

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.