

## Was the Line Crossed?

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Everybody has a limit, a point after which they reach for the nearest weapon and fire.

Or, in normal politics, withdraw support and go on the attack.

But it is not normal politics right now.

In mid-March, a Congressman from Long Island expressed his frustration with the Trump administration by saying, "This is where the

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Second Amendment comes in, quite frankly, because you know, what if the president was to ignore the courts?"

Days after this pol darkly implied insurrection, attacking gun rights became, on our Democratic Congressman's end of the spectrum, a *cause célèbre*. Obviously, there remains a strong tension between politically opposing gun rights and the commonsense acknowledgment of the vital political function of the Second Amendment.\* Lines are drawn all over the place.

But last week a very different line was crossed.



Donald Trump signed the latest Omnibus whopper. And a few of the gonzo president's biggest Internet supporters — including the oddest, anarchist Stefan Molyneux — could take no more. Trump's fatal flaw, Molyneux stated, "is his desire to shovel the money of the unborn into the Great White Shark maw of the military-industrial complex." Molyneux identifies "the largest military budget in human history" as what Trump wanted in exchange for betraying his base.

So, you can see where Mr. Molyneux draws the line of support.

Meanwhile, others are wondering about Trump's own line on trade policy. With much ballyhoo and bluster, he raised tariffs on steel — and then, *quietly*, exempted most of America's steel trading partners.

Crazyman? Or genius?

The line between *those* two concepts is notoriously gray.

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.

*\* In my weekend column I noted that "when the populace is armed sufficiently to realistically repel tyranny, the calculations of self-interested politicians per what they can get away with changes." Guns can remain holstered, most of the time.*