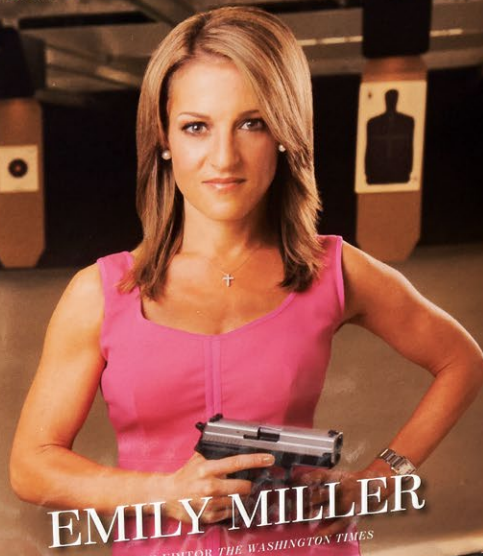


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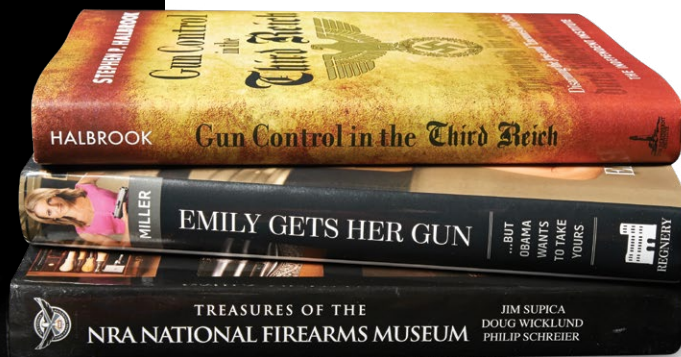
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“Gun Control In The Third Reich”

by STEPHEN HALBROOK

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“GUN CONTROL IN THE THIRD REICH” is an outstanding and important book. Author Stephen Halbrook precisely and persuasively demonstrates how anti-gun laws enacted with good intentions by democratic governments can destroy democracy and the rule of law itself.

Nazi gun control has long been an important topic in the American debate over the Second Amendment. Because of the Nazi example, when Congress in 1941 passed the Property Requisition Act, to allow the federal government to requisition property for national defense, Congress specifically forbade use of the act to take citizens’ guns, or to require any additional registration of firearms.

In modern gun control debate in the United States, gun prohibition advocates have always attempted to dismiss the lessons of German history. The prohibitionists insist that the Nazis could have accomplished all of their objectives without confiscating guns, and that resistance to the Nazis would have been futile.

The Nazis thought otherwise, as Halbrook meticulously details. The Nazis treated totalitarian control over gun

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ownership, and complete disarmament of all potential opponents, as an essential part of their program of subjugating the German people.

The story begins not in 1933, when Hitler seized power, but in the immediate aftermath of World War I in 1918, when German society temporarily collapsed. Communists attempted to seize power, and fought with bands of ex-soldiers known as the Freikorps. The government, such as it was, attempted to deal with the situation by banning all guns in civilian hands. Even so, the violent criminal elements (particularly the Nazis and Communists) seemed to be able to obtain arms.

A decade later, the Weimar Republic formally re-legalized gun ownership. A 1928 law required a license for the acquisition of a firearm, or for the purchase of ammunition. All licenses were registered, so the ammunition requirement had the effect of providing the government with a list of people who already owned guns. In 1931, the government further tightened the laws against carrying any arm (even a knife or truncheon) in public, and authorized the German states to require retroactive registration of all firearms.

One German citizen who dutifully complied with the new laws was Alfred Flatow. He was a Jew, a German infantry veteran, and he had represented Germany at the 1896 Olympic Games, winning Gold and Silver Medals in parallel bar events.

The Weimar government itself had worried about the dangers of registration lists falling into the hands of extremists. On Jan. 30, 1933, Adolf Hitler was lawfully appointed chancellor of Germany. When the government itself fell into the hands of extremists, so did the registration lists. The lists were quite useful for the Nazi confiscations.

Almost immediately upon seizing power, the Nazis began using the registration lists to seize guns, knives and other arms from members of other political parties, especially the Social Democrats.

Over the next five years, the Nazis worked methodically to force all elements of society into line. For example, independent gun or shooting sports clubs were outlawed. Instead, clubs were to be registered with the state, ruled by a Nazi political officer. Many clubs disbanded instead.

The Weimar gun control laws were so useful to the Nazis that they did not bother to revise them until March 1938. The 1938 law was presented to the public by Nazi-controlled newspapers as liberalizing gun ownership, although it did just the opposite, further ensuring that only the Nazis and their politically reliable supporters could have arms.

In October 1938, the Nazis used the arms registration lists to complete the disarmament of the Jews. Although Alfred Flatow had fully complied with every law, he was arrested and turned over to the Gestapo. He died in 1941 in the Theresienstadt concentration camp.

On Nov. 8-10, 1938, the Nazis unleashed Kristallnacht (government-orchestrated mob violence against the Jews), whom the Nazis had meticulously ensured would have no arms for self-defense. Registration had led to confiscation. Now, the extermination was beginning.

As for the rest of the German population, resistance might have been possible in 1933-34, but now it was too late. The nation that had once been among the most civilized and tolerant in the world was now disarmed and supine, under the totalitarian jackboot.

Learn the whole story in "Gun Control in the Third Reich." It's an important book in today's political climate.

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