

Moms Shouldn't Lie.

This year the Million Mom's March will be asking you to donate money and march in their cause. Before you do this there are a few facts that we thought you should know.

They have engaged in theft of taxpayer resources.

Since 1995 they deliberately defrauded the City and County of San Francisco by obtaining huge amounts of office space and logistical support from San Francisco General Hospital under false pretenses. These are resources that could have gone to AIDS research or children burn prevention. Only recently was this charade exposed and they were asked to leave. (4/12/01 - SF Examiner)

They are not what they claim to be.

This so-called "grass roots" organization was founded by Donna Dees-Thomases, a close friend of Hillary Clinton. It originally claimed 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status in early 2000. The same tax status as a church or educational organization. But after the presidential election they converted into a Political Action Committee. It is obvious that it's real purpose, was to support Albert Gore's Presidential campaign by turning out the "soccer mom" vote. [Note that this practice may have placed corporate sponsors in violation of Federal election law](#)

They profit from your volunteering.

According to tax disclosure forms, which they must make available. A large amount of their 600K budget goes to pay salaries and benefits of their directors. But you aren't getting a salary, are you? If they believe in their cause then why aren't they volunteering *their* time?

What about the 10-12 kids a day that they claim die from guns?

In order to arrive this number, you have to include 18 and 19 year old adults – An age group that involves many violent criminals who kill each other or die by defensive gunfire from police or armed citizens. The MMM wants you to think, though, that they're innocent kids who find unattended guns, play with them, and shoot playmates by accident. The actual number, including suicides and accidents, is much less. Among persons aged 0-15 (what most would consider to be "children"), there were 972 gun-related deaths in 1997 (suicide, murder and accident). About 3 deaths per day.

What about accidental shootings?

These are extremely rare. In 1997, there were a total of 138 accidental shooting of children aged 0-14 deaths per year, and 0.38 such deaths per day for children. An while no child's death is acceptable, this is a tiny fraction of the 10 to 13 deaths per day claimed by MMM.. In fact swimming pools kill about 10 times more children than do shooting accidents. Why aren't they marching to ban swimming pools.

Wouldn't we all be safer if there were fewer guns?

Not according to the Department of Justice data. After examining the correlation between guns and crime in over 3,000 U.S. counties from 1977 to 1992 it was showed that the 31 states that adopted "shall issue" concealed carry handgun laws reduced murders, on average, by 7.7 %, rapes by 5 %, aggravated assaults by 7 % and robbery by 3%. If the rest of the states had permitted similar handgun laws, it is estimated that citizens would have been spared approximately 1,570 murders, 4,177 rapes, 60,000 aggravated assaults and 12,000 robberies. Those areas of the country where firearms are more readily available have a lower violent crime rate than areas of minimal firearm ownership.

Don't guns kill thousands of people each year?

Actually, FBI crime statistics show that fully two-thirds of the people who die each year from gunfire are criminals shooting other criminals. Locking up the criminals would dramatically reduce the number of people killed each year and would make our neighborhoods and communities safer. Further as nationwide firearm ownership increased between 1993 and 1997, the homicide rate decreased 29 percent.

What about licensing or registering handguns?

Registering handguns serves no crime-fighting purpose. It only makes life more difficult for honest citizens who seek only to protect themselves and their families. Most violent criminals obtain their guns on the black market and never register their guns. For this reason, even if a firearm is recovered from a crime scene, it cannot be traced back to the criminal. There is an even bigger problem with registering handguns. Based on past events, few gun owners today will comply with such laws. Making them instant criminals. In years past, New York City and Washington D.C. required all residents to register their handguns. Later when politicians banned the ownership of firearms, they had a ready-made list of gun owners to visit.

Self-defense is a basic human right.

Everyone has an inalienable, constitutional and natural right to defend himself or herself, and no one needs a license to exercise this right. Being armed with a firearm is the safest response to a violent criminal. Victims who defend themselves with a firearm suffer lower rates of injury than do those who resist without a firearm, and even lower than those who comply with a criminal's demands. Often, the mere brandishing of a firearm to a criminal was enough to thwart the crime.

This Mothers Day, teach your child not to be a victim of lies. Teach them personal responsibility.