

**ARMED GUARDS PROTECT US CITIZENS FROM FIREARMS
AND POCKET KNIVES
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A friend who is an Internet junkie supplied me with a list he retrieved from some of prerequisites for being a Modern Liberal.

As I perused it I realized how much truth it portrayed. It also reminded me of another friend and his assessment of Liberals. He is a politician and Adirondack outdoorsman who lists four things he hates. In descending order they are: bears, coyotes, porcupines and Liberals. Since he reads this newspaper, I am sure he will enjoy the list as much as I did.

1. You have to be against capital punishment, but for abortion on demand - in short, you support protecting the guilty and killing the innocent.
2. You have to believe that trial lawyers are selfless heroes and doctors are overpaid.
3. You have to believe that guns in the hands of law-abiding Americans are more of a threat than nuclear weapons in the hands of the Red Chinese.
4. You have to believe that global temperatures are less affected by cyclical, documented changes in the brilliance of the sun, and more affected by yuppies driving SUVs.
5. You have to believe that businesses create oppression and governments create prosperity.
6. You have to believe that hunters don't care about nature, but pasty activists who've never been outside of Seattle do.
7. You have to believe that self-esteem is more important than actually doing something to earn it.

8. You have to believe there was no art before federal funding.
9. You have to believe the military, not corrupt politicians start wars.
10. You have to believe the free market that gives us 500+ channels can't deliver the quality PBS does.
11. You have to believe the NRA is bad because it stands up for certain parts of the Constitution, while the ACLU is good because it stands up for certain parts of the Constitution.
12. You have to believe that Harriet Tubman, Caesar Chavez and Gloria Steinem are more important to American History than Thomas Jefferson, General Robert E. Lee or Thomas Edison.
13. You have to believe that standardized tests are racist, but racial quotas and setasides are not.
14. You have to believe that taxes are too low, but ATM fees are too high.
15. You have to believe that Conservatives are racists, but Black people couldn't make it without your help.
16. You have to believe the only reason Socialism hasn't worked anywhere its been tried is because the right people haven't been in charge.

I witnessed the graphic results of the most liberal administration in our country's history in Utica this past August. My better half retired just seven years after I did in 1992. I accompanied her to the Federal Building in Utica where I made my application. In 1992, I was able to walk in

unchallenged in any way or manner, sit in the waiting room in full view of the attendants and wait my turn.

In 1999, we were greeted in the parking lot by an armed guard. Another guard manned a metal detector just inside the door. I had to leave my pocketknife with him and show any metal items on my person. I was given a receipt for the knife, which was redeemed when we left.

A third armed guard sat in the waiting room, which is now isolated from the attendants and their desks. The only thing that hadn't changed since I was there before was the same efficient, helpful lady who waited on us both.

This to me is a sad commentary on the kinder, gentler America we are told we have. This yet from "The most ethical administration in our country's history." What's next?