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Gun Grabbing G-Men

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The FBI itches to take away your guns.

Or at least some people's guns. That's what recent revelations indicate, anyway.

What happened is that FBI agents got at least 15 people — it could be many

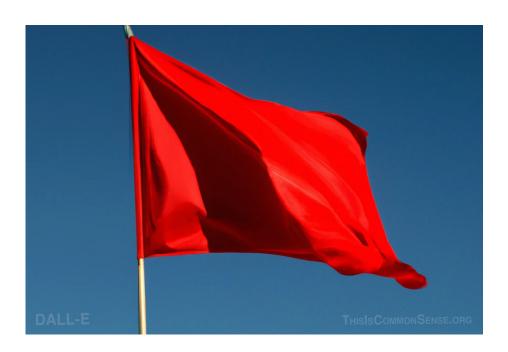
more — to sign away their rights to obtain and possess firearms. Specifically, we read at *The Epoch Times*, "FBI officials had Americans fill out a form that said they want the FBI to make it

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illegal for them to purchase or own guns forever because of a mental health condition."

Yes, it's a strange case.

"We've learned the FBI had no business disarming these individuals. They did not pose a threat to society. The FBI actions were wholly unlawful," explained Aidan Johnston, president of a national firearms rights group, Gun Owners of America. GOA demands that "the FBI remove the records from the background check



database by Oct. 8 and that Congress enforce the removals."

This is all about Red Flag laws and similar legislation, such as the "federal law [prohibiting] shipping, transporting, receiving, or possessing any firearm or ammunition" by anyone who has been "adjudicated as a mental defective" or "committed to a mental institution." But these people were not adjudicated on any status like that. Somehow the FBI pressured them to "give up their rights" — which technically cannot be done.

But can be, in practice.

I said it was a strange case. Senator Rand Paul (Ky-R) highlighted the strangeness on Fox News, noting the legal puzzle of "how someone that's mentally incompetent to own a gun could be competent to sign away their gun rights."

More reasons to distrust the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

This is Common Sense, I'm Paul Jacob.