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America Lost

The following paragraphs is a quote from the book "You And The Police" by Boston Tea Party

"Only agreed people can be free, and the state knows this. We must first be disarmed in order to be enslaved. This is an irrefutable historical constant. Every genocide in modern times was preceded by gun registration and confiscation. Much of the state's future oppression must and will deal with the coercive disarmament of individual Americans."

Reasons America has never been invaded by another country:

1) We have the Second Amendment to the Constitution giving the right to all citizens to own guns and most citizens do own guns.

2) a...a...let me see. a.a.a. See number one!

3) Humm. a.a.humm. Refer back to number one!

What indications do we have that totalitarianism is at our back door? The so-called Progressives want to register our guns allowing them to know who the gun owners are. Why do they want to know? They have already indicated their intentions to buy back our guns or just out right confiscated them, with prison sentences for those that don't comply. An act that is unconstitutional, that would need to be based on a new law that would also be unconstitutional because, it would be an "ex-post-facto law," our Constitution denies the government authority to pass, thusly, could not apply to anyone already owning a firearm. Besides that, it could not be legally enacted, in my opinion, without the people voting to amend the second amendment to the constitution requiring a constitutional convention of states.

What other indications do we have? They also want to do away with the Electoral College. If they succeed at this objective, the door will be opened for them to control the country indefinitely, as they wish, allowing them to amend our Constitution, including the Bill of Rights, by judicial order rather than a vote of the people as the Constitution dictates.

Los Angeles County, which is a Democratic/Progressive stronghold, is the largest county in the largest state in America, having more residents then forty of the fifty states. Why do the so called Progressives Democrats want to get rid of the Electoral College? Los Angeles County alone, could elect every President without the Electoral College, with votes from all other states having little or no say so in Presidential elections, stripping those citizens of any influence. The Electoral College was established as part of our Constitution to guard against any or a few large states from infringing on the rights and influence of other states. In other words, to give all states an equal say when electing our President. After all, there are fifty SEPARATE and SOVEREIGN states, each to have equal rights and say so as to the election of our President.

The Progressive Democrats want to eliminate the Electoral College because Hillary, thanks to Los Angeles County, again, the largest populated county in the country, having a larger population than over forty of the states, and in California, the largest state, received more popular votes than President Trump. The Democrats and especially Hillary at every possibility, thusly call President Trump an illegitimate President. The truth is, President Trump won slightly over sixty-four per-cent of the counties in the United States. This makes him one of the most legitimate Presidents ever. Progressive Democrats, as usual, are attempting to buy votes, with their promises to "invest" in healthcare, "invest" in education, "invest" in immigrants, "invest" in this, "invest" in that. The Democrats and the government are not investing in any of this. You and I are, with our own money we worked hard for, the government will take from us all to give to those that didn't lift a finger to earn it. On top of that, they talk about taking away our meat, food the Lord provided to us for substance. We not only won't be able to enjoy a steak dinner, but that won't matter, because we won't be able to afford one anyway. Just think what that will do to the agriculture community, restaurants, meat cutters and all the other businesses it will affect, and the jobs that will be eliminated? Just think what that will do to our economy and the world trade that goes along with it?

These so called Progressives also want to go after businesses, business profits and Wall Street in order to pay for all this free stuff they promise in order to buy your vote. Those businesses that provide jobs that make up our economy, will no longer be able to expand or hire new employees without the funds the government will take from them to buy votes. Putting taxes on your investments and putting more taxes on Wall Street will not only hurt Wall Street, it will hurt your investments, retirement IRS's, and 401K's.

In Nazi Germany, there was a priest that spent the last few years of the Second World War in a Nazi prison camp for speaking out against the government. He said some famous words this reminds me of. I'll change those words slightly to fit this situation.

They came after Wall Street. No body spoke up. The millennials cheered, because they thought they were getting all this free stuff. They came after the rich. Nobody spoke up. The millennials cheered, because they thought they were getting all this free stuff.

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...dedicated to the restoration of the inalienable right to keep and bear arms as guaranteed by the 2nd Amendment

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- 1. Counter the designs of malicious legislators.
2. Confront the media's twisted portrayals of gun rights issues.
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They came after the corporations and their profits. Nobody spoke up. The millennials cheered because they thought they were getting all this free stuff. They came after individually owned businesses that provide the majority of jobs in the American economy and their profits. No one spoke up. The millennials cheered, because they thought they were getting all this free stuff. Then they came after me. There was nobody left to speak up. The millennials CHEERED NO MORE. They had discovered NOTHING WAS FREE and there were no more jobs.

Be careful what you ask for! You just might get it!

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LIBERTY NOTES

By Kevin L. Jamison

It is a Good Day for Liberty.

The Missouri Sport Shooting Association is in great need of a Newsletter Editor. MSSA puts out a newsletter four times a year. We all complain about the fake news of the mass media. Here is a chance to fight back.

The ammunition rush began with people who had reasons to buy extra ammunition. By now I think it is down to speculators who expect to sell at jacked up prices. I'm not sure that this will work for them. Ammunition factories have remained in operation. The supply chain may remain open.

Certain states have banned hunting and fishing due to the virus. Missouri has not as of this writing. Kansas has banned out of state licenses as have many other states. The stupidity of shutting down solitary outdoor to prevent the spread of the virus is so massive that it must be attributed to a hatred of our people.

The virus may have lingering effects on our society.

I didn't want to wear a mask into a store, the owner might think it is a robbery.

We shall overcome.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

GUN CULTURE IN THE VIRUS

K. L. Jamison

When the pandemic was announced there was a rush on gun shops. The usual suspects mocked us for planning to shoot the virus. That was not the purpose of course. Every movie about an epidemic shows a breakdown in law and order. In our current crisis a few police officers have become ill and confined. Some criminals have been released from jail so they will not risk infection, and the state must pay for their care. This does not appear to be a fair trade.

Asians became targets of morons who thought that since the virus came from China all Asians must be responsible. Threats from morons drove Korean merchants to defend their stores from rooftops during the Rodney King riots in Los Angeles. This time it was nationwide. Asians of all nationalities rushed to gun shops to buy protection. Asians have not traditionally been gun owners. Suddenly that has changed.

There were other groups as well. There were people who had a gun, but no ammunition. This is a bizarre concept. I suppose some people kept a shotgun over the mantle or granddad's gun or war souvenir. These people rushed to the gun shops for ammunition and an extra gun.

A great number of these persons had never held a gun before. Gun shop after gun shop reported overwhelming numbers of new gun owners.

The usual suspects did not like this. Businesses were closed unless they were considered "essential." The Trump administration declared gun shops to be essential. Citizens voted in agreement with their credit cards.

Mayors and governors thought they knew better. Gun shops were ordered closed in their jurisdictions. The NRA, Second Amendment Foundation and others sued. The virus may run its course before the cases do.

I wrote last month that Missouri law prohibits closing gun shops. Jackson County ordered Bass Pro to shut down. The store protested citing the same law I mentioned. The Kansas City Star wrote a snippy article to the effect that Bass Pro was selling other merchandise than guns and ammunition. The paper considered this to be cheating. Finally, Jackson County agreed to "allow" Bass Pro to remain open, only for guns and ammunition. There is no law allowing it to sell fishing equipment and socks. It is interesting that they said they would "allow" them to remain open. The law prohibits them from interfering with their gun shop and they turn that into an act of beneficence. It is a little like them allowing gun owners to vote; the law says they must.

Remaining open required gun shops to minimize contact. Gun shops started allowing small numbers of persons in the shop. Finally, they began offering drive up windows. Remarkably, the ATF approved drive up windows.

Some gun culture message boards scorn the new gun owners inspired by the virus. They argue that these new gun owners did not support us in the past, then we should leave them to their own consequences. I disagree. If they

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make mistakes they will be taken as our mistakes and a reason to disarm us. The NRA has safety videos for new shooters. There are a world of legal videos. We have to get our new friends to watch them.

We have been reinforced with new gun owners. We have been reinforced by being declared essential. We should embrace this chance. Charlton Heston told a story that during the Rodney King riots in Los Angeles his liberal friends would call him and ask to borrow a gun. His liberal friends found out how difficult it really was to buy a gun. We have to follow up with this realization.

I thank-you for the honor of being your president.

Mammoth Gun Control Bill Reveals Dems' Agenda If They Secure White House

In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, Democrats in Congress are quietly pushing a mammoth gun control bill that would, among other things, ban "assault weapons," mandate a license to purchase a firearm and ammunition, prohibit private firearm transfers, and effectively destroy the firearms industry.

The bill was introduced in the House in January by Georgia Democrat Rep. Hank Johnson (HR 5717) and in the Senate in February by Massachusetts Democrat Elizabeth Warren (SB 3254).

With President Trump in the White House and Republicans in control of the Senate, most federal gun control bills and policies are dead-on-arrival (with one notable exception: RIP bump stocks). But Republicans only hold a slim majority in the Senate, and national polls give presumptive Democratic nominee Joe Biden a 6-point edge in the presidential race.

Gun owners don't have to worry about the "Gun Violence Prevention and Community Safety Act" now, but if Democrats emerge victorious in 2020, the bill gives us a troubling window into what our future could hold.

"The Gun Violence Prevention and Community Safety Act will save lives and make our country safer – without infringing on any law-abiding individual's right to own firearms," Johnson said in a news release issued as the bill was filed. "This comprehensive bill is a compilation of the best ideas to create a workable set of laws that will strengthen life-saving background checks, protect communities with bolstered enforcement, improve mental health services and fuel research to make guns safer."

The bill is a monster, 112-page compendium of all the most radical gun control proposals of the last three years. Here are a few of the worst:

License to Own Firearm and Ammunition

The bill requires a federal license to own both firearms and ammunition. To be eligible for a license, the prospective owner must be 21 years of age, pass a safety course, and complete a background check.

Worst of all, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms can at any time petition a court to remove someone's license if, among other things, there is evidence of "existing factors that suggest that the individual could potentially create a risk to public safety." The bill does not define what those "other existing factors" might be.

Universal Background Checks

This portion of the bill requires a background check for all firearms transfers but makes exceptions for transfers between close family members. It also includes a provision, however, that prohibits transfer between family members if the transferor has "reason to believe" that the transferee

Will use or intends to use the firearm to commit a crime;

Is a prohibited person;

Has committed domestic violence;

Is subject to a protection order.

In other words, if an uncle gives a rifle to his nephew, and that nephew uses it to commit a crime, the uncle may be subject to investigation.

"Assault Weapon" Ban

The bill makes it unlawful to "import, sell, manufacture, transfer, or possess, in or affecting interstate or foreign commerce, a semiautomatic assault weapon." It makes an exception for those who owned the illegal weapons before the bill took effect, but it does make federal funds available to state and local jurisdiction to institute "buy back" programs.

Consumer Product Safety Commission

This one hasn't received much attention, but it could be among the most damaging provisions to the firearms industry.

Under current federal law, firearms are not subject to regulation by the federal Consumer Product Safety Commission. Congress specifically excluded firearms from the CPSC's jurisdiction in 1976 because they feared that unreasonable standards would lead to the bureaucratic removal of constitutional rights. (Firearm safety is regulated by Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturers' Institute (SAAMI)).

Gun control advocates want to transfer oversight to the CPSC to implement standards that, as one academic told the anti-gun outlet *The Trace*, "save lives by changing gun designs." If that's not a recipe for instantly banning all non-"smart guns," we're not sure what is.

The Gun Violence Prevention and Community Safety Act includes a wide variety of other provisions, including: requires law enforcement agencies to be notified following a firearms-related background check that results in a denial; creates a statutory process for a family or household member to petition a court for an extreme risk protection order to remove firearms from an individual who poses a risk of committing violence; restricts the import, sale, manufacture, transfer, or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices;

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restricts the manufacture, sale, transfer, purchase, or receipt of ghost guns (i.e., guns without serial numbers); makes trafficking in firearms a stand-alone criminal offense. Requires federally licensed gun dealers to submit and annually certify compliance with a security plan to detect and deter firearm theft; removes limitations on the civil liability of gun manufacturers. Establishes a community violence intervention grant program; and promotes research on firearms safety and gun violence prevention.

The bill has been assigned to committees in the House and the Senate and may be taken up when Congress reconvenes after the COVID-19 outbreak.

What rights have been sacrificed during COVID-19?

I am more than a little bit uncomfortable with the loss of liberty and personal freedom that has been imposed on us by the various government entities. I understand the TEMPORARY need for these measures, but it is scary how quickly the term “social distancing” was conjured up and became part of the national lexicon. It’s almost as if someone had it sitting on a shelf somewhere waiting for the right moment to introduce it. There are two underlying reasons for my concern.

First, in some cases, the deprivation of rights is seemingly arbitrary or politically motivated. Abortion clinics are deemed essential in some states but attending church, even drive-in style is not. Marijuana stores (where legal) and liquor stores are deemed essential, but gun stores are not. Criminals are being released from prisons and jails because of COVID-19 but otherwise law-abiding citizens are threatened with fines or jail merely for going for a drive, a bike ride, a walk, or a run too far from home.

Second, Democrats believe government is the answer to all our problems but that means more (and more) control. It isn’t a big leap for them to go from the restrictions related to this pandemic to suspending certain constitutional rights, even imposing martial law in the next “crisis” all while citing the current one as precedent. To quote one of my favorite political personalities, “The welfare of humanity is always the alibi of tyrants.” Dems are now pushing for everyone that has had COVID-19 and recovered (or vaccinated if that becomes available) to have some sort of national ID before they can move about freely while these same Dems are adamantly opposed to a photo ID in order to vote.

The MSM, which could be a unifying force by fair and objective reporting is anything but that, as evidenced by their attempts to promote disunity on the COVID-19 task force, their “gotcha” questions at the daily press conferences, and their double standards applied to President Trump and everyone on the left. Rather than report the news, they are promoting their ideology in an attempt to drive a wedge between the President and the country.

William Bland

Liberty

(Note from Author: Here is a letter to the editor I submitted to the local newspaper (Courier-Tribune). In the second paragraph they took out my comment that gun stores are deemed not to be essential. That disappointed me but it is not surprising due to the anti-gun, anti-Second Amendment stance of all the media around here.

Virginia Senate advances ‘red flag’ gun law, despite rally

The day after a massive gathering of gun-rights activists at the Virginia Capitol, the state Senate on Tuesday advanced legislation that would allow authorities to take guns away from people deemed dangerous to themselves or others.

The Democratic-led Senate gave preliminary approval to the so-called “red flag” law. The measure is set for a final vote in the Senate, likely Wednesday, before going to the House. Republicans blasted the bill as an assault on gun rights and civil liberties. Democrats said the bill was a thoughtful measure that would preserve due process while also protecting people against potential gun violence.

The bill is one of several gun-control measures the new Democratic majority at the General Assembly is set to pass this year. Also on Tuesday, the Democratic-led House killed several pro-gun measures in a subcommittee meeting. Those GOP-backed measures included a bill to allow people to carry concealed handguns without a permit and to repeal a limit on carrying weapons in churches and other places of worship.

Tuesday’s legislative action came a day after tens of thousands of gun-rights activists from around the country rallied peacefully at the state Capitol to protest plans by the state’s Democratic leadership to pass gun-control legislation.

"I keep hearing in the media about 'non-essential businesses.' Is the media 'essential'? Why haven't we had a media shutdown during this crisis?"

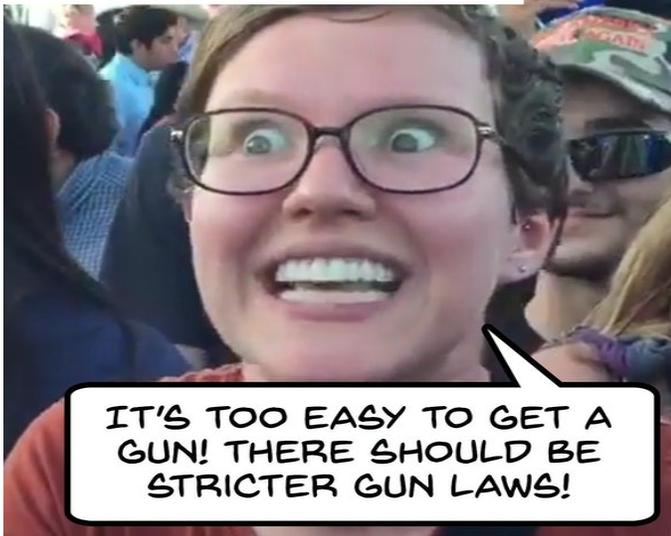
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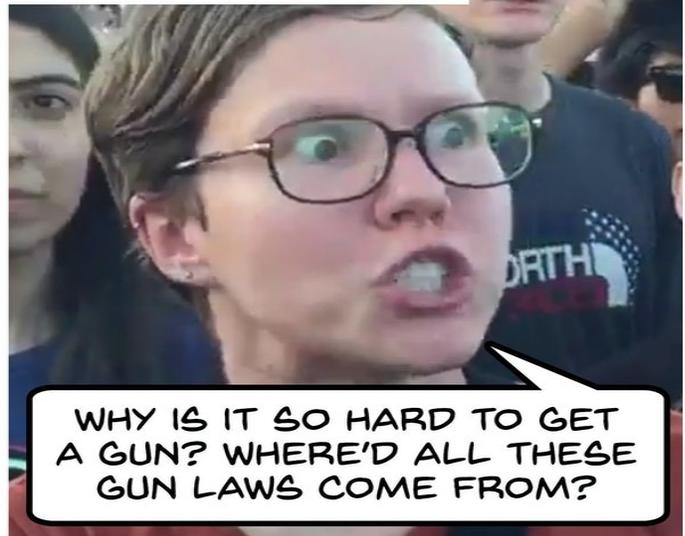
Pandemic Changes Some Anti-2A Minds

Thomas Gallatin

BEFORE COVID-19



AFTER COVID-19



Sometimes it takes a crisis for people to reevaluate long-held views and perspectives. The China Virus pandemic provides just such a scenario for millions of Americans who may not have valued or appreciated (or may have even opposed) our Second Amendment rights. For those sitting at home and wondering when or if they'll ever get back to their jobs, and fearing widespread societal unrest, many have suddenly realized just how unprotected and vulnerable is their present position.

This realization may explain why firearms dealers have seen skyrocketing sales of late. The National Shooting Sports Foundation reports that, in March, background checks for firearms purchases were up more than 80% from this time last year. Furthermore, dealers have observed that nearly 70% of sales are to first-time gun owners. Is this a surge in favor of the Second Amendment and against gun control?

The Washington Examiner's Trevor Burrus relays conversations he's had with friends who had never owned firearms:

Two weeks ago, you wouldn't have dreamed we'd be in this situation. Where will we be two weeks from now? A month? The essential elements of society are still operating, more or less, but we know very little about how long this will go and how difficult it will be. Unemployment and poverty will skyrocket. If food production and supply get disrupted, things could get bad very quickly.

Gun rights advocates are often ridiculed for having an almost neurotic fear of oppressive government and societal breakdown. They're mocked for believing guns are a defense against tyranny when they live in a country with the largest and most advanced military the world has ever seen. While that military has a pretty bad track record fighting insurgents carrying small arms, such unrest is unlikely to happen here.

Americans buy and place fire alarms in their houses to protect themselves and their families in case of a fire. For the same reason, many Americans are now joining the ranks of those who own firearms: to protect themselves and their families. Sometimes that can include protection from tyranny. When governors like New Jersey Democrat Phil Murphy are declaring he "wasn't thinking of the Bill of Rights" while implementing his lockdown protocols, who can blame folks for buying guns?

Nothing like a little pandemic to remind us of what's really important.

Marvin "Skip" Moore and Doug De-Moss recently passed away due to illness. Both were long time members of WMSA.

We wish the best for their families and note that they will be missed.



"It is important also to consider, that the surest means of avoiding war is to be prepared for it in peace." —Joseph Story



U.S. Senators Use COVID-19 to Push Longtime Gun Control Agenda

The COVID-19 panic has been used by would-be state and local authoritarians as an excuse to keep Americans from exercising their right to keep and bear arms. Thankfully, American gun owners have a friend in the White House that has worked to protect their rights on the federal level by declaring the firearms industry to be critical infrastructure. However, this respect for the Second Amendment isn't uniform in the federal government. There are some federal lawmakers seeking to exploit COVID-19 to pursue their pre-existing gun control agenda.

On April 2, a group of anti-gun U.S. Senators led by Sen. Chris Murphy (D-Conn.), Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.) and Sen. Edward Markey (D-Mass.) sent a letter to the directors of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives demanding a crackdown on gun sales nationwide. Citing the recent surge in gun sales, the senators urged the agencies to adopt policies long sought by gun control advocates.

The senators are correct about one thing - gun sales have surged in the wake of COVID-19. Faced with increasing uncertainty and the prospect of the mass release of prison inmates, Americans are buying guns.

In March the FBI National Instant Criminal Check System office conducted a record 3.7 million background checks, more than 400,000 more than the previous record month. The week of March 16th to 22nd set the record for most background checks in a week with 1,197,788, surpassing the previous record by 244,175. Friday, March 20th, is now the single-day record for background checks with 210,308 checks. Moreover, gun stores across the country are reporting that many of those purchasing firearms are first time gun buyers.

This newfound appreciation for the Second Amendment spells trouble for gun control advocates. Sen. Blumenthal admitted as much when he whined to the press, "[t]here is no reason that Americans need more guns at a time of COVID-19 than they did before." Noting his position that there should not be any lawful gun sales, Blumenthal added, "[m]y view is that retailers selling guns are not an essential service."

As Blumenthal could not obtain his goal of zero-gun sales, he and his senate colleagues have encouraged the FBI and ATF to encumber prospective gun buyers. Their letter asked the FBI and ATF to do this in two important ways.

First, the senators asked ATF to issue guidance urging Federal Firearms Licensees (FFLs) to forego the three-day safety-valve provision and suspend delayed firearms transfers indefinitely.

Under federal law, if a NICS check is delayed for further research and the FBI's NICS section is unable to determine that the prospective firearm transferee is prohibited from possessing firearms under federal or state law three business days after the check was initiated by a firearms dealer, the firearms transfer may proceed at the dealer's option. This provision encourages the FBI to conduct NICS checks in an efficient manner and prevents the government from arbitrarily denying an individual their Second Amendment rights through an indefinite delay.

According to the 2018 NICS Operations Report only 70 percent of NICS checks that year resulted in an "instant determination," with the remaining 30 percent requiring some analysis or additional research. Despite the fact that 30 percent of checks were subject to some amount of delay, only about 1 percent of all checks resulted in a denial. Such delays have been exacerbated due to recent demand on the NICS. So, under the senators' scheme, the vast majority of law-abiding individuals who have a check delayed would have their firearm transfer upheld indefinitely.

Some may point out that the letter is only asking that ATF issue guidance to FFLs to forego the three-day safety-valve and that FFLs would still be able to decide whether to go forward with a transfer before NICS has made a final determination. However, the proposed guidance would come from the agency that controls an FFL's license. This leaves the gun dealer little choice - comply or risk their livelihood.

If this attempt to eliminate the three-day safety-valve provision seems familiar, that's because it is a longtime gun control policy position. On February 28, 2019 the U.S. House passed H.R. 1112, which would eliminate this vital protection by statute.

Second, the senators have urged the FBI to diminish protections against the creation of a federal gun or gun owner registry by encouraging them to retain firearm transaction data longer than permissible under federal regulations.

28 CFR §25.9 requires that "NICS Audit Log records relating to transactions in an open status, except the [NICS Transaction Number] and date, will be destroyed after not more than 90 days from the date of inquiry." The senators' letter contended "[b]ecause the pandemic and recovery may last longer than 90 days, the FBI should issue an emergency directive to maintain all background-check information related to transactions with an 'open' status for 90 days beyond the current state of emergency as the president proclaimed under the National Emergencies Act.

The federal regulations concerning NICS contain stringent record destruction provisions in order to prevent the creation of a federal gun or gun owner registry. As previously noted, many law-abiding individuals experience NICS delays that result in an open status. Under the senators' scheme, these individuals' information would be kept for an indeterminate period of time in what amounts to a registry of gun owners.

This request by the senators fits in with long-standing gun control efforts to indefinitely retain information on NICS transfers. For instance, in 2009 Sen. Frank Lautenberg (D-N.J.) introduced S.2820, which would have required the retention of all NICS background check transactions for 180 days and information on a subset of approved checks indefinitely.

It is unfortunate that some federal lawmakers view a tragedy like the COVID-19 crisis as an opportunity to institute gun control measures that the American people have repeatedly rejected through their elected representatives. NRA-ILA will continue to monitor these crass opportunists and work to thwart their attempts to undermine our hard-fought liberties.



Gun Control Advocate Assures Americans: There's No Need to Buy Guns 'Cause "the Zombies" Aren't Coming

The FBI performed a record-breaking 3.7 million firearm-related background checks last month. According to an April news release from Small Arms Analytics & Forecasting (SAAF), March 2020 estimates of firearm sales show an increase of over 85% from March 2019 – single handgun sales jumped by 91%, and single long-gun sales increased by over 73%.

In an interview with Cheddar news earlier this month, David Chipman, a "senior policy advisor" for the anti-gun group Giffords, was asked about his "biggest concerns" regarding the "coronavirus gun sales spike." (If the name rings a bell, Mr. Chipman, formerly a "senior advisor" with Bloomberg's pre-Everytown group MAIG and an ex-ATF agent, has, among other things, advocated that AR-15 rifles should be regulated "just like" fully automatic machine guns.)

During the interview, he claimed that first-time gun owners may think "in their [own] mind they might be competent." However, they were really "putting themselves and their families in danger" based on whether these guns were being "stored safely" and properly in the home. Sitting in what appeared to be his own kitchen, Chipman advised "those people who were first-time gun owners" to "secure that gun locked and unloaded and hide it behind the cans of tuna and beef jerky that you've stored in a cabinet and only bring that out if the zombies start to appear, and I don't think they are."

Of course, following this advice means that the firearm isn't readily available for defensive use should the need arise. (Hiding firearms among the kitchen cabinets, the refrigerator's vegetable drawer or in the flour bin also isn't consistent with the Gifford's philosophy of mandating that all unattended firearms be kept unloaded, with a lock in place, and secured in a gun safe or other locked container.)

The real issue – apart from why anyone would take the advice of someone who thinks beef jerky comes in cans – is Chipman's apparent incredulity at the need to keep guns in the home for self-defense. Even with law enforcement stretched thin due to sick or quarantined officers, and hundreds of inmates being released from jails and prisons (here, here, here and here), this former ATF SWAT team member assures us all that there's nothing to fear because, well, "the zombies" aren't coming.

Chipman, quoted elsewhere, had expanded on his jerky-zombie theme. "If we can imagine how horrible this crisis is ... the people who hoarded the guns might decide six months from now – once they see no zombies around but they've run out of tuna and beef jerky – that they need the money to buy food." The "horrible" part, apparently, is not just running out of food, but the more disturbing possibility of the private sales of these firearms.

In contrast to the weird pointers on how to store guns in the kitchen, the NRA has launched new online gun safety courses to address "the growing number of first-time gun buyers during the coronavirus outbreak." Joe DeBergalis, executive director of NRA General Operations, says "[t]hese courses will provide an option for first-time gun owners who don't have the ability to take an NRA certified instructor-led class at their local shooting range at this time. While there is no replacement for in-person, instructor-led training, our new online classes do provide the basics of firearm safety training for those self-isolating at home."

The zombies aren't coming, but regardless of how gun control advocates depict this recent, unprecedented affirmation of the constitutional right to keep and bear arms, law-abiding Americans – now as ever – are putting their money on the Second Amendment to keep themselves and their families safe.

"We fight not to enslave, but to set a country free, and to make room upon the earth for honest men to live in."

—Thomas Paine (1777)

"Think about what is the absolute worst news for Democrats. The economy has recovered and we are back to normal."

—Chuck Woolery

"Necessity is the plea for every infringement of human freedom. It is the argument of tyrants; it is the creed of slaves."

—William Pitt

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Virginians Saying Goodbye To 2nd Amendment Rights

It's happening. The state government of Virginia is pushing forward a bill that tramples on the US Constitution and the Second Amendment rights of Virginia citizens. In essence... They're trying to finish the job the redcoats started in Concord by disarming the citizens of the United States.

If you want to control a people, take away their ability to defend themselves from the tyranny of evil men. It's happened EVERYWHERE that socialism and communism have taken root...

Nazi Germany...

Communist Russia...

Communist China...

Socialist Venezuela...

Take away a man's ability to defend hearth and home and you can impose any amount of control over him. 100 million deaths at the hands of communism... Tens of millions more at the hands of socialism... And now, actual Americans are attempting to disarm other Americans—all under the guise of "safety".

Is A Disarmed Public, A SAFER Republic?

This is the biggest fallacy of them all...

That stricter gun laws will prevent gun violence. If that's the case, then why isn't Chicago the safest place in the world? The truth is, stricter gun laws don't make us safer because criminals DO NOT follow laws. If a murderer wants to commit murder, do you think the fact that it's illegal to buy a semi-automatic weapon or possess a high capacity magazine is going to make a difference to them?

It won't...

But the elected officials in Virginia seem to think so – and they're one step closer to making their dream—and patriotic Americans' nightmare—a reality. Last Friday, Virginia Dems pushed legislation forward that would ban the sale of semi-automatic firearms and prohibit the possession of silencers and high-capacity magazines. The bill has passed through the committee and is now on to the next step. Virginia's Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, Brian Moran (or as he is being referred to by some as "Moron"), has said that he believes that a ban on selling assault weapons and high-capacity magazines is needed to help prevent mass shootings... Or at least limit the damage mass shooters can inflict, citing that the shooter in the Virginia Tech massacre in 2007 had a handgun with a high-capacity magazine.

"Assault weapons are not protected by the Second Amendment because they are weapons of war," Moran said. Wait...aren't ALL weapons "weapons of war?" Come on, Moron... Even a Leftist should know that.

One Step Closer To Destroying Constitutional Rights

The Dems have made a FEW concessions though...

They wanted to ban possession of semi-auto rifles that they brand "assault" weapons—like the AR-15 and AK-47—outright or at least require a state registry of those who own them...

But that was scrapped. That plan would have been something that could have led to more than just a peaceful demonstration. It would have required the police to go to American homes and confiscate guns deemed "illegal" – and many police departments in the state have come out and said they would refuse to enforce said laws due to their commitment to their oath to uphold and defend the US Constitution. But this hasn't stopped the elected Dems and black-face-wearing, abortion-loving governor Ralph Northam from trying to pass this obviously unconstitutional law.

Patriotic Virginians and the NRA are fighting this anti-American, Anti-Second Amendment law with full force... But it seems their complaints are falling on deaf ears. This is what happens when you put feelings over facts... Sensationalism over REAL statistics. This is what happens when somebody tries to take your God-given rights away from you in the United States – so pay attention... If it can happen in Virginia – a state steeped in patriotic history – it can happen anywhere.

Is your state next?

"Democracy is two wolves and a lamb voting on what to have for lunch. Liberty is a well-armed lamb contesting the vote!" – Benjamin Franklin



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