

Subject: Re: BS and guns

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Circling back around on guns as a follow up to the Friday morning discussion: the Today show has indicated they definitely plan to ask about guns, and so to have the discussion be more of a news event than her previous times discussing guns, we are going to background reporters tonight on a few of the specific proposals she would support as President - universal background checks of course, but also closing the gun show loophole by executive order and imposing manufacturer liability.

On Friday, October 2, 2015, John Anzalone <john@algpolling.com> wrote:

Here is the BS interview last night on tragedy/guns last night I referenced on the call where he punts on gun manufacturer liability. He also keeps using the term "sensible" gun legislation

MSNBC's All in With Chris Hayes: Bernie Sanders on Gun Control and Oregon Shooting

Link: <http://mms.tveyes.com/PlaybackPortal.aspx?SavedEditID=5d507cd6-3074-4f06-aabe-41c26000012a>

Rough Transcript

CHRIS HAYES: i just spoke with presidential candidate Bernie Sanders, vermont senator, and i asked him for his reaction to today's mass shooting.

BERNIE SANDERS: you know, chris, i saw the president's statement. and i know him well enough to know that this was very personal for him, that he is disgusted, he is angry, he is sick and tired, as we all are, of sending our condolences to the families of people who have been murdered in cold blood. and the president is right. condolences are not enough. we've got to do something. we have to stop shooting at each other. we need sensible gun control legislation. and by the way, we need to significantly improve mental health services in the united states of america. and i pledge to do everything that i can in both of those areas.

CHRIS HAYES: yeah, if you were elected president is this something that would be a priority for you? have you thought about how you go about putting in place the policies that could reduce the amount of mass shootings we see?

BERNIE SANDERS: well, i don't think anyone has all the answers, but i think some of the components are first of all guns should not be in the hands of people who should not have them. people who have criminal records, people who are mentally ill. and that means we need a very strong instant background check

system. number two, we have a huge loophole right now in gun legislation in that unlicensed gun dealers can sell guns at these gun shows. that's the gun show loophole, which has to be eliminated. and in my view, which is somewhat controversial, i don't think in this country we should be selling or distributing weapons of mass -- weapons that are designed just to kill people, automatic weapons, military type weapons. and that's what i voted for. but what we need, chris, as a nation is to get beyond the shouting. some people want to ban every gun in america and some people believe in nothing at all. i think the vast majority of the american people, as the president indicated, including gun owners, and i know that's true here in vermont, want sensible gun control legislation and they also believe that we should have more access to mental health facilities and counselors than we presently do. the bottom line is if somebody is suicidal, somebody is homicidal, you've got to make sure that person gets care and attention immediately, not two months from today.

CHRIS HAYES: you reference that your constituents in vermont, a state of course you represent, that's a state that it's my understanding of the statistics has relatively high levels of gun ownership, relatively low levels of gun violence. compared to some other states.

BERNIE SANDERS: yeah.

CHRIS HAYES: you also -- you voted for some gun safety legislation and against others. you voted for the brady bill, for instant background checks, against a bill that would have allowed lawsuits against gun companies. has your thinking on this evolved over time? have you been influenced in how you think about it in discussions with your constituents who are gun owners?

BERNIE SANDERS: well, i think we are all disgusted and horrified by these mass killings. and as the president indicated, we're tired of sending condolences and we know that it could happen tomorrow, it could happen again a month from now. i have voted as i said a moment ago for what i think is the most important provision, and that is strong instant background checks to make sure that people who should not have guns do not have guns. and i have voted to eliminate this gun show loophole, which is what we have got to do. and i think, chris --

CHRIS HAYES: but the fact --

BERNIE SANDERS: -- that at the end of the day --

CHRIS HAYES: if i could just say, senator --

BERNIE SANDERS: yes.

CHRIS HAYES: there's two things about this. one is it strikes me it may prove to be a more difficult policy problem than we're prepared to admit about keeping guns out of the hands of the wrong people. and it may be that that isn't enough. the sort of items that you've indicated, that if we need to take a more robust approach like, say, in australia or england, which the president mentioned today.

BERNIE SANDERS: well, i don't -- i don't know that anybody knows what the magic solution is. what we do know is the current situation is not tenable. it is clearly not working. and as the president indicated we can and must do a lot better. i believe -- i'll tell you what else i believe. you can sit there and say i think we should do this and do that states in this country where but you've got a whole lot of people want virtually no gun control at all. and if we are going to have some success we are going to have to start talking to each other. and here's what i think is the good news, that i think there is a consensus for serious gun control including among people who own guns. and i think that's what we have to bring about. and the fact we have folks in congress who don't even want us to get information about shootings in this country and fatalities, that's pretty crazy stuff. so i think the job is to bring people together and say yes, we've got to move forward, we've got to move forward aggressively, stop the shouting and let's work together to do something that's realistic.

CHRIS HAYES: senator Bernie Sanders.

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Subject: Accomplishments for 8AM

Dear all,

Please see the below foreign policy accomplishments, for discussion on today's 8am call.

Thanks!

Kate

She has a long list of accomplishments, but to name 3...:

- She built the toughest sanctions regime on Iran in history, twisting arms in China, Russia, and dozens of other countries, to force Iran to the negotiating table. And when pressure started working, she sent her closest aides to explore a deal that would cut off Iran's path to a nuclear weapon.
- She personally negotiated an end to Hamas rockets raining down on Israel in 2012 and worked to build stronger defense programs for Israel, including upgrading the Iron Dome rocket defense system, which has saved the lives of so many Israelis.
- She fought to make women's rights a priority in international relations. She stood up against sex trafficking of women and children, intervened in Saudi Arabia to prevent child marriage, and led the fight for a UN Security Council resolution to combat sexual violence against women and children around the world that passed unanimously.

...And 3 more....

- She oversaw negotiation and worked to ensure ratification of the New START treaty, which will make the world safer by reducing U.S. and Russian nuclear arsenals to their smallest size in 50 years.
- She helped build the unprecedented global effort to combat climate change, joining with President Obama to stand up to the Chinese in Copenhagen and get them to take responsibility for the first time, resulting in last year's major climate agreement.
- She stood up to Russia, China, and Iran on internet freedom and fought for the "freedom to connect" around the world.