

# **NRA CEO LaPierre: ‘Ridiculous’ to Say Armed Security Makes People Less Safe**

“I call right now today to every citizen who loves this country and treasures this freedom to stand and unflinchingly defend the second amendment”, finished LaPierre to another standing ovation.

In his first public comments since the Parkland shooting that left 17 dead, NRA executive vice president Wayne LaPierre accused gun control advocates within the Democratic Party of seeking to roll back the constitutional right to bear arms.

As happens after most gun massacres, the NRA has come under scrutiny following the school shooting in Parkland, Florida, last week. “They want to make all of us less free”.

Speaking at the Conservative Political Action Conference, LaPierre said that all FBI agents should bare the blame for purported “corruption” in their ranks, seemingly referring to the FBI’s investigation into whether President Donald Trump’s campaign colluded with Russian officials during the 2016 presidential election.

He says opponents of gun rights want to “sweep under the carpet” the failure of school safety, families “and even the unbelievable failure of the FBI” to prevent the shootings. “If they seize power, if these so-called “European socialists” take over the House and the Senate, and God forbid they get the White House again, our Americans freedoms could be lost and our country will be changed forever”. And school children. If they truly cared, what they would do is they would protect them, for them, it is not a safety issue.

“Socialism is a movement that loves a smear”, LaPierre said.

“Lean in, listen to me now, and never forget these words: to stop a bad guy with a gun, it takes a good guy with a gun”.

But it was clear when NRA spokeswoman Dana Loesch was introduced as the first big-name speaker, that LaPierre’s appearance would soon follow. “Now I’m not

saying that you love the tragedy but I am saying that you love the ratings”.

Trump doubled down on his proposal to address school shootings by giving some teachers guns on Thursday, tweeting that it would be a “great deterrent” to killers.

Trump wrote that he is committed to pushing for comprehensive background checks and limiting the age of those buying assault-style weapons.

The NRA is supportive of a bipartisan bill that would provide financial incentives to states and federal agencies to work harder to comply with existing laws that require them to report criminal and mental health records to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS).

The opening day lineup includes Vice President Mike Pence, Marion Le Pen (the niece of Marine Le Pen), and NRA President Wayne LaPierre. Newburgh Gazette <http://newburghgazette.com/2018/02/22/nra-ceo-lapierre-ridiculous-to-say-armed-security-makes/>

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