## Is Firearms Foe Sen. Feinstein Out To Gut Christianity, Asks Washington Post's Gun Dean



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"Is Senate Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Dianne Feinstein now targeting Christians as well as gun owners," John M. Snyder asked rhetorically here today.

The Washington Post and New York Times named Snyder the "dean" of Washington gun lobbyists.

Snyder pointed out that, "The California Democrat for years has been a leading sponsor of anti-gun legislation with her proposals for mandatory national firearms registration and gun owner licensing, bans on semi-automatic firearms, bans on high-capacity ammunition feeding devices, and so on.

"Now it seems she is zeroing in on Christians, specifically Catholics, with her Committee questioning of a Trump nominee to the 7th Circuit of the U.S. Court of Appeals because of the nominee's Christian faith. Feinstein got Amy Coney Barrett in the political crosshairs at a recent hearing. The Senator complained directly to the nominee that, 'the dogma lives loudly within you.'"

Barrett, a Catholic, is a law professor at Notre Dame University.

"Feinstein is concerned about Corbett's opposition to abortion and same-sex marriage, and is part of the politically-correct gang that seems unable generally to appreciate Christian values and that actively opposes them," Snyder said.

"Perhaps the elderly anti-gun, anti-Catholic California Senator, now 84, will become known as the 'Wicked Witch of the West,'" he added.

"On the other hand," Snyder continued, "we can hope and pray that Feinstein and others will see the error of their ways and come to a genuine appreciation of spiritual reality as superior beyond compare with political correctness. Let all of us sinners come to a realization of the truth. Let us all consider deeply the declaration of Jesus Christ that, 'wicked designs come from the deep recesses of the heart: acts of fornication, theft, murder, adulterous conduct, greed, maliciousness, deceit, sensuality, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, an obtuse spirit. (Mark 7:21-22).'

"Let all consider, also, St. Paul's warning that, without repenting, 'no fornicators, idolaters, or adulterers, no sodomites, thieves, misers, or drunkards, no slanderers or robbers will inherit God's kingdom (1 Corinthians, 6:9-10).'"

"I think whatever a religion is, it has its own dogma," declared the California senator during Barrett's confirmation hearing. "And I think in your case, professor, when you read your speeches, the conclusion one draws is that the dogma lives loudly within you, and that's of concern when you come to the big issues that large numbers of people have fought for years in this country."

"Professor Barrett has argued that a judge's faith should affect how they approach certain cases. Based on this Sen. Feinstein guestioned her if she could separate her views from the law, particularly regarding women's reproductive rights."

But professor Barrett is already on record, and widely quoted, that a judge should recuse himself or herself when deliberating a case that conflicts with his or her religious convictions.

Most fundamental, however, is a judge's willingness and ability to think clearly, rigorously and honestly. It is on this test — clear, rigorous and honest thought — we find the failure on the side of Sen. Feinstein

A practicing Catholic, Snyder has been named "a champion of the right of self-defense" by the Washington Times, the "gun dean" by Human Events, and "the senior rights activist in Washington" by Shotgun News. The Trace designated him a power broker.

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