Empirical examples of prohibitions show that gun prohibition would lead to clandestine manufacturing. **Jacobs 2[[1]](#footnote--1)**

**Closing down legitimate manufacturers would be a boon to black [informal] market producers. Clandestine** handgun **manufacturers would spring up, just as thousands of illegal stills operated** **during alcohol prohibition, and** hun- dreds or thousands of **clandestine labs now produce unlawful** **mood and mind-altering drugs** like amphetamine and ecstasy. **Even today, “zip guns” are produced or assembled in small workshops within the United States**.\* These **black [informal] market manufacturers**, already illegal, **operate outside any regulatory scheme** for recordkeeping, serial numbers, safety locks, or tax- ation. Implementing a **prohibition** on importation of handguns **would be even more difficult**. Without (or with sharply diminished) domestic U.S. sources for new handguns, **there would be a greater economic incentive for smugglers to bring in handguns from abroad**. Is there any reason to believe that customs officials and other law enforcement personnel would be more successful in preventing handgun smuggling than in preventing drug smuggling? I think not. **Contraband handguns**, like illicit drugs, **would enter the country illegally** in seaborne containersa, trucks, cars, planes, and by mail. (Currently, there are firearms black markets in West- ern Europe, Where handguns smuggled from Eastern Europe and the for- mer Soviet Union are easily obtainable in Amsterdam, Brussels, and other cities.)16

Also takes out the AFF because, even if you bad handguns, people still can get them through informal markets. And, informal market purchases fund and support Hezbollah. **Kaye 06[[2]](#footnote-0)**

**Do you ever wonder who profits from the black [informal] market** sale of cigarettes or Viagra? Well, those **purchases** could **help finance Hezbollah**, the terrorist organization engaged in a conflict with Israel. "**Anytime that you buy a good** illegally **on the black [informal] market, there is a possibility you are helping to fund groups like Hamas** and **Hezbollah**," **said terrorism financing expert Emily Hunt**. Hunt says **tens of millions of dollars -- a conservative estimate -- is funneled** to Hezbollah from the United States **through various illegal operations**. In March, the U.S. Department of Justice charged 19 men with "racketeering to support a terrorist organization." For eight years, investigators say, the suspects sold contraband cigarettes, counterfeit rolling papers, even counterfeit Viagra. Investigators say the suspects bought cigarettes in North Carolina, where taxes are lower, or in some cases at a New York Indian reservations, where there are no taxes. By doing so, they evaded tens of millions of dollars in cigarette taxes. They then made huge profits by reselling the cigarettes in New York and Michigan at market prices. A portion of the profits, the indictment charges, was given to Hezbollah. Can you imagine? U.S. citizens unknowingly sending money to Hezbollah. But some other Americans were well aware of what was going on. **In some cases, buyers on the black market were charged a "resistance tax**" -- a set amount over the going price -- **and told the money would go to Hezbollah**, investigators said. Members of the group also allegedly solicited cash from customers to be given to orphans of Hezbollah suicide bombers. And the money trail doesn't stop there. Investigators say Hezbollah also received financing through sympathetic charities. After the donations were made, they were diverted to Hezbollah. "**Many of them are able to kind of fly under the radar** simply **because** we don't have the resources. ... **Law enforcement doesn't have the training or the time** to really be delving into their backgrounds," Hunt said.

Terrorism causes extinction. **Myhrvold '13[[3]](#footnote-1)**

Several powerful trends have aligned to profoundly change the way that the world works. Technology ¶ now allows stateless groups to organize, recruit, and fund ¶ themselves in an unprecedented fashion. That, coupled ¶ with the extreme difficulty of finding and punishing a stateless group, means that stateless groups are positioned to be ¶ lead players on the world stage. They may act on their own, ¶ or they may act as proxies for nation-states that wish to ¶ duck responsibility. Either way, stateless groups are forces ¶ to be reckoned with.¶ At the same time, a different set of technology trends ¶ means that small numbers of people can obtain incredibly ¶ lethal power. Now, for the first time in human history, a ¶ small group can be as lethal as the largest superpower. Such ¶ a group could execute an attack that could kill millions of ¶ people. It is technically feasible for such a group to kill billions of people, to end modern civilization—perhaps even ¶ to drive the human race to extinction. Our defense establishment was shaped over decades to ¶ address what was, for a long time, the only strategic threat ¶ our nation faced: Soviet or Chinese missiles. More recently, ¶ it has started retooling to address tactical terror attacks like ¶ those launched on the morning of 9/11, but the reform ¶ process is incomplete and inconsistent. A real defense will ¶ require rebuilding our military and intelligence capabilities from the ground up. Yet, so far, strategic terrorism has ¶ received relatively little attention in defense agencies, and ¶ the efforts that have been launched to combat this existential threat seem fragmented.¶ History suggests what will happen. The only thing that shakes America out of complacency is a direct threat from a determined adversary that confronts us with our shortcomings by repeatedly attacking us or hectoring us for decades.

Defense doesn’t apply – Hezbollah’s motivated and has capability. **Meehan 11[[4]](#footnote-2)**

It is important to **remember that before September 11,**¶ **Hezbollah, not al-Qaeda, was responsible for more American deaths**¶ **than any other terrorist organization**. **Doing everything we can to**¶ **ensure that Hezbollah does not have a** staging ground and a **safe**¶ **haven in Latin America is vital**ly important.¶ Indeed, **it was former Homeland Security Secretary Michael**¶ **Chertoff** who warned that while **Hezbollah, ‘‘makes al-Qaeda look**¶ **like a minor league team,’’** **it poses the greatest threat to American**¶ **National security.**¶We really want to hear the intentions and the impressions of the¶ panel here today to help us try to get a real accurate assessment¶ of what we think Hezbollah means in Latin America and its rela-¶ tionship to the United States. It is also worth noting that¶ Hezbollah has been operationally active in Latin America. Most no-¶ toriously is the group being implicated in the 1992 attack on the¶ Israeli Embassy in Buenos Aires, and 2 years later at the Argen-¶ tine Jewish Mutual Association building in Buenos Aires, attacks¶ which killed and injured hundreds of civilians.¶ **Regardless of the circumstances which may lead Hezbollah to**¶ **launch an attack on the homeland,** **Hezbollah is already working**¶ **with** like-minded allies and **hostile regimes in Latin America to un-**¶ **dermine American National security by raising funds**, spreading¶ anti-American and anti-Israeli propaganda, **recruiting operatives**,¶ **laundering money, and smuggling weapons** and drugs, **all activities**¶ **that have a direct impact on** the **U**nited **S**tates **homeland security**.¶ Moreover, **the alliance between one of the most dangerous ter-**¶ **rorist organizations** in the world, Hezbollah, the No. 1 state spon-¶ sor of terrorism in **Iran,** a sworn enemy of the United States, **and**¶ **Venezuela,** all in the backyard of the United States, **when you put**¶ **that together, you have a fully functioning, easily accessible ter-**¶ **rorist network with a ready capacity to act, if so inclined**.

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