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wants to, as a grown person, to earn money. He can even steal money. But there might be consequences to bear if he gets caught. However, when we're talking about credibility and the wisdom of relying on the correctness of what a person has said, wisdom would dictate that a man who created a false identity and person while deliberately deceiving the public into thinking it was a real person who was praising him, that is inexcusable and highly unethical. But these are the people who often wind up at these right-wing think tanks. They say what those called conservatives want them to say, so accuracy is not too important. Just say what they want to have said, and repeat it and repeat it. One of the top conservative writers, I think her name is Mona Charen or one of those people, had talked about all the Scud missiles that had been fired at the beginning of this conflict. And not a Scud missile has been found or fired. But the World-Herald did not correct it when they ran her column. She's a right-winger. They are not worried about the truth when they're speaking, in terms of telling it. But they're worried about the truth when it properly characterizes what they're doing. This piece of right-wing foolishness ought to bear as its name what I'm offering. These people who want to carry these guns are going to be around their neighbors, around their friends, and playing with it at home. So they're going to shoot their neighbor or themselves, more likely than not. The research, such as it is, indicates that crimes of a violent nature...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...do go up. A person with a gun may not necessarily discharge the gun at a person. It can be used to threaten and intimidate. And some people have been known to hold a pistol in one hand and slap a person with the other. Guns do talk to people. I keep hearing that cliché, a law-abiding citizen should have a right to carry this concealed weapon. You all would be shocked at how many so-called law-abiding citizens cease to be law-abiding because of the use of a gun. It was the misuse of that gun that this formerly law-abiding citizen probably never thought would happen when he or she had the gun. But the status of law-abiding was lost when the gun was put at that person's disposal.