

Glory to guns in the highest?

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If that seems blasphemous this Easter season, blame Republican politicians. Republican congressman Andy Ogles represents Nashville, where three nine-year-olds and three adults were murdered with an AR-15 assault rifle in a Christian school. Ogles' 2021 Christmas card featured his family brandishing assault rifles. After the shooting Ogles was asked: "Do you regret parading your family wielding weapons on your Christmas card?" Ogles replied, "Why would I?"

Republican congressman Thomas Massie's 2021 Christmas card showed seven family members cradling assault rifles under their Christmas tree with the message, "P.S. Santa, please bring ammo."

Republican congresswoman Lauren Boebert's 2021 Christmas card told Massie, "The Boeberts have your six (No spare ammo for you, though)." Boebert's four minor children held assault rifles.

Each of these perverse "Christmas" messages was posted just days after four students were murdered and seven wounded in the 2021 Oxford, Mich. high school shooting. The killer was a 15-year-old whose military-style pistol was a Christmas present from parents. He wrote, "Hopefully my shooting will cause Biden to get impeached." If the logic escapes you, the cruelty cannot.

During February's Gun Violence Survivors Week, some Republican politicians donned AR-15 lapel pins. After Democrats criticized them for cruelly mocking gun victims, Republican representative Barry Moore responded by introducing legislation naming the AR-15, America's "national gun." AR-15s, praised by the Pentagon for "phenomenal lethality," were used in most of America's deadliest mass shootings since 2012. Moore's AR-15 bill was cosponsored by Boebert.

A self-professed Christian, Boebert has prayed for Biden's death and mocked the crucifixion, saying Jesus "didn't have enough [AR-15s] to keep his government from killing him."

Christianity's essence is Jesus' self-sacrifice that redeemed mankind's sins. Self-serving politicians take gun lobby contributions to pad profits by glorifying weapons of war and blocking meaningful gun safety laws. They exalt gun rights over human rights, and sacrifice our children to their blasphemous Cult of the Gun.

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