

MSNBC Goes Caracas?

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Expressing the surprise in some quarters that Venezuelan despot “Maduro is hanging on,” MSNBC’s Andrea Mitchell went to reporter Kerry Sanders to make sense of the tense situation in Caracas, that nation’s capital.

“Not only hanging on, but he appears to still control the military,” Sanders replied, explaining: “You have to understand, in Venezuela gun ownership is not something that’s open to everybody. So, if the military have the guns, they have the power, and as long as Nicolás Maduro controls the military, he controls the country.”

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Oh, I certainly understand. In fact, I’ve never heard a more clear, concise and irrefutable argument for the importance of our Second Amendment right to bear arms.

And this was on MSNBC . . . *in broad daylight!*



A demonstrator lies on the ground while National Guard prepare to shoot during an opposition demonstration against the government of Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro, in Caracas.

What wasn’t reported on the progressive network, but rather by the *Free Beacon*, is that Venezuela “banned private gun ownership in 2012 under Maduro’s authoritarian predecessor, Hugo Chavez.”

“Under the new law,” the BBC noted at the time, “only the army, police and certain groups like security companies will be able to buy arms from the state-owned weapons manufacturer and importer.”

That gun ban was described by the BBC as “the latest attempt by the government to improve security.” Indeed, by disarming the public, the security of the socialist dictatorship has obviously been greatly enhanced.

Later in the day, the Spanish-language *La Noche NTN24* tweeted a video of a government armored vehicle running over protesters — or, as MSNBC might remind us: *unarmed* protesters.

This is Common Sense. I’m Paul Jacob.