistan awaits you.

 LIKE 5  REPLY

stellarone
AUGUST 15

there is no right for everyone to possess a gun. never has been.

so, then, responsibility is not for republicans. we knew that. they are the most irresponsible. you said it.

 LIKE 4  REPLY

renfriend
AUGUST 15

If I saw a person carrying a fire arm in any of these situations I would leave...because these people are crazy.

 LIKE 8  REPLY

Moose60
AUGUST 15

It has always been legal to carry a firearm at the State Fair. Please point out one incident where a legal carry permit holder has committed a crime at the fair.

 LIKE 3  REPLY

hermajesty
AUGUST 15

Point out a situation where someone has needed to use a firearm at the State Fair

needed to use a firearm at the State Fair.

 LIKE 2  REPLY

Checkmate-10
AUGUST 16

With all your 8 points, why would you be on the fence about attending?

 LIKE  REPLY

sidsid1
AUGUST 15

I have had my own gun(s) since I was 12 years old and used them often. But I CAN NOT understand why anyone would feel the need to bring a gun to the state fair!?!

 LIKE 28  REPLY

rickhodsdon
AUGUST 15

The editorial mat have valid policy reasons stated but is legally just not accurate. Public spaces including courthouses cannot ban guns as long as 609.66 is complied with.

 LIKE 4  REPLY

stellarone
AUGUST 15

there are many public spaces that ban guns. schools, fed buildings, airports are public space. an event that rents a public space can ban guns in that space. you are incorrect.

 LIKE 4  REPLY

slammer
AUGUST 15

We have the 2nd amendment because the Founders feared a standing army. Now we have both. How about we either redefine the 2nd amendment or get rid of the military? Your choice.

 LIKE 11  REPLY

jerseygirl54
AUGUST 15

Poorly framed argument. Almost incoherent.

 LIKE  REPLY

stellarone
AUGUST 15

that is not the reason for the 2ndA. it was made for the southern Militias. as they were used to keep the slaves in order. and to protect them from being illegal. besides by 1791. US realized they needed a standing army and started to formulate one. and the USCode militia 246 clearly defines the 2ndA militia as the National Guard

 LIKE 4  REPLY

papershack
AUGUST 15

No guns at the fair. I might get shot. No masks at the fair I might get sick. Eating all the greasy fat food at the fair. No problem.

 LIKE 4  REPLY

rtsherman
AUGUST 15

Proud to see that the vast majority of people commenting do not support guns at the State Fair or in other public places. Guns aren't needed or wanted there.

 LIKE 29  REPLY

writer1964
AUGUST 15

Unnecessary, irresponsible and let's not forget STUPID!

 LIKE 27  REPLY

jmclean5439
AUGUST 15

People suffering to carry loaded guns at the State Fair are fundamentally damaged.

 LIKE 22  REPLY

katam123
AUGUST 15

How about letting the gun toters have their own, independent state fair? That way anyone that gets hurt takes on that responsibility by entering. Just don't expect the rest of to come running to save you. We have rights too.

 LIKE 18  REPLY

jimh54321
AUGUST 15

I'd stay home rather than give these cowboy wannabes the pleasure of one more pairs of eyes pointed at them.

How about just repurposing some rural dirt bike track as a "gun strutting park"?

 LIKE 23  REPLY

outofthebox
AUGUST 15

In the United States, firearms are the second leading cause of death among children and adolescents. Compared to other high-income countries, firearm-related suicides and fatalities from unintentional firearm injuries among 5- to 14-year-olds are 8 to 10 times higher in the United States.

 LIKE 24  REPLY

drleen
AUGUST 15

The second amendment is a scourge on this country.

 LIKE 24  REPLY

rlundi02
AUGUST 15

What's supposed to be simple, carefree fun turns into some Constitutional struggle by people starved for attention. Really sad what this country has become.

 LIKE 35  REPLY

suburbkarl
AUGUST 15

I bird hunt and do some plinking from time to time. However, I have never understood the obsession some folks have with firearms. Yes I know the constitutional piece. I also don't buy the good guy with guns argument and more guns makes us all safer.

If more guns makes us safer the US should be the safest country on earth. Fact is we have so many guns and it so easy to get them legally or illegally we are awash in them. I dont have the answer but more guns at the state fair doesnt seem like a great idea.

 LIKE 31  REPLY

suburbkarl
AUGUST 15

I support the right for folks to carry. However, I am uncomfortable with the thought of a bunch of people packing in the state fair crowds. I'm not sure we will attend this year if the lawsuit wins.

👍 LIKE 18 ↩️ REPLY

F4GIB
AUGUST
16

Those people have been there for over 100 years (except 1974-2003). Has there even been a negative incident??? No.

👍 LIKE ↩️ REPLY

letmetellu
AUGUST 15

I wasn't planning on attending the Fair due to the diseased anti-vaxxers without masks.

Now I have another reason not to attend.

👍 LIKE 33 ↩️ REPLY

wickeywackey
AUGUST 15

Are their permits checked at the gate? I'm sure these folks would be happy to reveal their name and firearm status to an official who would also record it for liability reasons.

👍 LIKE 14 ↩️ REPLY

PardonMe
AUGUST 15

The presence of a permit means nothing here. I guess you are fine with risking a bad incident, simply because they might be sued?

👍 LIKE ↩️ REPLY

F4GIB
AUGUST
16

Sure.
If requested by an LEO they must show their permit.
624.714, subd. 1b.

👍 LIKE ↩️ REPLY

evided
AUGUST
15

Conservative people are such brazen cowards. Afraid of literally EVERYTHING.

👍 LIKE 32 ↩️ REPLY

reader2580
AUGUST 15

The State Fair has asked attendees not to bring in guns or other weapons for some years. The difference this year is the State Fair is requiring attendees to go through metal detectors.

Some attendees have certainly brought guns to the State Fair for years, but nobody knew about it. Now, all of the sudden people won't go the State Fair if the courts allow guns in even though it has been happening for years. Criminals generally don't have carry permits so they won't be able to legally bring guns in.

I would bet that the legislature will consider legislation to change state law if the court allows guns at the State Fair.

👍 LIKE 3 ↩️ REPLY

polkafan
AUGUST 15

So, since all these "lawful" gun owners have broken the law for years, we should accept it?
If gun owners have broken gun laws, they are criminals. They should not be allowed to carry guns anywhere.

👍 LIKE 14 ↩️ REPLY

stellarone
AUGUST 15 very correct, if they broke the law before,
they are not law abiding persons

👍 LIKE 2 ↩️ REPLY

F4GIB There is no law they have violated.

AUGUST
16

👍 LIKE ↩️ REPLY

stellarone State Fair's law.

AUGUST 16

👍 LIKE ↩️ REPLY

reader2580
AUGUST 15 The whole basis of the lawsuit is that the
State Fair can't legally ban guns under state
law. I am not sure anyone was breaking the
law previously. Government owned
properties are not allowed to ban guns and
the State Fair is part of a government
agency.

My whole point is at least a few people have
been carrying guns all along and now
suddenly it is an issue. I would prefer
nobody has guns, but it won't stop me from
going to the State Fair.

👍 LIKE 1 ↩️ REPLY

F4GIB No. A "request" is not a law.

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16

👍 LIKE ↩️ REPLY

stellarone
AUGUST 16 the problem is non-permit people
bringing in guns.
they then need to put up metal
detectors
and easier to ban all guns. done.

👍 LIKE ↩️ REPLY

bobk51
AUGUST
15 The idea that all permit to carry gun owners are all responsible
and make us safer is a ludicrous idea. Everyday there is a story of
a legal permit carrying gun owner doing something stupid.

👍 LIKE 33 ↩️ REPLY

F4GIB False. Not even once every two months by one of over
300,000 Minnesota permit holders.

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16

👍 LIKE ↩️ REPLY

north2south
AUGUST 15 If you fear that much going to a fair to the point of carrying a
weapon, then stay home, the rest of us fear is to have a couple of
these gun toting people get into an augment over a corn dog and
shoot it out in a crowd.

 LIKE 28  REPLY**swmnguy**
AUGUST 15

People who are so filled with fear they have to bring a gun to the State Fair shouldn't be going out in public anyway. Many of them are people who live nowhere near the Twin Cities, but are convinced the whole metro area burned down last summer, and is now a post-Apocalyptic hellscape that makes "Escape From New York" look like bliss.

There's no convincing people, with facts, that crime (while up from historic lows) is nowhere near levels of 30, 40, and 50 years ago. And that Twin Cities residents can avoid nearly all crime by being aware of their surroundings, avoiding the street trade in drugs or sex, not being helplessly intoxicated in public, and not being in a violent domestic situation. As everywhere; as always.

But the campaign to convince people that the answer to violence is more violence has always offered a simple, tidy, and wrong solution to those who seek such. And there's a lot of money invested in continuing and intensifying measures that have long failed.

 LIKE 34  REPLY**sadie23**
AUGUST 15

If you need to bring your gun to the fair your either living in fear or making up for something missing in your life. Hopefully you can find the correct answer by staring into a mirror while practicing your quick draw.

 LIKE 19  REPLY**inlandsea**
AUGUST 15

I don't know which is the greater threat to society:
** The COVID virus spread by those unvaccinated who complain about gov't overreach threatening their "rights".... or
** The gun nuts in this country who demand the right to parade around displaying their assault rifles or handguns to show their bravado and revel in the looks of intimidation from peaceful citizens..
Hmmm...why is it that one group of "Rugged Individualists" seems to fit in both categories??
That's all we need at the State Fair....a bunch of "patriots" who get a twitch that someone is attacking them and go off spraying the crowds with a hail of gunfire.

 LIKE 22  REPLY**nofascistmn**
AUGUST 15

I truly can't imagine a scenario in which defending oneself with a gun in a crowd doesn't come with at least a few innocent bystanders being harmed or killed. How on Earth is a "good guy with a gun" supposed to isolate and eliminate a threat with tens of thousands of other people nearby??

 LIKE 18  REPLY**stellarone**
AUGUST 15

when the cops show up, anyone holding a gun has 1 second to drop it, after that they are shot.

 LIKE  REPLY

F4GIB
AUGUST
16

Same scenario if a police officer must defend his or another's life.

 LIKE  REPLY**mmedia**
AUGUST
15

The Fair: cancelled one year; drive through events later held to help food vendors; attendance for this year in question because of increasing case numbers - many plan to avoid, but these adolescents got to make it all about themselves and their guns.

 LIKE 20  REPLY**swmguy**
AUGUST 15

I sure do miss the Fair, but between anti-vaxxers, anti-maskers, and now gun fetishists; it seems like a really bad idea to attend the Fair this year.

Maybe getting there at 7:00 AM on a weekday and leaving by about 11:00 AM wouldn't be too absurd a risk. But imagine standing in line in the Food Building? Just seems like a fiasco in the making.

I hate the masks. I hate the pandemic. But not liking it and wishing it were over is not the same thing as the pandemic actually being over. In the real world, wishing something were so doesn't make it so.

 LIKE 21  REPLY**Lakeperson**
AUGUST 15

I can see some self righteous dude getting offended by my mask wearing family and feeling the need to use a gun to "defend" freedom

 LIKE 18  REPLY**Checkmate-10**
AUGUST 16

You have a wild imagination.

 LIKE  REPLY**WWDJTD**
AUGUST 15

Yes! Bring guns to the fair! And while were at it suspend the 21 drinking age and lower it to 16 inside the gates. Then there are those who like to walk around nude, should they be subjected to prudes who don't understand their rights? Let's not forget about the worker shortage! Suspend child-labor laws and allow those four and five year olds to work those booths!! Let's make the confines of the state fair the utopia we all seek!

 LIKE 19  REPLY**stanhk**
AUGUST
15

The Munich Oktoberfest annually hosts about three times the number of attendees, from all corners of the globe, that our State Fair hosts. You cannot enter the grounds with any package larger than a small handbag, all of which are searched. No firearms are allowed by attendees.

Yet here in Minnesota, we cannot host an event featuring primarily people from Minnesota, without the need for armed citizens?

Such a sad commentary for our State, or at least those who feel so threatened.

 LIKE 19  REPLY

truth2Btold
AUGUST 15

Sorry but the biggest danger should be the high cholesterol of the fair food. This ain't Dodge City and Marshal Dillon will not be there.

 LIKE 16  REPLY

effinheimer
AUGUST 15

Guns should be banned in all public places. It seems to me that when you strap on a gun it takes you to a very different place: one of warrior, one of false control; one of power: one of danger and perhaps one of fear. We all know that guns kill people. Why people with guns feel that they are always in a potential threat is beyond me. No other country has the same sense of fear, paranoia or aggression based on those countries deaths by violence. I do not understand how the 1780's 2nd amendment can transfer to 2021. To lower the bar and even think that guns at the state fair makes sense or is even discussed is quite alarming. I find it quite troubling that gun owners always speak of their freedoms while ignoring the freedoms of those who choose not to buy into the gun culture. I have a right to feel safe and be safe without guns around me. When a society has far more guns than citizens I feel that country has an unspoken pandemic on its hands. The state fair has always felt like a safe place considering the numbers you are surrounded by. I am convinced that if guns are introduced as legal, at the fair grounds, that safe feeling will quickly diminish. Guns, as witnessed for decades here, have certainly not made anyone safer and the state fair will be a great example, if approved. We all deserve to feel safe, so just leave the guns locked up at home and enjoy the fun the fair has to offer.

 LIKE 21  REPLY

Jeffz88
AUGUST 15

and yet there are guns all around you every day, you just don't see them. Legal gun ownership is not the problem, with over 250,000 Minnesotans who have a carry permit. Your feelings seem to be based on what the media tells you. More people die in alcohol related car crashes in the US than do by intentional firearm homicide (including 'gang violence' and 'drive-by shootings' yet I didn't see you post anything about banning alcohol sales and or driving to the fair..

 LIKE  REPLY

stellarone
AUGUST 15

since you use those as an analogy, so will I then alcohol is and can be banned in public places and as a ban wishes. driving has all kinds of regulations and restrictions so your use of that means all that same kind of level applied to guns and gun wearing. or, don't use dumb analogies.

 LIKE 1  REPLY

Boog_Powell
AUGUST 15

Office buildings, movie theaters, and shops everywhere have signs banning guns and knives on their property. Business owners and non profits have every right to declare their property free of weapons.

 LIKE 27  REPLY

LIKE 11 REPLY

stellarone
AUGUST 15

and schools, fed buildings, airports, and other places.
next, gunners will want guns on planes.
next, gunners want no permits, no B G checks, anyone
and everyone have guns everywhere they wish,
including the criminals.

LIKE 2 REPLY

outofthebox
AUGUST 15

Fact: Gun ownership is directly linked to higher instances of gun violence. A National Institutes of Health study found that for each time a gun is used for self-defense, there are 11 suicide attempts involving firearms, seven assaults or murders and four gun accidents. Another National Institutes of Health study discovered that owning a gun drastically increases the risk of gun violence in domestic violence cases. They found that a firearm in a home with a history of domestic violence correlates to a 500 percent greater chance that a woman will be killed. One study published in the American Journal of Public Health found that the odds of an assault victim being shot increased 4.5 times if they carried a gun, and the odds of them being killed increased 4.2 times. A study published in the Journal of Preventive Medicine found that using guns for self-defense during a robbery doesn't lower one's odds of being injured.

LIKE 19 REPLY

Jeffz88
AUGUST 15

That is absolutely incorrect. CDC published reports show suicide by firearm is 3 times more than intentional firearm homicide. The CDC also shows the data that alcohol related car crashes kill more people than by intentional firearm homicide. Quit stoking the fire with fake information and lies. According to FBI statistics, self defense using a firearm occurs roughly 500,000 times in the US, however data on this is not captured as in most instances, a firearm is not discharged, but rather simply brandied.

LIKE REPLY

hermajesty
AUGUST 15

Neither alcohol nor cars have as their primary purpose killing or injuring living things. That is the only purpose of a gun.

LIKE 6 REPLY

outofthebox
AUGUST 15

It is absolutely correct and the sources are cited.

LIKE 3 REPLY

stellarone
AUGUST 15

I googled that, and found there are rightie gun sources 'saying' that CDC and FBI says that but I found no direct saying from them. such a thing would be speculative at best with no proof data.
if that is the case, then why isn't the US the safest country? then?
but the US is 5-20 times more gun violent and unsafe

and unsafe.
it is not working.

in the states of more open gun carrying,
those states are among the highest 10
states for gun crimes.
it is not working.

👍 LIKE 1 ↩️ REPLY

outofthebox
AUGUST 15

Ask the mom who was shot by her kid during a zoom meeting.

👍 LIKE 13 ↩️ REPLY

lmdomek
AUGUST 15

Just saying I will not bring my wife and children to an event where any nutcase can come in with a gun...just take your 2nd amendment rights and go play cowboy somewhere else, like a gun show, ya know, where "size" really does matter...

👍 LIKE 19 ↩️ REPLY

rgaither
AUGUST 15

The fact that guns are allowed by law inside the Minnesota State Capitol is itself an inane, silly interpretation of the 2nd Amendment. America is a violent, gun-obsessed country by any international standard, insanely so. According to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, the U.S. is the largest arms exporter globally, and growing its market share in supplying weapons to other countries.

In her book, "The Second: Race and Guns in a Fatally Unequal America," professor Carol Anderson convincingly argues that the 2nd Amendment, since its construction, has been a consistent tool to suppress African Americans.

Various states across this country have permitted guns in areas such as houses of worship, schools, and courthouses. The trend is not the other way around.

Gun culture is a slice of identity culture, for many in the U.S. Like mask wearing today, it provides individuals with a means to publicly display their identity, which is often also painted over with various other identities: racial, geographical, socioeconomic, etc. The result being a certain front inside a sometimes coded, sometimes overt culture war. These fronts or more accurately fault lines often have deadly consequences as the pandemic so sorely highlights.

Interestingly, while the culture of mask resistance works to further variant creation, gun culture furthers its own singular brands of societal ills. The factory analogy of product creation and branding is very much appropriate when it comes to gun and virus resistance cultures.

👍 LIKE 10 ↩️ REPLY

fooledmeonce
AUGUST 15

"people with rifles slung over one shoulder or a glock on their hip", what a poor choice of words, never going to happen and the board knows that, stop trying to whip up fear in people, you think someone would get very far with a rifle walking down the street? the challenge would be pretty much immediate when plain clothes cops appear out of nowhere

👍 LIKE 28 ↩️ REPLY

dirtydogs
AUGUST 15

There must be plenty of fear in people if they think they need a gun at the State Fair.

👍 LIKE 16 ↩️ REPLY

WWDJTD
AUGUST 15

You would think, but no.

👍 LIKE 2 ↩️ REPLY

mmedia
AUGUST 15

"you think someone would get very far with a rifle walking down the street" May 2020, outside Governor's mansion.

👍 LIKE 2 ↩️ REPLY

pragmatictaf
AUGUST 15

You think that makes any difference to these people?

They do it all the time, in stores and out in the open.

Remember when people in congress were holding 'town halls' to discuss the ACA?

👍 LIKE 3 ↩️ REPLY

gopher68
AUGUST 15

Does the lawsuit demanding people be allowed to bring guns to the fair specifically say that rifles would still be prohibited at the fair?

👍 LIKE 2 ↩️ REPLY

swmnguy
AUGUST 15

You're attributing common sense to the "Open Carry" crowd that has never shown any such sense before.

👍 LIKE 4 ↩️ REPLY

reid
AUGUST 15

If it were carried legally, the 'challenge' would be only that. If there is no violation, then no action.

That being said, I'm not for allowing carry of any sort in nor around the Fair. People get anxious when they see guns, unless you are on a shooting range or hunting.

Just like the fools of that one church a few years ago that insisted on disrupting funerals and other events with their very loud protests, just to be yahoos about it, there is no good reason for even a lawful carry to happen.

👍 LIKE 4 ↩️ REPLY

relmsl
AUGUST 15

You don't mention, fooledme, the anti-American "militias" that prance around with long guns, holstered pistols, body armor, helmets, two-way radios, etc. who were in attendance at protests in state capitols over the past year or so.

👍 LIKE 6 ↩️ REPLY

Hawkeyez
AUGUST 15

"Ellison said. "Guns inherently introduce an element of danger. The rest of us have rights, too, including the right not to be in a gun-infested area just so someone can prove a point.""

2 points. 1. Guns do not introduce an element of danger. You walk by people every day that are carrying them and you never know it nor have you ever been in any danger. 2. No, you don't have any such right. You have the right to go where you want but not a right to force others to do something you want them to do just so you feel safe.

People have carried at the fair and everywhere else for years without any incidents.

 LIKE 47  REPLY

uparent
AUGUST 15

"Sep 3, 2019 — Three people were shot outside the main gate of the Minnesota State Fair late Monday"

Yup. Never. Anywhere.

 LIKE 13  REPLY

Hughster
AUGUST 15

Outside the main gate, that is not in the Fairgrounds.

 LIKE 1  REPLY

uparent

AUGUST

"And everywhere else" eludes incapable of handling a minor conflict without having a gun. They do not belong at the fair and if you do not like don't go and keep your stupid gun at home. Gun owners are 7 times more likely to die from a gun then non-gun holders so they obviously not safer for anyone. Unlike the 1700's you can fire a lot more round then 2 a minute and those round go further then 100 ft.

 LIKE 2  REPLY

jenn25
AUGUST 15

So the experiment showed they never needed their guns at the fair for self defense in the first place. Fortunately a good record of no incidents so leave them home before something bad happens or now makes many uncomfortable knowing some in the crowd are carrying.

 LIKE 2  REPLY

bigdawg1
AUGUST 15

Guns always introduce an element of danger whether at the state fair or hunting pheasants in a cornfield its more dangerous when guns are involved. Also, you have no idea how many people have been carrying at the State Fair in the past so both your points are completely invalid.

 LIKE  REPLY

frozenpond
AUGUST 15

The delta covid variant paused my interest in going to the State Fair.
People bringing guns to our State Fair will kill it.

👍 LIKE 87 ↩️ REPLY

YolandoSmith
AUGUST 15

Law abiding conceal carry permit holders actually make us all much safer.

👍 LIKE 52 ↩️ REPLY

Bluewino
AUGUST 15

No they do not. I feel safer with no guns

👍 LIKE 19 ↩️ REPLY

rms316
AUGUST 15

That's a fallacy promoted by the NRA for a very long time. Everybody wore a 6-shooter in the Old West too. Didn't prevent people from getting shot.

👍 LIKE 19 ↩️ REPLY

dirtydogs
AUGUST 15

Please provide a few examples of where someone who carried a gun at the State Fair made us safer.

👍 LIKE 15 ↩️ REPLY

outofthebox
AUGUST 15

Is that why the USA leads the world as the industrialized country with the most deaths by and highest rate of gun violence?

👍 LIKE 6 ↩️ REPLY

mugginsmouse
AUGUST 15

No they don't. They are just Dirty Harry wannabes hoping something will happen so they can hope to be the 'hero' and use their gun. There is no other reason to bring a gun to the fair. There are no shooting contests or demos or kiosks with guns. There is absolutely no reason you need a gun at the fair.

👍 LIKE 6 ↩️ REPLY

truth2Btold
AUGUST 15

They do? The head of the NRA is so afraid of the world he helped create he lives off shore on a yacht of a friend.

👍 LIKE 4 ↩️ REPLY

WWDJTD
AUGUST 15

Just like all the shooters in mass killings who were law-abiding conceal carry permit holders!

👍 LIKE 4 ↩️ REPLY

cas002
AUGUST 15

Based on zero evidence

Everywhere else note guns= more gun violence

Data doesn't lie

👍 LIKE 3 ↩️ REPLY

swmnguy
AUGUST 15

That's what they always say, at least. By the same line of reasoning, me snapping my fingers every 10 minutes protects us all from vampires.

👍 LIKE 3 ↩️ REPLY

slammer
AUGUST 15

Thank you for your service.

👍 LIKE 2 ↩️ REPLY

ismellmusic
AUGUST 15

Some of us aren't afraid of our own shadows.

👍 LIKE 2 ↩️ REPLY

TempusFugit
AUGUST 15

Keep the lies flowing. Keep the pressure up. Flood the zone. Right?

👍 LIKE 1 ↩️ REPLY

John E.
AUGUST 15

Stephen Paddock was a law abiding gun owner - until he killed 60 people and wounded another 411 in Las Vegas on October 1, 2017.

👍 LIKE 4 ↩️ REPLY

powwow71
AUGUST 15

No, they don't. They just make for an additional threat to public safety.

👍 LIKE 2 ↩️ REPLY

crankyinne
AUGUST 15

except when a mass murderer appears in a high school or grocery store.
Why is there never a permit holder around then?

👍 LIKE 1 ↩️ REPLY

md56482
AUGUST 15

Nobody walking around in public with a gun except a cop makes me feel safe.

👍 LIKE 2 ↩️ REPLY

JAM661
AUGUST 15

Speak for yourself. How do you think you can speak for 4 million citizens in MN?. If you have to go through a metal detector then no one has them so there is no use to have one either. This year everyone goes through a mental detector so if you are so paranoid that you feel you need a gun everywhere you go maybe see a counselor instead going to the fair. Meanwhile the rest of us will feel safer from some idiot who gets upset over something that people use to deal with by being polite and just backing off.

👍 LIKE 2 ↩️ REPLY

jenn25
AUGUST
15

What's the evidence to support your claim? Or is that simply a myth or wishful thinking.

 LIKE 1  REPLY

rickyn
AUGUST
15

Best laugh of the day award goes to Yolanda!

 LIKE 3  REPLY

AUGUST
15

lawfully carrying guns, but they are totally unaware of it because their gun's are required to be fully concealed. So the stated fear of seeing "rifles slung over one shoulder or a Glock tucked into a holster" is a total red herring.

The reality is that people who are lawfully possessing and carrying firearms are very rarely ever involved in Firearms crimes. But conversely, the criminals who do over 95% of violent firearms crimes are illegally possessing and carrying firearms, and do not respect any restrictions.

It is not those who lawfully own and carry firearms that are the threat and need to be feared. Focus the attention and efforts on the perpetrators who do the shooting and the streets would be a lot safer.

 LIKE 26  REPLY

uparent
AUGUST
15

Source for your statistic is...

 LIKE 45  REPLY

izzy96
AUGUST
15

100% incorrect. They have every right to ban guns, and as long as every patron is scanned, no one will have guns on State Fair grounds, not wanna-be militia types nor criminals. Leave them at home for the 5 hours if you're coming to the Fair.

 LIKE 78  REPLY

reid
AUGUST
15

The five hours you are at the fair? Hey, 5 hours in line to get INTO the fair with parking and now few off-site areas and reduced bus rides.

 LIKE  REPLY

Fulton87
AUGUST 15

By definition, aren't 100% of the people who commit firearms crimes criminals?

 LIKE 22  REPLY

maltboy
AUGUST
15

Hey Dleits..... just an FYI.. Minnesota is a carry state.... A gun does not need to be concealed, it is perfectly legal to carry it openly. Just thought you should know the facts

 LIKE 16  REPLY

frozenpond
AUGUST 15

If no one has a gun, no one gets shot.

Violent crime is rare at the State Fair, and armed police provide security. If you must bring guns to our State Fair, I can assure you that I and my family members will be elsewhere, well out of your range.

 LIKE 25  REPLY

Hawkeyez
AUGUST 15

Slight correction: they are not required to carry concealed. MN has a Permit to Carry. You can open carry if you want.

 LIKE 3  REPLY

benedict636
AUGUST 15

Get rid of the second amendment and ban guns!

 LIKE 33  REPLY

nancy_leigh
AUGUST 15

Benedict good job acknowledging a solution. So many people don't recognize the solution is repeal of the amendment. I don't agree with the repeal but at least it follows correct process

 LIKE  REPLY

CPM74
AUGUST 15

Amending the US Constitution is a pretty straightforward process. Just get 2/3 of both the US House and Senate to approve of this. Or, get 3/4 (38) States to approve. Boom, 2nd Amendment is repealed. Why don't you go get started?

 LIKE  REPLY

King Ulsrud
AUGUST 15

No metal detectors, concealed guns, no incidents, so why the change?

 LIKE 19  REPLY

JAM661
AUGUST 15

Because gun death are going up and I think they are worried about gangs. Mental detectors means no one has a gun so everyone is safer.

 LIKE  REPLY

Omgmove
AUGUST 15

If you feel like you need a gun to protect yourself at the State Fair, perhaps it's not the event for you.

 LIKE 87  REPLY

pragmatictaf
AUGUST 15

Or the rest of the world, unless you live in a GOP utopia, which is an ungoverned fascist state.

 LIKE  REPLY

liberal4ever
AUGUST 14

If you are that scared to go to a public event that has law enforcement presence just stay home.

 LIKE 78  REPLY

quizkid
AUGUST
15

This stunt has nothing to do with individuals nervousness at the State Fair. It has everything to do with the NRA and any affiliations with them. Let's make the Libs nervous and take any enjoyment out of the State Fair. Why? Because we enjoy it.

LIKE 51 REPLY

cattailman
AUGUST 15

You are absolutely correct in calling it a stunt. That's all it is.

LIKE 55 REPLY

Gaffer2
AUGUST
15

"They" have to somehow show theirs is bigger.

LIKE REPLY

prariehome
AUGUST 14

Even the Texas state fair bans guns +: "No weapons of any kind are permitted on the fairgrounds. This includes guns, knives, clubs, tasers, etc. Also, all sharp metal objects, such as pocket knives, scissors, and other sharp implements, are strictly prohibited."

Big. Fat. No.

LIKE 97 REPLY

FakeCNN
AUGUST 15

But Florida doesn't, so yes.

LIKE 9 REPLY

cattailman
AUGUST 15

Not so sure about that.

LIKE 5 REPLY

FakeCNN
AUGUST 15

Look up Florida state fair policies. You will then be sure.

LIKE 5 REPLY

pragmatictaf
AUGUST 15

Judging by your moniker, your views are already known to be fake.

LIKE 3 REPLY

twsp7
AUGUST
15

Well if Florida does not ban them, then we certainly should. Florida is the poster state for dysfunction these days.

LIKE 78 REPLY

FakeCNN
AUGUST 15

4th largest GDP. must be doing something right.

LIKE 13 REPLY

faurau

These stats seem more pertinent:

AUGUST
15

There were 1,285 murders in Florida last year. more that 80% committed using a gun.

👍 LIKE 31 ↩️ REPLY

reid
AUGUST
15

Attracts old people with money. Charges highly for the amusement parks.

👍 LIKE 3 ↩️ REPLY

JAM661
AUGUST
15

Well move there if you think it so great. 75% of there money is from tourism. Because of that they have kept the state open so everyone can go down there and get the virus and spread it back home why they enjoy the money. That is responsible. Yep they are doing a great job. It also does not matter what the GDP is when so many live in just horrible conditions down there. The schools suck also. The hospitals are even worse with me almost dying twice because the ER just released me while I was vomiting blood and another with a massive infection in my leg and told me to see my doctor in a week. I made it 30 minutes before I passed out with a 104* and my organs shutting down. Good thing I was in the taxi going home and not home yet where I live by myself. Ps it is impossible to sue down there and I have permanent damage from the infection.

👍 LIKE ↩️ REPLY

rickyn
AUGUST
15

Move there Mr. Fake. No income tax either! Buhbye!

👍 LIKE 1 ↩️ REPLY

naseth12
AUGUST 15

"Florida man..."

👍 LIKE 13 ↩️ REPLY

JAM661
AUGUST
15

There fair sucks and does not have the deep traditions this state has. This is a family event for all and if you need a gun to go because you feel so unsafe then do not go. I do not go to place I do not feel safe and I am not going to buy a gun to deal with my mental health issues of fear just so I can go some place that maybe dangerous.

Meanwhile move to FL if you love it so much.
(the state sucks and I lived there for 15
years).

👍 LIKE ↩️ REPLY

prariehome
AUGUST 15

It's not gonna happen, so you can put your
little cowboy fantasy aside.
In fact, there are very few states fairs that
allow gun carry.

👍 LIKE ↩️ REPLY

ruki444
AUGUST
14

I'd sure like to know who this preacher is that wants guns at the
fair. The idea of bringing guns to the fair is simply insane and
most certainly, anyone who feels the need to bring a gun,
because the fair is so darn dangerous, they should stay home. If
you carry a gun anywhere, you have to be willing to kill because
you can't just pull it out to threaten someone. You have to be
willing to go all the way. When I was at the Texas State Fair, there
were guard towers around the grounds, each with a cop sporting
a scoped rifle. That was creepy enough. That was a good
testament to what happens when you live in a gun-centric place.

👍 LIKE 55 ↩️ REPLY

MetalOdyssey
AUGUST 14

Firearms at most every event are not needed. Unless you're going
hunting or to the range, you do not need to be carrying around in
public.

Seriously, quit making us regular gun owners part of your
romance for a new wild west. You're not helping, you're just
making people uneasy.

👍 LIKE 106 ↩️ REPLY

quizkid
AUGUST
15

That's the point ! Fear.

👍 LIKE 27 ↩️ REPLY

FakeCNN
AUGUST 15

I've carried for 10 years and had to use it twice to
defend my family.

👍 LIKE 15 ↩️ REPLY

cattailman
AUGUST 15

I'm sure you are quick to draw that gun at
any moment. Anecdotal point not well taken.

👍 LIKE 54 ↩️ REPLY

chavista
AUGUST
15

I'm almost 80 and have never needed a gun
to protect my family and that includes living
several years in one of the most dangerous
countries on earth.

👍 LIKE 67 ↩️ REPLY

FakeCNN
AUGUST 15

Lucky I guess

👍 LIKE 40 ↩️ REPLY

elind56
AUGUST 15
I'm almost 70 and have never needed a fire extinguisher to protect my home and family. But I still keep several on hand.

LIKE 30 REPLY

pragmatictaf
AUGUST 15
Just not a liar.

LIKE 1 REPLY

pragmatictaf
AUGUST 15
Because an accidental fire is the same as you pulling your gun on someone you might have a disagreement with?

The vapid logic is expected.

LIKE 4 REPLY

reid
AUGUST 15
chavista: Minneapolis/St. Paul?

LIKE 1 REPLY

md56482
AUGUST 15
Nice deflection Elind. How many people have been killed by a fire extinguisher other than when someone was storming the Capitol?

LIKE 2 REPLY

rickyn
AUGUST 15
Sooo, will you bring your fire extinguisher to the state fair??

LIKE 3 REPLY

Gaffer2
AUGUST 15
How many people have been killed by an errant fire extinguisher discharge?

LIKE 1 REPLY

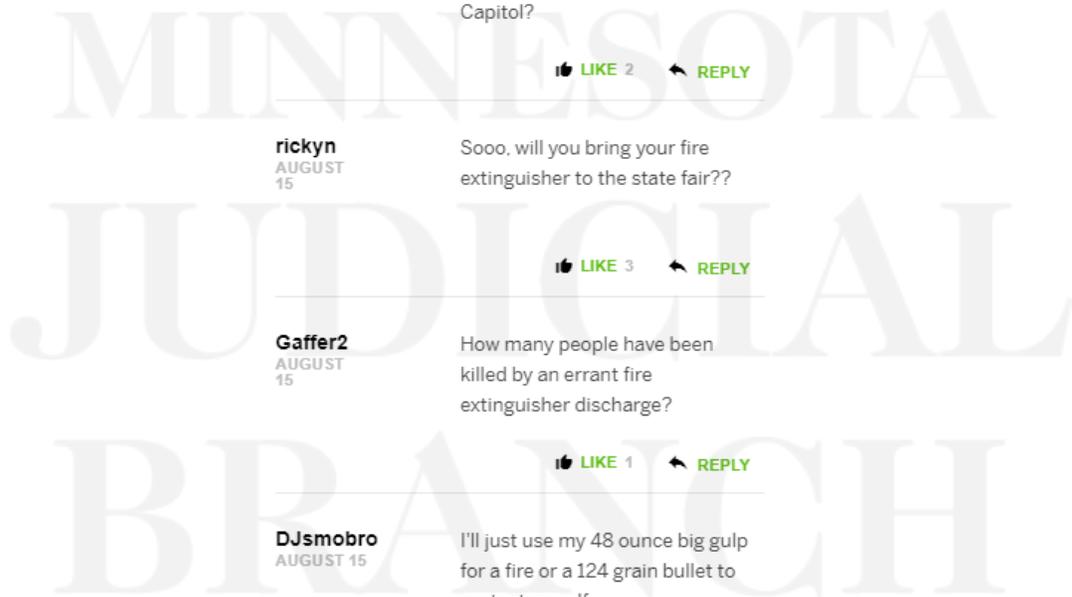
DJsmobro
AUGUST 15
I'll just use my 48 ounce big gulp for a fire or a 124 grain bullet to protect myself.

LIKE REPLY

frozenpond
AUGUST 15
Were you at the State Fair either time?

LIKE 18 REPLY

evlded
AUGUST 15
Likely against one of your unarmed neighbors over a parking dispute or some other absurd reason. You're no hero



 LIKE 2  REPLY

md56482
AUGUST 15

If you've had to use a gun twice in 10 years to defend yourself it's either your problem or you're living in the wrong place. I'm 66 and I've never needed a gun to defend myself.

 LIKE 2  REPLY

rickyn
AUGUST 15

Proof that the state fair doesn't want you armed! I have walked around unarmed my whole life and never needed a gun.

 LIKE 2  REPLY

JAM661
AUGUST 15

Well I am a 100% service connected disabled Veteran and never felt a need to have a gun. Needing a gun is more about having a sense of control, fear and our mental health issues.

 LIKE 1  REPLY

Gaffer2
AUGUST 15

Uh, squirrels in your back yard don't count.

 LIKE 1  REPLY

nofascistmn
AUGUST 15

Explain the threads. Genuinely curious how that came about.

 LIKE  REPLY

twsp7
AUGUST 15

Well said. These children and their toys embarrass folks like us who have owned firearms for decades and find this extreme fascination with firearms pathological.

 LIKE 55  REPLY

Robb1960
AUGUST 15

I'm honestly not worried about "serious gun owners". Good people can have certain firearms, and I believe most will use them, or not, responsibly. I'm worried about people, who have access to firearms, who are anything but "responsible."

 LIKE 1  REPLY

BallFour
AUGUST 14

Too scared to attend the fair, go to a concern, the movies or anywhere else? Stay home. Then you don't have to wear a mask. Win-win.

 LIKE 62  REPLY

GregW57
AUGUST 14

I'm not so sure... You never know when you run into a dangerous 4 H'er..... And the cow barns? Certainly a gang hangout...

 LIKE 44  REPLY

moonvalley
AUGUST 14

What is wrong with people? Stay at home with your guns... Just so stupid.

 **LIKE** 61  **REPLY****fonebooth**
AUGUST 14

Guns at the state fair? What a dumb idea...just dumb...bunch of insecure white guys just gotta have a gun on...and for what?

 **LIKE** 61  **REPLY****twsp7**
AUGUST 15

It supplements their self image.

 **LIKE** 26  **REPLY****Korg824**
AUGUST 14

If you don't need a vaccine or a mask because you think God will protect you, why would you need a gun?

 **LIKE** 92  **REPLY****MetalOdyssey**
AUGUST 14

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 **LIKE** 44  **REPLY****sandcounty**
AUGUST 15

Spot on! I've been a hunter and clay target sport enthusiast for over 60 years, and I would never ever think about carrying a gun to an event like the state fair!

 **LIKE**  **REPLY****usrcjpp**
AUGUST 14

The urgency of people to have guns and even carry them everywhere is indicative of the continuing deterioration of our society.

Everyone against everyone.

A true recipe for disaster.

 **LIKE** 51  **REPLY****JAM661**
AUGUST 15

No it shows how we are not dealing with mental health issues because our stupid greedy culture of mostly men feel they need to be in control over others then dealing with there anger and paranoid issues. Basically no one want to take personal responsibility for there own problem they get themselves into. A perfect example a doctor give you pain medication and you take 10 pills and the prescription says to take one and then you get addicted. Well that is not the doctors fault, it is yours. If everyone is going to be checked with a mental detectors then there is no reason for citizens to carry guns.

[LIKE](#) [REPLY](#)**Gaffer2**
AUGUST
15

Ah, JAM661 !!!! Love the keyboard slip with the "mental detectors." But you REALLY are on to something useful.

[LIKE](#) [REPLY](#)**wplettfan**
AUGUST 14

We've been having a Territorial or State Fair since 1854. Why the sudden need to carry at the State Fair in 2021? Is it because there are too many guns out there? Too many POC at the fair? Too much grease? Help me out here.

[LIKE 41](#) [REPLY](#)**dpbeyer**
AUGUST
14

Just say 'No!'

[LIKE 34](#) [REPLY](#)**denlynn**
AUGUST
14

People toting guns at the State Fair? Gunfights to become commonplace? People have gone berzerk.

[LIKE 51](#) [REPLY](#)**dixiecorp**
AUGUST 14

No masks no proof of vaccination and guns? The new great Minnesota get together. Pass

[LIKE 76](#) [REPLY](#)**twsp7**
AUGUST
14

We are talking some pretty insecure people if they cannot be without their firearm while they go the State Fair. Anyone who cannot leave home unless they are packing have personal issues no firearm will ever solve. And I for one am getting pretty sick of kowtowing to these folks and their constant need for guns absolutely everywhere.

[LIKE 106](#) [REPLY](#)**BallFour**
AUGUST 14

It's very clear that when this was written, "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." it was not intended for gun-totin' folks whom Trump has scared with his lies.

[LIKE 54](#) [REPLY](#)**CPM74**
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DC vs Heller was a 2008 SCOTUS ruling that says the 2nd is an individual right. You should keep up to date.

[LIKE 2](#) [REPLY](#)**mplsjim**
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14

We do have far too many guns, and it will take generations to reconcile because now it is too late, the NRA has a collar around our nation.

[LIKE 42](#) [REPLY](#)

kamaura
AUGUST 15

Interesting. What is your definition of too many guns?

LIKE REPLY

polkafan
AUGUST 14

If you're too scared to go to the fair unarmed, you should stay away.
It is foolish to go anywhere you find that dangerous.

LIKE 90 REPLY

F4GIB
AUGUST 14

Random violence is . . . random. It can threaten a person at church, shopping, or fair going.

LIKE 15 REPLY

JoeQuattro
AUGUST 15

You have a better chance of getting hit by lightning at the fair than getting shot by a bad guy there.

LIKE 32 REPLY

Jnekbk
AUGUST 15

Not saying I am in favor of weapons at the fair.....But the fact is almost ALL mass shooting happen in crowded public places....schools, churches, concerts, malls

LIKE 13 REPLY

twsp7
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If you want to live in fear, buy a gun. It won't help anything, though.

LIKE 16 REPLY

pragmatictaf
AUGUST 15

And most mass shootings are done by people who legally purchased guns designed for just that, mass shooting.

LIKE 2 REPLY

polkafan
AUGUST 15

If no one can bring a gun into the fair, there can be no mass shooting there.

LIKE REPLY

twsp7
AUGUST 15

If you own a firearm, you are far more likely to be a victim yourself of firearm violence than if you do not. By a factor of about 6. So who exactly are you keeping safe? Your person or your ego?

LIKE 32 REPLY

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hmmmm the bad firearms for sure

roscoe0000
AUGUST 15

mmmmmm... I've had firearms for over 40 years. never been a victim of firearm violence. And do not intend to be either.

LIKE 13 REPLY

polkafan
AUGUST 15

Never had one, never been a victim of firearms violence. But thanks for sharing your anecdote.

LIKE 14 REPLY

bmwfan
AUGUST 15

And you, yours.

LIKE REPLY

sadie23
AUGUST 15

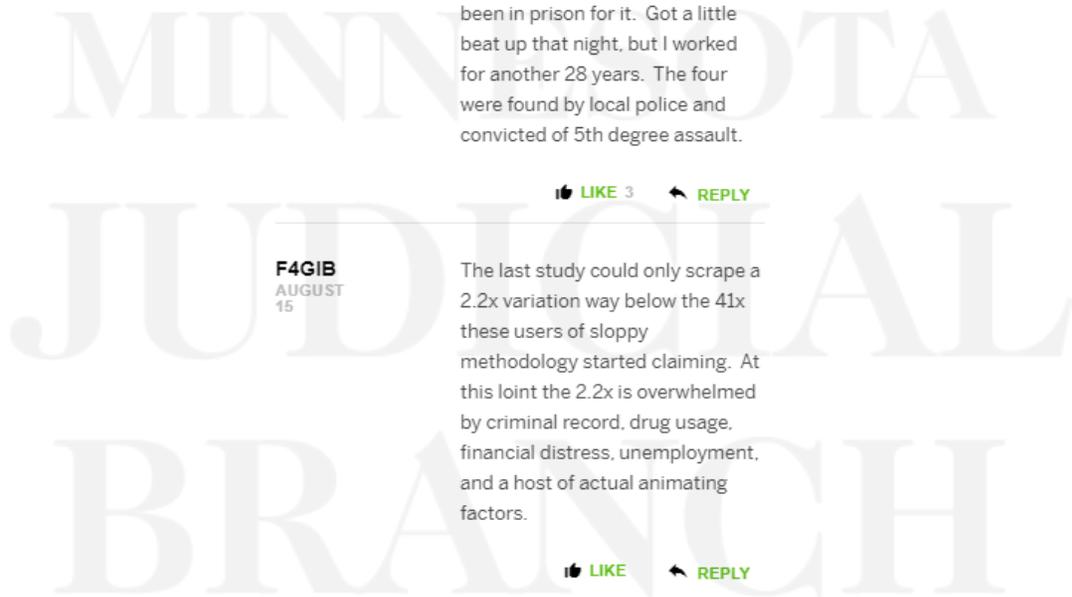
In the early 70's in my 1st yr. of law enforcement I carried an off duty weapon. One weekend I went to visit my brother who was in the military. Because we were going bowling I left the weapon in the motel room. We never made from the parking lot into the bowling alley before getting jumped by 4 locals. I'm convinced that if I had the weapon on me someone would have ended up shot or dead and someone else would have been in prison for it. Got a little beat up that night, but I worked for another 28 years. The four were found by local police and convicted of 5th degree assault.

LIKE 3 REPLY

F4GIB
AUGUST 15

The last study could only scrape a 2.2x variation way below the 41x these users of sloppy methodology started claiming. At this joint the 2.2x is overwhelmed by criminal record, drug usage, financial distress, unemployment, and a host of actual animating factors.

LIKE REPLY





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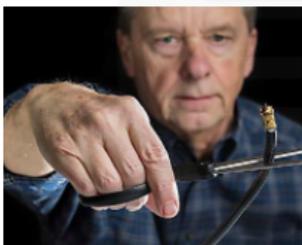
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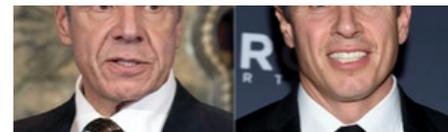
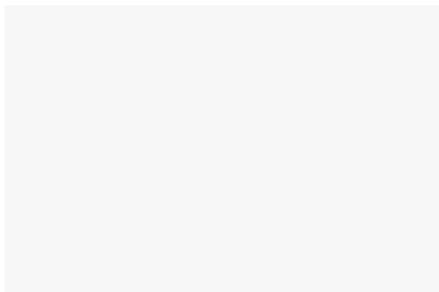
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