

# THINK BEFORE YOU SPEAK

Just because something horrendous has happened, and you have some personal thoughts on the subject, make sure the brain is engaged before opening your mouth.

Early in 2001 this editorial cartoon appeared in the Baltimore Sun. It was implying that a talk show person should be reigned in.



This week, after the Arizona shootings, similar clever but unfounded statements have been made. The usual suspects are even using it to solicit recruits and funding. They are dancing in the blood of victims, as we have often pointed out in the past.

Slowly the facts are emerging. Some are being reported but some are being selectively edited. For example, here is a story you may not have heard on the regular news.

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**A LEGALLY ARMED CITIZEN HELPED HOLD DOWN THE SHOOTER**

As it turns out there was a legally armed citizen who helped subdue Jared Lee Loughner. Upon hearing the shots, Joe Zamudio, who was legally carrying concealed, RAN TOWARDS the shots [even though warned to stay down], not away from the shots, hoping to stop the shooter and save lives.

As an armed citizen he was in a position to do just that. However, upon arriving, he saw that Loughner had just been disarmed and two men were struggling to subdue him. Zamudio, realizing there was no need for him to draw his gun at that point, wisely left it concealed and proceeded to assist in subduing and holding the shooter.

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Keep looking, keep your eyes and ears open and keep your thoughts clear for the day you choose to speak out.

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