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If you are concerned that our legislators seem to care less and less about the constitution as the standard of this great country's laws

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If you ever feel you don't have time to take action or are afraid that your voice alone can't make a difference.

We

-track those bills that undermine our individual liberties, states' rights, and national sovereignty.

-provide correspondence to let your elected officials know in seconds that you will not stand for it - combining your voice with thousands.

-notify you how they really voted so we are no longer at the mercy of relying on their silence, excuses, or public relations machines.

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The fight over gun control is not just about guns.

A few months ago, the United Nations convened a conference to pass a "Small Arms Treaty." Many were concerned, both those who cherish their 2nd amendment rights, and those who hold sacred the protections guaranteed in the Bill of Rights.

Yet many deny these events and tell us our worries are



delusions. "Oh, no, no, these rumors have been flying for three years and nothing has happened, just a paranoid myth. Doesn't exist."

But then we hear, "This is about curbing international illegal trade. Not individual ownership." And...

"The UN doesn't control us."

"This is just about tanks and rockets and such."

The bait&switch and the vague wording tell a different story.

This UN Statue in DC says it all. The conference did happen, the text was finally released, and nestled among the list of tanks, helicopters, and missile launchers were "small arms and light weapons." Mixed in with the assurances of sovereignty was acknowledgement of a country's right to defense, but not the individual's. There's also international sharing of records and a mandate to control "illicit weapons," while it never clarifies who defines what is illicit.

If the treaty is so innocent, why the subterfuge?

For a moment, we heard good news: the treaty didn't pass. So we were told. Those following the issue celebrated as news outlets reported the conference disbanded. Three weeks later, a small notice, only minisculely covered: the treaty has been ratified after all. But that is not the end of it. Former UN ambassador John Bolton said, the UN "is trying to act as though this is really just a treaty about international arms trade between nation states, but there is no doubt that the real agenda here is domestic firearms control."

This March: another round of conferences, and the post-election US leaders are pushing aggressively forward.

We at Loyal 9 are concerned. We are concerned by the threat to the right of ownership. We are concerned that the trampling of the Bill of Rights undercuts its ability to protect us on any issue. We are concerned by the secretive process that obviously intentionally undermines transparency and protection.

We *should* be comforted by the fact it still needs ratification by the senate, and that the Constitution should still trump

international treaty. But it's hard to find hope in the stewardship of the senate when in the last year they have passed bills to limit the right to assemble to protest; to empower the IRS to blacklist travelers; that mandates trackers in all vehicles; that allows CIA to collect ALL electronic communication; and that is following up their public disgrace of SOPA and its internet killswitch with an even more invasive bill, that until now has been barely reported upon.

It is time to stop the Arms Treaty, time to fight further encroachments of the constitution, time to roll back the bills mentioned above.

Please join us in this battle to save the soul of our country and the liberties it must always promise. Loyal9.org