change the global norm. Using public relations techniques to create a fear of weapons and foster the belief that peace can only be achieved after disarmament, and using the natural desire of government to increase power, by 2005, at least a dozen countries significantly restricted civilian possession and use of firearms.

The trend continues rapidly. Just recently, in June 2011, Pakistani Associate Professor of Defense Saima Malik stated that it was necessary “to disarm the society to make it more secure and strengthen the country.” In October 2011, the Ugandan government decided to recall civilian guns; owners will have to reapply for new firearm certificates, and there will be “more stringent criteria for issuing firearms to civilians.”

In South Sudan, a disarmament campaign was announced for Unity State in November 2011, “the latest in a series of efforts to disarm civilians....” In Venezuela, it was announced on December 20, 2011 that licenses will not be issued for the following year, as “part of a national disarmament plan.”

The list goes on.... Here in the U.S. in the last decade, we gun-owners, as a group, rallied against the firearm-prohibitionists and we are winning, a trend the small arms community calls “alarming.” But in the rest of the world, the firearm-prohibitionists continue to pursue their battle, and they are succeeding in changing the global norm.

We need to understand that, guided by the lying proponents of the Arms Trade Treaty, we are rapidly becoming one small island on a globe where the norm is strict firearm regulation leading to disarmament.