

President Obama's Latest Stunt Proves His Position on Gun Control is Embarrassing

President Obama commuted a record 214 federal prison sentences on Thursday, August 4, 2016 based on his tired, overused premise of releasing non-violent drug offenders back into the general public. The White House has been touting the President's ambitious monthly commuting as a step in the right direction for overall criminal justice reform. President Obama has now proven to be the most prolific pardoner in recent American history. The problem? By urging the public to look upon these criminals as "non-violent," this administration is giving Americans a skewed version of the facts. We can thank President Obama for commuting so many felons this month because it gives us a large enough cross-section of the type of people he considers "non-violent."

The "Washington Post" published a list of each criminal commuted this month and his/her crime, sentence, and commutation on August 3, 2016. The majority of those crimes were possession and/or distribution of drugs, primarily cocaine not marijuana, as the White House would lead us to believe. However, fifty-six of those crimes were coupled with felony firearm possession. Apparently, these criminals were arrested BEFORE they became "violent."

It is shocking that the same President who constantly cries for tougher gun laws does not seem to understand that by bypassing current gun laws, he is actually fighting against his own policy. On January 5, 2016, the White House released the President's remarks on "common-sense gun control," in which he spoke forcefully about the necessity to reduce gun crime in America. This speech was special. It was the five-year anniversary of the horrible mass shooting in Arizona that almost took the life of Congresswoman Gabby Giffords. On January 8, 2011, Jared Lee Loughner, killed six people and wounded an additional thirteen, apparently targeting Giffords who he shot point-blank in the head. It is important to note that several years prior, Loughner had been arrested for drug possession. The connection between drugs and guns is unequivocal. So, when the President frees fifty-six people in one month, who were both selling and/or using drugs and carrying firearms, we must question his dedication to his own policy of "common-sense gun control." It does not take a lot of common sense to see where this is a major problem.

This country was created under a Constitution, by definition in the Merriam-Webster Dictionary a "system of beliefs and laws by which a country, state, or organization is governed." The United States Constitution provides for many rights including the right to bear arms. There has been an extensive system of laws set up to safely protect this right. The President would lead you to believe these laws are not enough to prevent gun crime in our great nation. How can a man who puts fifty-six gun law offenders back onto the street before their lawful prison sentences are completed suggest that our current laws are not enough?

The President's "common-sense gun control" propaganda is laughable considering his latest stunt. Gun control is a non-existent issue. What we really need is government control.