



Stupidity: A Most Useful Thing

By Corey Graff, Executive Director

As of the date of this writing (April 2012), there are 802 businesses on that list. You know how popular those coupon books are? How much would you be willing to pay to see a list of businesses who hate your Constitutional rights and are managed by a bunch of arrogant dolts who would rather see you slaughtered in cold blood than be able to defend yourself? That would be priceless, would it not?

When a business posts a sign prohibiting those with concealed weapons permits from entering — people who have cleared an FBI background check and are essentially a private, all-volunteer citizen security force of good guys — you know you’re dealing with a business owner who is plum stupid.

Imagine advertising your anti-gun views in a state like Wisconsin where gun deer season is virtually a national holiday. That’s not the smartest marketing move one can make.

But if losing money isn’t reason enough to wise up, how about self-preservation? Surely the desire to live is compelling enough to make even these most intellectually bankrupt people change their asinine ways. *Nope, they don’t get that, either.* They freely advertise to every scoundrel in the city that they’re unarmed and an easy target. *Now that’s dumb.*

Those who manage Aldi’s grocery store in Milwaukee should have learned this tough lesson recently when they were robbed by a man wielding a shotgun. The robber was either illiterate and couldn’t read

the NO WEAPONS sign Aldi’s had posted at the entrance, or he very well read the sign and ignored it — acting like every other criminal by targeting a location where no one could shoot back.

But someone did shoot back. A customer had entered despite the signs and was able to thwart the robbery because he carried a concealed handgun.

Aldi’s should have learned the lesson and removed the signs. *They should have wised up.* But based on latest reports, they simply moved the signs from the outside door, to an inside door (where they would be visible to fewer criminals?).

You see, even a brush with death or major tragedy wasn’t enough to make these stupid people see the error of their ways — they aren’t just stupid, but defiantly stupid.

And so mine is a love-hate relationship with the NO GUNS signs. On the one hand they stand like monuments to man’s inbecility and hubris — places where defenselessness is policy and actually celebrated.

On the other hand, it’s a useful thing when idiots advertise themselves. It makes it easy to avoid them. And what could be smarter — or more useful — than that? 🍷

All those who are defenseless, please raise your hand

It’s not every day that stupid people voluntarily identify themselves in a high visibility manner for all to see. But that’s exactly what the anti-gun businesses all across Wisconsin are doing each time they hang a NO WEAPONS sign on their front door.

But just think what a golden opportunity this is — like the bumper sticker you’ll never see that reads, “Avoid me, I’m a careless and inattentive driver.”

Or a sign on a doctor’s office door that proclaims, “Notice: I cheated my way through medical school and spent the rest of the time sleeping off a hangover.”

Now, I don’t like the NO WEAPONS signs any more than you do. In fact, I dislike them so much I launched the WGO Don’t Buy List Program. This program aims to identify, expose, publicly shame and boycott as many of these businesses across Wisconsin as possible. And it’s working, with more than three dozen businesses having had a change of heart and removing the signs so far.

Yet it’s hard to ignore the usefulness of the Don’t Buy List.

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Wisconsin’s First CCW Case

Milwaukee, Wis. — A Milwaukee man will not face any charges after shooting a robbery suspect at a Milwaukee grocery store after an armed robber began waving a shotgun around, according to reports.

In fact, despite the Aldi’s store being posted against concealed carry, Milwaukee County’s district attorney praised his actions and no charges have been filed.



WGO is fighting no fewer than 14 anti-gun bills in the Wisconsin legislature and congress. Bill Watch details page 7.

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WGO Launches Pro-CCW Signs



PRO-CCW PROPERTY

The new WGO Pro-CCW signs are being posted by businesses statewide and are sending a positive pro-gun message. Details page 5.

WI First CCW Case

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Nazir Al-Mujaahid told 12 News that when he saw a man holding up a sawed off shotgun threatening a cashier in Aldi's, he felt justified in drawing and shooting his concealed carry handgun.

Al-Mujaahid said he'd only had his permit a short time before the incident took place.

"There was a gentleman behind him. I nodded him to get out of the way. Thank God he saw and got out of the way, and that's when I had to fire at the gentleman," Al-Mujaahid said.

He fired six or seven times and made it clear Friday that he stands by his actions.

"The guy dropped the shotgun, dropped the bag of money, and people were safe. That's the most important thing, and I'm not suffering any consequences for practice my constitutional right," Al-Mujaahid said in a Milwaukee Journal Sentinel story.

Reaction to the self-defense shooting was positive. "Now this is why we needed conceal carry and now have it," wrote Bob Wateski at wisconsin-gunowners.org. "It could have been a dead store clerk or some other person if not for this man having his pistol on him and willing to use it to protect another."

According to one witness, Aldi's reacted by moving the weapons prohibited signs but failed to remove them. "That Aldi is in my neighbourhood," wrote one commenter. "They posted the no guns sign again but this time in the inside door. Not outside where it would be most observed initially."

"Guess the next time a shooting happens, collateral damage must



Despite posting a sign prohibiting concealed carry, customers and employees at an Aldi's grocery store in Milwaukee were saved when someone with a CCW permit stopped an armed robber who was wielding a shotgun. Aldi's has not reversed its anti-gun policy.

take place before common sense takes place."

The Journal story reports that Al-Mujaahid did not see the no-CCW sign when he entered the store.

"The surveillance video showed he acted reasonably and in a controlled manner," District Attorney Chisholm said in the Journal story. "He disrupted an act that potentially exposed himself and others to death or great bodily harm. And under the unique facts and circumstances of this case, it would not be appropriate to charge him with any potential crimes or ordinance violations."

From Grocery Shopper to Advocate

After being overwhelmed with support over his actions, Al-Mujaahid is spreading the word about concealed carry through a new website he's launched at ccwadvocates.com.

The site talks about his experience and challenges users to discuss their self-defense plans.

He told 620 WTMJ that, "I think of having to draw my weapon. I think of the cashier. I think of the robber getting agitated, waving his gun around," said Al-Mujaahid.

Meanwhile, the two robbers involved in the Aldi's holdup have been arrested. Both had a history of violent crime and armed robberies in the area.

Editor's Note: Late-breaking... Al-Mujaahid has filed a lawsuit against the Milwaukee PD for the return of his weapon, which he says police have no reason to hold. Stay tuned for further details.



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WGO Bill Watch

Summary of current gun legislation in Wisconsin and congress

Editor's note: To view all gun-related legislation being tracked, with links to bills and last major legislative actions, visit wisconsin-gunowners.org/bill-watch



Wisconsin State Legislature 2011-2012 Session

Bill	Position	Description	Status
AB69/SB79	Support	Castle doctrine.	Passed
AB116/SB71	Oppose	Microstamp requirement for handguns in Wisconsin.	Failed to Pass
AB126/SB90/SB93	Support	Concealed Carry.	Passed
SB134	Oppose	Ban on private handguns sales, mandatory NICS checks for all private handgun sales.	Failed to Pass
SB228	Support	Repeal of mandatory gun cases in motor vehicles and motor boats.	Passed

112th Congress 2011-2012 Session

Bill	Position	Description	Status
HR1540	Oppose	National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012. Indefinite detainment of U.S. Citizens without trial or due process.	Became Public Law No: 112-81
HR3594	Support	The United States should not adopt any treaty that poses a threat to national sovereignty or abridges the right to bear arms.	House Committee on Foreign Affairs.
HR308	Oppose	Rep. McCarthy (D-NY). Large Capacity Ammunition Feeding Device Ban.	Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
HR591	Oppose	Gun Show Loophole Closing Act of 2011.	Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
HR615	Support	Collectible Firearms Protection Act.	Committee on Foreign Affairs
HR1898	Support	Veterans 2nd Amendment Protection Act.	Full Committee
S32	Oppose	Large Capacity Ammunition Feeding Device Ban.	Committee on the Judiciary
S35	Oppose	Gun Show Background Check Act of 2011.	Committee on the Judiciary
S176	Oppose	Common Sense Concealed Firearms Permit Act of 2011.	Committee on the Judiciary
S436	Oppose	Fix Gun Checks Act of 2011.	Crime & Terrorism Cmte.

Gun Owners: Beware Mitt Romney!

Ignore election-year pandering; here are the facts.

“[Semi-automatic firearms] are instruments of destruction with the sole purpose of hunting down and killing people.” *Mitt Romney*

(from his own 7/1/2004 news release)

Romney supports:

- The Brady Registration Act (Boston Globe 6/12/1994)
- Mandatory Firearms ID Cards (Boston Globe 2002)
- 5-day waiting period (Lowell Sun, 3/30/2002)
- Federal Feinstein Gun Ban (Lowell Sun, 3/30/2002)
- Signed the Mass. Semi-Automatic Ban (7/1/2004)



Mitt Romney's own words on gun control

Romney supports tough Massachusetts gun laws

(2002 C-SPAN2 Gubernatorial debate) Note: actual video available on our website

"We do have tough gun laws in Massachusetts; I support them," he said. "I won't chip away at them; I believe they protect us and provide for our safety."

Romney signs permanent ban on Semi-Automatics

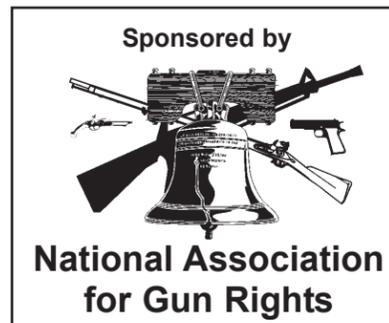
(Gov. Romney's news release, 7/1/2004)

"In a move that will help keep the streets and neighborhoods of Massachusetts safe, Governor Mitt Romney today signed into law a permanent assault weapons ban..."

Romney using Sarah Brady's rhetoric

(Gov. Romney's news release, 7/1/2004)

"These guns are not made for recreation or self-defense," Romney said. "They are instruments of destruction with the sole purpose of hunting down and killing people."



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Milwaukee PD

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This last draconian measure would make Constitutional Carry — carry with no permit — a felony.

"Has Chief Flynn ever read the Constitution he swore an oath to uphold and protect?" asked Corey Graff, executive director of Wisconsin Gun Owners (WGO). "Instead of going after criminals who run rampant throughout Milwaukee,

Chief Flynn is going after an easier target: law-abiding gun owners."

According to Graff, WGO is lobbying to improve Wisconsin's concealed weapons law by modeling it after Alaska's system. They say legislators will begin work soon to revise the law making carry by permit for Wisconsin residents optional for those who want one for reciprocity with other states requiring a permit.

But for Wisconsin residents the

permit will not be required. "As long as you may legally own and possess the gun, you'll be able to carry it," Graff added.

To help WGO improve Wisconsin's CCW law and move toward Constitutional Carry, log on and sign our online petition at <http://wisconsin-gunowners.org/wisconsin-concealed-carry-petition>

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Milwaukee PD Targets Concealed Carry, Demands Law Change

Milwaukee, Wis. — The head of Milwaukee’s police force — notorious anti-gunner Chief Ed Flynn — is demanding changes to Wisconsin’s new concealed weapons law, changes that will seriously infringe the rights of gun owners. This despite the fact that the new law has not caused any problems but has in fact begun to thwart crime.

Even so, Flynn and Milwaukee bureaucrats are determined to concoct problems out of thin air that don’t exist in order to begin to dismantle lawful CCW and turn Wisconsin into a guilty-until-proven-innocent Stalinist state.

Beware of So-Called Felony CCW

One of the so-called proposed “improvements” to Wisconsin’s CCW law would ban anyone with three misdemeanor convictions in five years from obtaining a permit.

However, as Nik Clark of Wisconsin Carry, Inc. pointed out in a recent Milwaukee Journal Sentinel story, “There’s a whole bunch of things that are misdemeanors,” Clark said. “Some of them I don’t think are things that should preclude people from having the right to self-defense. There’s a protester in Madison. He’s protesting Governor Walker and he gets a ticket for



obstruction. That’s a misdemeanor. Let’s say someone is very active politically and they want to go to protest but when they do so three times ... someone gets a disorderly conduct or a disturbing the peace, or any of those misdemeanors.”

Joel Plant, chief of staff with the Milwaukee Police Department, also claimed that anyone who was not convicted of a misdemeanor due to a plea bargain from an original felony charge should not be able to carry a gun.

Anti-gun proponents want to increase the penalty for someone carrying without a permit from a misdemeanor to a felony. “The sanctions they face are not significant,” Flynn said. “No matter how many times they are caught with that gun, the charge is a misdemeanor. It’s a misdemeanor for the first offense, it’s a misdemeanor for a 10th offense. That’s why I say they’re more afraid to get caught without their gun than with their gun.”



WGO Launches Pro-Concealed Carry Sign Campaign

Thanks to the support of the members of Wisconsin Gun Owners, Inc. (WGO), pro-gun businesses can now boldly show their support for concealed carry by posting one of WGO’s new Pro-CCW signs. It’s part of the Wisconsin gun rights organization’s pro-concealed carry campaign.

The signs are part of a new member-support WGO program, in response to the anti-gun signs being posted by some businesses around Wisconsin to prohibit concealed carry. It also aims to counter the anti-gun smear campaign of the Wisconsin Anti-Violence Effort (WAVE), the notorious Milwaukee-based anti-gun group. That organization launched a statewide campaign called SAFE WISCONSIN, which allegedly encourages businesses to post NO WEAPONS signs. In a direct mail letter sent to donors, WAVE wrote:

A ‘dangerous new law allowing the carrying of concealed, loaded weapons in public ... Reckless, dangerous legislation.’ ‘Pro-gun extremists’ acting with a ‘blatant disregard for the impact their recklessness has on people’s lives.’ – Jeri Bonavia, Wisconsin Anti-Violence Effort

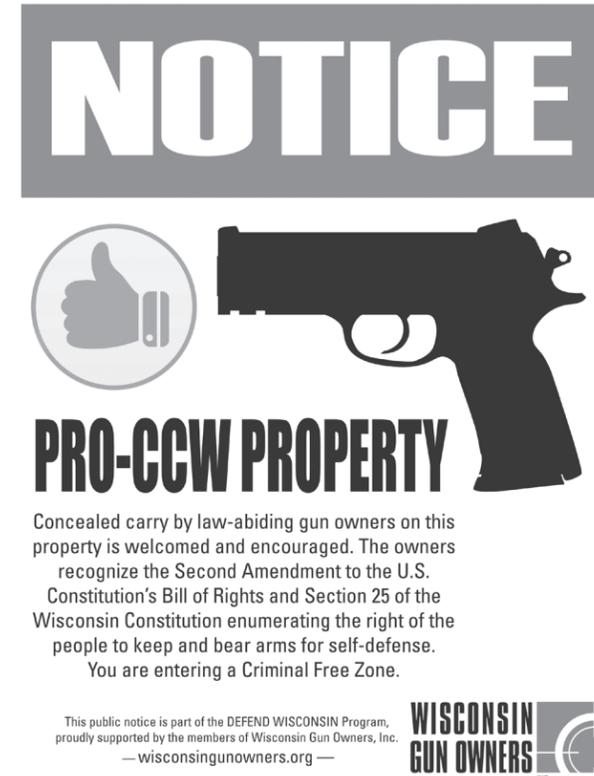
However, according to WGO, businesses duped by this rhetoric are adopting an unsafe policy, which keeps out the very people with the means to deter crime. That was evident recently when an armed robber wielding a shotgun invaded an

Aldi’s grocery store in Milwaukee — a business that prohibited concealed carry. Thankfully, someone was in the store who had not seen the sign and was carrying a handgun. That individual, Nazir Al-Mujaahid, shot several times at the robber causing the suspect to flee. Both suspects

why we’re providing these signs to businesses — to show the public that guns carried by good guys is a good thing, that self-defense is not something we’re ashamed of.”

Last fall, WGO launched its successful Don’t Buy List Program, which to date has listed over 800 anti-gun businesses around the state. These businesses are put on alert that gun owners will no longer patronize them until the signs are removed. To date, nearly two dozen businesses have reversed course and removed the signs, thanks to grassroots pressure from vigilant members of WGO.

The WGO Pro-CCW Signs feature the words NOTICE: PRO-CCW PROPERTY. Below that a paragraph notifies visitors: “Concealed carry by law-abiding gun owners on this property is welcomed and encouraged. The owners recognize the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution’s Bill of Rights and Section 25 of the Wisconsin Constitution enumerating the right of the people to keep and bear arms for self-defense. You are entering a Criminal Free Zone.”



This bold Pro-Concealed Carry sign is now displayed in businesses across Wisconsin, thanks to the generous support of WGO members.

were later apprehended.

“What’s at stake here isn’t just a goofy anti-gun policy that inconveniences gun owners with carry permits,” said Corey Graff, Executive Director of WGO. “What’s on the line is the creation of a statewide network of dangerous Criminal Safe Zones where everyone is forced to be defenseless. That’s

Zone.

To make a donation to get either a 7 X 10-inch window cling or 3.5X4.5-inch window decal of the WGO Pro-CCW sign, visit wisconsin-gunowners.org/pro-ccw-signs