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Observations from the Stand

Shall not be infringed.

The Maine Constitution reads

Every citizen has a right to keep and bear arms and this right shall never be questioned.

The United States Constitution reads

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.

Let's start with Maine, it's quite clear, in fact, couldn't be more clear, now let's breakdown the 2nd Amendment.

The people of the United States are in fact, already a "Well Regulated", public, the thousands of laws already on the books bare this out, and is an absolute fact, the Law Abiding gun owning Citizens of this Country, are the most regulated of all, there are more laws pertaining to firearms ownership, than most of the myriad laws covering daily life of our citizens combined.

Guess what, criminals don't follow law, any law, so the thought that new ones will make criminals stop, is insanity by definition.

Now the phrase "well regulated militia", let's look at the definition, "An armed force, made up of the law abiding citizenry, to supplement the regular army".

Which brings their own arms and supplies to whatever fight they are called for, hence the "the right of the people, to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed".

Now I know some, would have you think, that our Founding Father's, the Writers of our Constitution only meant the tools of their own time were to be utilized, when in fact, our Founding Father's had the vision, and foresight enough to craft a document, that lived and breathed, to think that they didn't have the vision on technological changes in the future is just pure nonsense.

If a Citizenry militia were to be called upon, they would need the tools of the day, and yes, that includes that scary black thing.

This Country has a problem, and if those that considered themselves smart, would focus on the real problem, not the political one, we might make real progress, our incarceration rate is among the highest in the world, and the vast majority of that has nothing to do with guns, we have among the worst mental health care in the world, if we began to address just some of these areas, we would see real progress.

If one actually cared to look at facts, our violent crime rate is down, including gun crime, yes I get it, tragedies such as Lewiston should never happen, and unfortunately when they do, emotions understandably take over, but they shouldn't, a full investigation of the facts should be done, and it was clear, many dropped the ball, and not one single new law you could ever think of, would have changed the outcome, laws were already in place, and not utilized.

We have all the appropriate law in place to stop any crime, I ask you, do criminals follow any law?

I urge you to not pass this legislation!