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Post 9/11 CAN THEY BE SEPARATED?

The dawn of the 21st Century has come and gone.

First there were the concerns of the Y2K bug when the entire modern infrastructure was supposed to collapse at the stroke of midnight. Thankfully all the dark predictions never came to pass. Many people were in fear the predators would come out of their hiding places and prey on the unprepared and unprotected. One of the primary concerns was personal protection of self and Family. Survival from this point on would be handled by stocking up of canned goods, water etc. The thought of what to do when meager supplies run out or were stolen was not even considered in most cases.

Next the ambush attack on 9/11 when we all learned terrorism didn't just happen to someone else, the localized infrastructure surrounding the attack was crippled if not devastated. Never the less most of the affected area was in urbanized locations; our basic survival needs are still the same, most of the affected were in urban areas. Personal protection climbs up the priority scale to the top. Some cases, some places personal protection has to be addressed immediately and confidently.

Most recently we have had the tragedy of the tsunami of 2004, the hurricanes Katrina, Wilma and the follow on flooding of the great city of New Orleans. What happened behind the scenes, before cameras could catch it all on tape was the scared, depraved and unprepared caught in a situation that over whelmed what they understood as reality. People who normally had no problems sustaining themselves found out the harsh realities of a wide scale disaster.

The Middle and upper classes who felt comfortable in their surroundings, safe to do as they normally do, were the most devastated. They elected to stay in place. They had NO Backup plan, NO Survival Skills, NO Personal Protection in the vast majority of cases. The lower and poverty classes were very hard hit as well. Overtime they had become totally dependent on the modern welfare state infrastructure to provide them what they needed. They also had NO Backup plan, NO Survival Skills and NO Personal protection.

Believe it or not, the homeless of the region probably fared the best. While most lacked the abilities of decisive and effective personal protection, they for the most part possessed two very critical skills the others did not. They had a backup plan and the Survival Skills required of them just for their everyday living. When hit by some thing like this, they were not dependent on anyone or anything and they didn't have much to lose or start over from.. This was already their day to day reality: Basic Survival.

As soon as the crisis escalated to the point where the law enforcement infrastructure collapsed, the predators of modern society felt comfortable crawling out of their holes to prey upon those who had no way to protect themselves, their families or their property. The absolute necessity of responsible personal protection became the most important concern. Responsible, trained use of firearms becomes an absolute survival skill that should not be underestimated.

Responsible use of firearms is not just for the military or Law enforcement anymore. Recently a federal law was passed to allow all current and retired law enforcement officers the legal right to bear arms irrespective of local or state lines. The premise being they are trained and experienced and are out there at the tip of the Homeland Defense spear. This law must be expanded to include current and retired card carrying members of the U.S. Military as well. Responsible citizens who take the initiative to obtain firearms should also seek out responsible, comprehensive training in firearms use when the chips are down and survival is at stake.

When the unthinkable happens it's too late to "Shoulda, Coulda or Woulda", been prepared to protect myself, my family and my property. That hesitation or lack of a plan could be the difference between surviving the situation and hiding from predators. The Most dangerous predators in the Urban environment are not what you might be thinking. They are the two-legged, depraved, monsters of modern society that crawl out of places we dare not ask about in polite conversation. Asking these conscience void monsters nicely to "please don't take my Water, Food or clothing, don't hurt my family" is not an option. They are beyond reason. Your ability to survive has been compromised at this point, unless you have a pre-plan and proper personal protection. You are at the mercy of these society monsters. Hence the line between firearms and Survival is blurred into grey.

Moment by moment the priorities of survival change places, survival with firearms during one situation could be your sixth priority, while during another, even a short time later, it could be your number one concern. Every one of us will be faced at some time in our lives with a situation that forces us outside of our comfort zone. Our comfort zones are truly personal and are

defined by many aspects of our lives, Age, Gender, Size, training experience, and where we live. Even our environment plays a major role. Being prepared goes well beyond having material possessions. Being prepared is an absolute necessity, we all should take it seriously and preparedness should not be a concept to ponder but viewed as a way of life to be truly effective.

Making the correct prepared decisions now is critical, not when it's too late for your own survival and that of your families who it's all of our responsibilities to protect. "Shoulda, Woulda, Coulda" are totally unacceptable in the 21st Century. Seek out the training now, invest in a more secure future for us all.

In answer to the title Question: NO, not anymore

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