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For anyone who's wondering why congress won't pass a single bill to help keep mass shootings down I have to tell you it has more to do with religion than anything else and I'll tell you why but if you really want to know you're going to have to take a couple of minutes out of your life to read this.

Up until the end of WWII Christians pastors in America accepted that the founding fathers were in favor of separation of church and state and for the most part they honored that and stayed out of politics. That was only until after the war when in 1949 Israel was given back to the Jews. At that point a faction of the more radical sect saw that as a sign that the apocalypse predicted in the bible is about to happen. According to the bible there's going to be a period of major catastrophes including floods, droughts, earth quakes, and other disasters. They'll be so bad that it will cause world wide famine and economies will collapse. Before that happens Christians are supposed to prepare for it by having places to go where they'll be safe with stockpiles of food and whatever else they'll need. They'll also need to be well armed to protect themselves from looters and thieves. David Koresh and his followers in waco Texas were an example of people who truly believed that and were preparing for the apocalypse. You may have noticed that Fox news and a lot of conservatives took sides against the FBI for that raid and you'll understand why in a moment. After WWII Christian leaders in America were trying to figure what they should do about the Jews getting their country back. Protecting Israel was definitely on the agenda but they also wanted to make sure Christians were prepared for the ensuing chaos from the apocalypse and they also wanted to convert as many people as possible before it happens. For them getting people converted and saved was a lot more important than the laws and the Constitution of the United States so they were open to just about anything in regard to how to accomplish that goal. The next thing they decided was they were going to have to get conservatives elected to high places in order to make sure America would never let Israel fall to Mideast threats and second to start steering the government toward their agenda of biblical law. Within the next ten years they had a coalition large enough to get a candidate for president who would support their conservative ideology and that man was Barry Goldwater. In the early sixties they tried and failed to get him elected so that put them back at the drawing board. They had to figure out how to get more people in the newly forming conservative movement so in the early seventies Goldwater's campaign manager, a man named Paul weyrich founded the Heritage foundation funded by a few corporations including the Coors brewing company. The primary goal of that foundation was to figure out how to get more people in their movement which they accomplished when the foundation came up with the idea of recruiting a rising popular pastor by the name of Jerry Falwell. It would be his job to get as many other pastors in the country as he possibly could to join the movement and it would be each recruited pastor's job to bring in as many of their flocks as they could and that worked very well for them. By the eighties they had enough followers to get Ronald Reagan elected and by the nineties they had nearly taken over the Republican party. In two thousand seven they had enough members to start staging rallies where the protesters were called "tea baggers" in reference to the Boston tea party. Those people were organized by their pastors to get out and protest against abortion and taxes, and also in favor of second amendment rights. With the help of the conservative news channel "Fox News" the rallies were given a lot exposure and that brought in even more members. What a lot of us watching those rallies were fascinated by was their obsession with guns. What we didn't realize at the time was that the guns were related to their religious beliefs in regard not only to preparing themselves for the apocalypse but also for a possible revolt and subsequent overthrow of the government. Those followers have been lead to believe that America has to be proclaimed a Christian nation and its laws must reflect Christian values or in other words they want biblical law to replace the constitution. By the elections in two thousand eight they had enough control in congress that they earned the title of being the tea party caucus but since then they have changed their name to the Freedom Party. Before the Reagan era democrats and republicans worked out compromises and passed bills that neither side was totally happy with but at least they could get bills passed. What we now have is a tea party faction of congress that refuses to compromise in the way previous congresses have so unless a bill is introduced that both sides totally agree on in every way nothing is going to get passed. In regard

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to gun control you'd think a compromise could be reached on that issue in light of all the massacres and school shootings but that probably won't happen either. That's because the tea party representatives are not going to allow any bill to pass that would prohibit Christians from buying and stockpiling the weapons they think they'll be needing to prepare for the apocalypse. Their answer to the shootings is to keep praying for the mass shootings to end because they have no intention of passing any legislation that would place any limits on gun ownership. So you might be thinking that they could at least pass a bill for background checks but that's not an option either. The problem there is that they want to keep the option of overthrowing the government open and they can't have a well equipped army of people ready to overthrow the government if those people can't pass a background check. That may have made you laugh at the absurdity of it but that's how serious they are. They know they won't get a lot of average Christians participating in something as big as an overthrow of the government but there is a faction of Christians who would and that faction is white supremacists and people who are active in underground militias. Supremacists like the KKK, skinheads, and other groups across the country believe that minorities and people of other faiths aren't real Americans and shouldn't even be allowed vote much less run for office. Some of those people have been stockpiling weapons and training out in the woods for years and they would happily join in on a revolution. The problem for the tea party is that a lot of those people are on government watch lists due to being part of known subversive groups of potentially dangerous people so it's important to them to stop surveillance on those people. They want them out buying as many guns as they can and they want them doing it without having to pass a background check that would raise a red flag for anyone monitoring the applications. As a result tea party congressmen are doing everything they can to stop background checks and to keep loopholes open that would allow all Christians to buy whatever they need including military grade weapons regardless of the person's mental state and especially of their prior history of violence. They're actually trying to get more things legalized instead of less. Things like silencers, bump stocks, armor piercing bullets, and I'm sure they'll be pushing for full automatic weapons sometime in the future. The tea party caucus in congress will never let on that supremacists and radicals are part of their base but they're actually an important part of it because they would be the soldiers if a successful revolt were ever to occur. White supremacists know that and have embarrassed president Trump by telling him how much they support him. Another thing that confirms this is that since the Russia scandal we've seen conservatives attacking the FBI in defense of the president but there's actually a lot more to it than that. In reality conservative politicians are a lot more concerned with protecting their base than they are of protecting the president. The reason for that is that the FBI has watch lists and conduct surveillance on Americans who might be domestic terrorists so naturally white supremacists and other radicals are on those lists. Tea party politicians are more concerned about that than protecting of the president because they need them armed and ready to provide a safe haven for other Christians during the apocalypse and also because they might need them to fight in a revolution. That can't happen if the FBI knows what they're up to and has them under surveillance. Sarah Palin on the campaign trail once said "Christians need to be armed and dangerous" and I believe she was referring to them not just being prepared for the apocalypse but also being ready to fight against what conservatives believe is government overreach. Of course it would be impossible to successfully overthrow the government unless the United States military was on their side so maybe they think they have enough members of the military in their coalition to pull off a successful overthrow. Trump's chief of staff General Kelly and former national security adviser General Flynn are conservatives and it is possible that they would be in favor of an overthrow of the government to advance their cause. I'm not saying they are but it is possible that they are. A recent argument by conservatives was that the FBI had no right to listen to calls between Carter Page and known Russian agents. That came as quite a surprise to those of us who are concerned about national security because it was such an outlandish thing to say but it wasn't really about Page. It was about protecting their base from being monitored and watched by the FBI. If supremacists were ever to get involved in a plan to overthrow the government it wouldn't even get started if the FBI keeps finding out what they're up to so that's the concern they have with government surveillance of what they call "real Americans". They encourage the monitoring of

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minorities and Muslims but not "real Americans". So now you know why it's just about impossible to get any kind of gun bill legislation passed even for a bill specifically designed to deter the shooting of children by deranged people. Conservatives are willing to live with the consequences of not passing sensible gun control laws because they're more dedicated to their faith in the bible than they are with doing their jobs. Their jobs should be protecting our children and caring about public safety but that's not going to happen until those people are voted out of office and people who care about keeping our current constitution in place and working are voted in.