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HOUSE BILLS

- HB 145** - Billington, Hardy - Prohibits an employer from terminating an employee for having a firearm in the employee's vehicle on the employer's premises
- HB 145** - Brown, Richard - Modifies the offense of unlawful possession of a firearm
- HB 145** - Brown, Richard - Repeals provisions that prohibit political subdivisions from adopting orders, ordinances, or regulations relating to firearms
- HB 146** - Schnelting, Adam - Allows concealed carrying of firearms on public transportation systems and transporting nonfunctional or unloaded firearms on public buses
- ? **HB 147** - Dinkins, Chris - Provides immunity from criminal prosecution and civil action if a person defends his or her property
- HB 148** - Dinkins, Chris - Modifies provisions relating to school protection officers
- HB 156** - Sharp, Mark - Establishes Blair's Law, which creates the offense of unlawful discharge of a firearm for discharging a firearm within or into the limits of a municipality with criminal negligence
- HB 157** - Schroer, Nick - Exempts sales of new and used firearms from sales tax
- ? **HB 158** - Mayhew, Don - Requires the Missouri State Highway Patrol to host a web page where the public can determine whether a serial number of a firearm has been reported stolen
- ? **HB 160** - Wiemann, John - Preempts any laws or orders that would hinder the operations of a firearm business
- ? **HB 164** - Coleman, Jeff - Modifies provisions for receiving a concealed carry permit
- ? **HB 165** - Hicks, Ron - Prohibits certain individuals from possessing a firearm due to domestic violence
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- HB 169** - Boggs, Mitch - Establishes protections for landowners taking wildlife on the landowner's property
- ? **HB 169** - Reedy, Rodger - Modifies provisions relating to firearms
- ? **HB 169** - Baker, Ben - Changes the law regarding concealed carrying of weapons by allowing firearms in churches and other places of worship with a concealed carry permit
- HB 172** - Weber, Emily - Requires a firearm owner to report lost or stolen firearms
- ? **HB 175** - Basye, Chuck - Authorizes concealed carry permit holders to carry firearms on campuses of higher education institutions
- HB 180** - Lewis, Patty - Establishes the "Firearm Violence Prevention Act"
- HB 180** - Lewis, Patty - Specifies that a person commits the offense of endangering the welfare of a child if he or she fails to secure a firearm
- HB 180** - Lewis, Patty - Requires that all sales or transfers of firearms be processed through a licensed firearms dealer
- ? **HB 182** - Gray, Alan - Modifies the provision allowing law enforcement officers to use deadly force in certain circumstances and establishes a task force on the use of force

? **HB 183** - Basye, Chuck - Modifies provisions for concealed carry permits

HB 186 - Rowland, Rory - Establishes Blair's Law, which creates the offense of unlawful discharge of a firearm for discharging a firearm within or into the limits of a municipality with criminal negligence

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- HB 191** - Schroer, Nick - Changes the law regarding concealed carrying of weapons by allowing firearms in churches and other places of worship with a concealed carry permit
- HB 191** - Schroer, Nick - Establishes Blair's Law, which adds the discharging of a firearm within or into the limits of a municipality with criminal negligence to the offense of unlawful use of a weapon
- ? **HB 194** - Mackey, Ian - Specifies that the seller of a firearm must verify the age of the purchaser
- ? **HJR 8** - Black, John - Proposes a constitutional amendment to assert the right of Missourians to hunt and fish

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- SB 66** - Burlison - Modifies provisions on self-defense
- ? **SB 68** - Williams - Authorizes expungement of certain offenses
- SB 73** - Schupp - Provides that all sales of firearms be processed through a licensed firearm dealer
- SB 75** - Burlison - Modifies and removes provisions relating to concealed firearms
- ? **SB 79** - Washington - Modifies provisions relating to law enforcement officer use of force
- ? **SB 79** - Hegeman - Modifies the offense of escaping from custody
- ? **SB 80** - Onder - Modifies provisions relating to public transit systems
- ? **SB 85** - Bean - Modifies provisions relating to criminal laws
- ? **SB 88** - White - Modifies provisions relating to firearms
- ? **SB 89** - Beck - Modifies provisions relating to the unlawful possession of firearms
- ? **SB 89** - Beck - Modifies provisions relating the offenses of unlawful transfer of weapons and the unlawful possession of firearms
- ? **SB 93** - Arthur - Modifies provisions relating to the unlawful possession of firearms
- ? **SB 94** - White - Creates the minutemen of the state
- ? **SJR 3** - Hoskins - Amends the Constitution to assert the right to hunt and fish
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Please check the Missouri House and Senate websites for more details on these bills.

House website: [Missouri House of Representative - Legislation \(mo.gov\)](http://Missouri House of Representative - Legislation (mo.gov))

Senate Website: [2022 Bill List \(mo.gov\)](http://2022 Bill List (mo.gov))

New Jersey: State Senate Wants to Ban the Second Amendment in Private Homes

Anti-gun New Jersey politicians have never been bashful about slapping restrictions on Second Amendment rights in the Garden State. However, this latest, brazen campaign inches the state even closer to an outright ban on the Second Amendment. In a state that basically doesn't observe right-to-carry at all, the state Senate is now poised to strip citizens of their constitutional rights in their own homes!

This Thursday, December 9, the Senate Law & Public Safety Committee is going to hear legislation that would force gun owners to store their guns and ammo under lock and key, or face felony level penalties. S.3757 is an all-out assault on the right to self-defense, giving criminals a distinct advantage in self-defense situations. Lawmakers find it acceptable for you to be fumbling around for the keys and combinations to your safes in the middle of the night while violent, armed criminals are marching up your stairways. That is the exact scenario that will become a reality under S.3757. **This bill is so bad that it requires firearms and ammunition to be stored and locked separately!** This Draconian legislation completely nullifies self-defense.

While anti-gun politicians in Trenton once again hide behind the moniker of "firearm safety," this bill does nothing except completely obliterate the right to self-defense as affirmed by the Supreme Court of the United States in *Heller*. Responsible gun owners should be trusted to make appropriate decisions regarding the safety of their families in their own homes. Micromanaging a person's constitutional rights in their own home is way out-of-line, and it is time for New Jersey NRA members and gun owners to say "enough is enough."

Boulder Finally Surrenders Appeal of Assault Weapon and Magazine Loss

Since March, the City of Boulder has been looking for ways to reverse its defeat in the NRA-ILA supported case challenging Boulder's unlawful bans against commonly owned "assault weapons" and magazines capable of accepting more than ten rounds. This week, the City of Boulder finally abandoned its appeal of the lower court [decision](#) striking Boulder's unlawful hardware prohibitions. Because Boulder's appeal was dismissed with prejudice, Boulder cannot attempt to relitigate this case in the future.

Boulder's retreat was anything but graceful: when Boulder first attempted to appeal the case directly to the Colorado Supreme Court, the Court denied Boulder's request and transferred the case to the Colorado Court of Appeals. When Boulder squandered additional taxpayer resources asking the Court of Appeals to effectively start another round of litigation, Boulder's request was denied as well. After all of these attempts failed, Boulder seems to have finally realized that it could not prevail.

This is a significant victory for NRA-ILA and self-defense among Boulder's law-abiding gun owners. If Boulder stubbornly attempts to resurrect its unlawful prohibitions under a new state law, Boulder faces an uphill battle; again, its case was not simply abandoned, it was dismissed with prejudice. Needless to say, NRA-ILA stands ready to challenge Boulder in both the state house and the courthouse if Boulder attempts to infringe on the Second Amendment



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

CHASING

K. L. Jamison

There has been a flurry of cases in which self-defense was an issue. The Kyle Rittenhouse case got most of the attention. The critical point was that Mr. Rittenhouse was running away from the mob when he was attacked and used his rifle in self-defense. Members of the mob, and the prosecution, claimed that they thought he was a mass killer and that was why they pursued him. This argument completely overlooks the history of mass killings. People with multiple avenues of escape do not charge the killer. He did not fire his rifle until he was attacked. Videos of the attacks on him were presented as evidence against him. The prosecution baldly claimed the videos showed events that the jury clearly did not see. No rational person could have interpreted Mr. Rittenhouse's actions as being those of a mass killer. The prosecution shamelessly did so to get a conviction. In law school they told us that a prosecutor's purpose is justice. They told us a great many things in law school that did not survive experience in court.

In the Ahmaud Arbery case in Georgia three white men killed a black man; always a sensitive case. It was widely reported as three vigilantes chased down and killed a black jogger. There were surrounding elements which indicated that Mr. Arbery was not a jogger.

There were a rash of thefts in the neighborhood. Mr. Arbery was seen in the vicinity of some of these thefts. The police always arrived too late. Finally the defendants chased Mr. Arbery who struggled with one of them for control of a shotgun and was killed. A black man pursued by white men in Georgia has historically been a problem. Mr. Arbery was likely in fear of three unknown civilians. The citizen's arrest statute was first passed in 1863 during the Confederacy and was therefore declared racist. The man who shot Mr. Arbery doubtless thought himself acting in self-defense. But, they came to the fight. They chased the man and it resulted in a death. All three were convicted of felony murder including the man who did nothing but film the incident.

Kansas City Detective Eric DeValkenaere has been convicted of negligent manslaughter and Armed Criminal Action. The detective and his partner were assigned to a crime prevention unit; which explains his mindset. He responded with his partner to a report of a car chasing another car at speeds of 90 mph. We have had a number of rolling gunfights in this area and this was more than enough to draw attention. The speeding car evaded a marked police vehicle but did not escape a police helicopter. The detective pursued the car into Cameron Lamb's back yard. Mr. Lamb backed the vehicle into a basement garage. The Detective says that he saw Mr. Lamb point a handgun at his partner. The Detective fired, killing Mr. Lamb. A handgun was found on the ground beneath Mr. Lamb's left hand, which dangled out of the driver's window. Two cartridges were found in his pocket. The prosecution claimed that the detective had no warrant so had no right to be there. The prosecution claimed that the gun was planted.

In any other circumstance the prosecution would be claiming hot pursuit of Mr. Lamb because he evaded the patrol car and was followed by the helicopter. The prosecution argued that a car hood and grill constituted a "fence" which made the area protected from search and seizure. Such a puny barrier did not obstruct access to the back yard and the driveway on the other side of the house has no barrier at all. In fact, the public was invited to bring their cars down the driveway for repair in the back yard. The prosecution argued that Mr. Lamb had not committed any crime. I remember a client who was charged with a felony for doing less. The detectives were in civilian clothes and driving an unmarked car. However, they had both put on police bullet resistant vests.

Mr. Lamb's housemate testified that the gun was kept on the steps from the basement garage. Other evidence was that Mr. Lamb was right-handed and had previously injured the index finger of his left hand. The detective's partner testified that he did not see a gun until later. A responding officer testified that he did not see a gun when he arrived about thirty seconds after the shooting. This was taken as evidence of the gun being planted. Assume that all of this is true.

Mr. Lamb's housemate may have been less than accurate about the location of the gun. It would be a strange place to keep a gun. Mr. Lamb may have picked it up before he began chasing the other car. A snarky editorial claims that it is hard to fire a gun without a functioning trigger finger. We are constantly reminded that a two-year old can pull

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a trigger. Every member of my generation has seen a gun fired without a trigger finger. Jack Ruby killed Lee Harvey Oswald using the middle finger of his right hand to pull the trigger. The famous photo shows his hand on the gun.

Under stress people suffer from tunnel vision. They may not see objects directly in their path. If we are to believe the gun was planted I would expect officers to support the Detective's story.

If we are to believe the gun was planted we have to believe a number of things happened in the thirty seconds before uniformed officers arrived. We must believe that the Detective found the gun, planted the gun, rolled down the window of Mr. Lamb's vehicle (this happened in December) arranged Mr. Lamb's body with the arm and head out of the window and planted two cartridges in his pocket. I cannot say that this is impossible; but I have doubts.

The complication is that the police want police use-of-force to be judged by law enforcement. The Jackson County Prosecutor wants these matters decided by her. The Detective was caught in the middle.

The moral of these stories is don't chase people. Even if one is a police officer assigned to prevent crimes. If they run, let them go. The Detective may get probation on the negligent homicide count, but the law demands three years without probation or parole for Armed Criminal Action.

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

LIBERTY NOTES

By Kevin L. Jamison

It is a Good Day for Liberty.

Last month I reported that I had a flu shot and a covid booster which made it scientifically impossible for me to get sick. I am reminded that one can do everything right and things still go bad. I caught covid without the formality of having chased it. I have frequently heard the phrase "feeling like hammered crap" (if you will excuse the expression) but did not know what it really felt like until I had covid. Medical professionals tell me that getting the booster ensured that I would have a mild case. If what I had was mild I will take a dozen boosters to avoid a severe case; or even another mild case. I missed the November general membership meeting because I knew I had been exposed and was exhibiting early symptoms. I did not want to infect you all. Believe me, you should thank me.

The Red Cross reports a severe blood shortage. There is always a blood shortage in the winter and the pandemic and economic problems have made it worse. Give a little blood and wear your Second Amendment shirt or button when you do.

I've read MISFIRE Inside the Downfall of the NRA by Tim Mak. It is a hit piece on Wayne LaPierre and his wife. Jacket notes says that it is "unbiased;" which is not true. Another note says that it is "fun" and the usual suspects will enjoy the book. He describes the NRA Executive Vice President and CEO as weak-willed, disorganized and inattentive. In fact it could be the basis for a defense brief for Mr. LaPierre that he really did not know what was going on. Reading the book I had a nagging thought that he could not have run the NRA for 35 years, accomplished improvements to our rights and prevented serious violations of our rights if he was as ineffective as presented. On the other hand his accusations echo those made by other sources. This is no way to run a railroad and no way to preserve our rights for our grandchildren.

I start off my day by drawing my cell phone, recording a video and commanding "Halt, don't move, drop the weapon." No one is present to be alarmed and it builds up "muscle memory" in case of a confrontation. It is unlikely that I will have to fast draw my gun; I will have to fast draw my cell phone. A video of the encounter is valuable evidence for my side. The first person to call 911 is almost always put down as the victim. I have found that the phone must be held just so in order to record my commands. Further practice is warranted. Of course, dialing 911 with the phone on speaker will have the government record the proceedings and summon help. There will be no video and the audio may be garbled. Nothing is perfect.

The local tabloid says that, based on police reports, two guns a day are stolen from cars. These guns are later used in crime and it is our fault. Get a lock box for your vehicle. They are inexpensive and will reduce this argument against us. It would be doubly bad to lose your means of self-defense and then be confronted by a criminal holding your gun.

On 1 December, 2021 the local tabloid printed a "news" article on page 14A which alleged that the permit to purchase system for handguns was abolished in 2007 and that this lead directly to guns being stolen and murders. Abolishing the permit to purchase system was due to the institution of the federal background check system. We were assured that this system would save lives. The article presents an incoherent argument that abolishing the permit system led to thefts. How one relates to the other is not said. It is simply an excuse to complain about abolishing the permit system. The local tabloid has run a number of articles complaining about abolishing the permit system. My Democrat state legislator sent out a survey asking, among other things, if I wanted to save lives by re-instating the permit system. Someone has determined to beat this drum.

A woman in Philadelphia was raped on a transit train in broad daylight in front of 20 people. The train made stops. People got on. People got off. People took videos on their cell phones. Not one person called the police. Philadelphia discourages concealed carry. The woman should have been able to protect herself. Someone should have had

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the means and the spirit to protect her. Still. The usual suspects claim that recent self-defense cases were exercises in vigilantism. This is a lie. They devoutly believe this lie and prosecute persons who acted in self-defense. Our people have determined not to let such things happen. We cannot shoot people over property. The smash and grab mobs may be a great temptation, but the first article I ever wrote was entitled, "Don't Shoot the Shoplifter."

Last month I wrote "Have a Merry Christmas; I know where you live." I realize it sounded vaguely like a threat but be of good cheer. I don't know where you live. Long ago a decision was made to limit copies of the membership list to avoid leakage.

The US House of Representatives has passed a bill called the Violence Against Women Act. This sounds good, but the language of the bill bans ownership of firearms by anyone convicted of a misdemeanor crime of violence. This expands the ban to anyone who has ever been in a fistfight. Our senators Blunt and Hawley are on our side but need encouragement to resist this bill. Write to them. Petitions are worthless. Visit their offices if you can.

Last June Chiefs defensive end Frank Clark was arrested in Los Angeles for weapons possession; for the second time. The second time he was said to have an Uzi "assault weapon." It is unclear from media reports if this was a sub-machine gun or a semi-auto. Mr. Clark says that it belonged to his security team. Six months later there has been no disposition of the charges.

Saint Gabriel Possenti is the patron Saint of hand gunners. The Church does not recognize him as such, but we do. The Catholic Church has a patron saint of artillerymen; why not hand gunners. In 1860 a gang of bandits was terrorizing the town of Isola Italy. The saint, then only a monk, went to them and asked them to stop raping and stealing and burning. They laughed. He snatched a revolver from one and repeated his request. Again, they laughed; the monk looked like a bit of a nerd. They asked what he was going to do with the gun. He told them to look at a lizard running across the road. With a single snap shot he took the lizard's head off and asked if there were any more stupid questions. There were none. He had spirit. In his youth an older man tried to molest him. He pulled a dagger and ran the pervert off. Good Catholic boy. There are those who claim that the incident with the lizard did not happen and it was made up for no particular reason. I think that it did happen. If it did not, it should have. The Saint's feast day is 27 February. A reason to warm up a cold and dreary month.

December 29th is the anniversary of the 1890 Wounded Knee massacre. A band of Lakota fled the reservation but freezing and starving surrendered to elements of the 7th Cavalry. The following day the cavalry commander demanded they surrender all of their firearms. Suspicious that the haul was so small he demanded the Indians be searched. When a sergeant began to pull at the blanket of Black Coyote he complained, "This is my rifle. It cost a great deal of money. I have done nothing wrong." There was a struggle over the rifle, an accidental discharge, a flurry of shots, a volley of shots, then artillery fire, and then massacre. In the coming year I hope that you will remember the words of Black Coyote and tell the usual suspects that this is my rifle. It cost a great deal of money, and I have done nothing wrong.

In the words of two great time travelers, "Be excellent to each other!"
We shall overcome.

"The spirit of resistance to government is so valuable on certain occasions, that I wish it to be always kept alive. It will often be exercised when wrong, but better so than not to be exercised at all. I like a little rebellion now and then. It is like a storm in the atmosphere."

—Thomas Jefferson

California Blocked From Enforcing Mag Ban Pending Supreme Court Review

A federal appeals court this week granted a stay blocking the state of California from enforcing its draconian firearm **magazine** prohibition law.

The stay, issued by the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in the case of *Duncan v. Bonta*, is set to run for 150 days, noting that, if the backers in the lawsuit file a petition with the U.S. Supreme Court on the matter during that period, the stay will continue until the case's final disposition with the nation's highest court.

A divided 7-4 en banc panel of the 9th Circuit late last month held that California's controversial magazine ban is legal. This came only after two previous courts sided with a group of residents and the California Rifle & Pistol Association who argued the state's prohibition against "high-capacity magazines" violated the Second Amendment.

CRPA President Chuck Michel earlier this month said the NRA state affiliate would be "appealing to the Supreme Court for a final determination because gun owners deserve to have someone fighting for them and their rights. The Second Amendment is a fundamental right, and it is time that courts stop treating that right like a second-class gift from government."

"With this stay, the Ninth Circuit has decided to allow Californians to continue possession of any magazines that were acquired during 'Freedom Week' or prior to the ban taking effect – for the time being," noted the NRA on news of the stay.

"The legislative department is everywhere extending the sphere of its activity and drawing all power into its impetuous vortex."

—James Madison



How the gun-grabbing ghouls are trying to screw two counties in Oregon

For people living in blue states, it's time to wake up and smell the hot Java. Your states are likely beyond saving. Due to the hyper polarization taking place in America, any state that is solidly blue will become a safe space for tyranny. Just look at the current Wuhan virus pandemic. But it doesn't stop there.

Other freedoms — from low taxes to gun rights — are also on the chopping block. Though in the latter case, people can still fight back at the county and municipal level.

Several rural counties have stood up to their despotic state governments by creating so-called "Second Amendment Sanctuaries" that oppose statewide gun control laws. The Second Amendment Sanctuaries often vary in terms of how effective they are. Some are strong, while others are symbolic. Nevertheless, the passage of these measures represents a growing resistance coming from rural America against gun control that detached state capitols and the DC Swamp are currently imposing on it.

This is the way to go for those living in blue states. But here's the thing....

State governments will try to gut sanctuary measures and make sure that state-enforced gun control is imposed on them. Just ask the two Oregon counties of Harney and Yamhill. These two counties stood up to one of the Oregon state government's unconstitutional gun grab. Now, the state Attorney General is trying to make them submit to gun control. A sign of how these battles are going to play out in blue states nationwide.... Don't say you weren't warned.

Take care,
José Niño

P.S. If you want to avoid seeing your state turn into an anti-Second Amendment hellscape, it's best to get educated. No joke.

We live in trying times. Our freedoms are on the line and there's an unholy consortium of institutions — from the academia to Big Business — who are teaming up to destroy our freedoms. This requires bold individuals to stand up to the despots.

However, heroes aren't made overnight. They are forged through hard work and dedication.

In a field like politics, a strong educational foundation is necessary to thrive. Credible voices are simply taken more seriously than those who blabber incoherent thoughts. Those are the rules, and I don't make em'. The good news is that even if you're a novice, you can still level up. Consider me your political guardian angel that's here to help and show you how to properly discuss hot-button issues such as gun rights. But you must be ready to put in the work and get active. There will be no slackers here.

Anyways, if you're ready to get educated and start your journey in 2A politics, slap the link below:

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NDAAs Clears the U.S. Senate, Anti-Gun Provisions Left Out

Today, the U.S. Senate approved the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), the annual, bi-partisan legislation that directs funding for our nation's military and national security programs.

Thankfully for NRA Members and gun owners across the country, this legislation passed with two anti-gun provisions being struck from the final version. NDAA will now move to the President's desk to be signed into law.

[As reported last week](#) and following weeks of negotiations, the U.S. House of Representatives approved a revised version of the NDAA. The two anti-gun provisions that were [included in an earlier version](#) were removed from the final House-passed bill before being sent over to the U.S. Senate.

The first provision, led by Rep. Jackie Speier (D-CA), would have ignored constitutional due process protections and allowed for the confiscation of personally-owned firearms of members of the U.S. military. It would have afforded the military judicial system the ability to issue ex parte protective orders that would prohibit firearm possession without giving the accused an opportunity to contest the accusations against them and present evidence in their defense. This would have represented a clear denial of constitutional due process and a stunning betrayal of those who swore an oath to protect and defend our country and the U.S. Constitution.

The second provision, offered as an amendment by Rep. Norma Torres (D-CA), would have undone components of two export-reform regulations [crafted by the Trump Administration](#). The regulations were designed to enhance American competitiveness, remove burdensome regulations for gunsmiths and other small businesses, modernize export controls, and enhance national security. Instead, the Torres amendment would have empowered anti-gun legislators to make decisions normally left to subject matter experts, leading to unnecessary delays and increased costs.

The efforts by anti-gun elected officials to include gun control in "must-pass" bills like NDAA is a good reminder that NRA members and Second Amendment supporters must remain vigilant against those who want to see our fundamental rights erased. NRA-ILA worked extensively with members of the U.S. House and Senate to have these provisions struck. "On behalf of our five million members, the National Rifle Association thanks House Armed Services Ranking Member Mike Rogers (R-AL) and Senate Armed Services Ranking Member Jim Inhofe (R-OK) for their tireless efforts to remove these provisions from NDAA," said NRA-ILA Executive Director, Jason Ouimet. "The due process and Second Amendment rights of our men and women in uniform should never be compromised."

Tracing Spurious Claims

Since leading anti-gun researchers acknowledged no connection between the 2020 surge in firearms sales and violence, unscrupulous anti-gun advocates must cite underwhelming statistics as meaningful evidence.

That's what *The Trace* did, in an article written in collaboration with FiveThirtyEight. We'd expect a more sophisticated analysis from FiveThirtyEight, but this is what Nate Silver's outfit gave the world:

“New Data Suggests a Connection Between Pandemic Gun Sales and Increased Violence.”

Ominous, right? The operative word here is “suggests.” They can't use anything stronger because this is a very rudimentary analysis – there is no identification of causality. There is no actual statistical test to even indicate an association between the two variables.

Bloomberg's activist-journalists looked at ATF reports showing the number of firearms traced broken out by the time between retail sale and tracing. They report that the number of firearms traced within a year of retail sale increased significantly from 2019 to 2020. The so-called journalists try to humanize the data by pointing to a pair of examples, developing the strongest emotional levers they could muster. Those cases are, of course, awful but are unlikely to be representative of all such traces.

So, the number of firearms traced within a year increased in a year in which the number of all guns sold increased. That seems proportional. *The Trace* covers this point, too: the ratio of guns traced within seven months of retail sale to all gun sales has increased annually since 2013. That sounds much more dramatic than the proportion increased from about 0.11% to 0.3% from 2013 through 2020.

That is eleven-one-hundredths of a percent to three-tenths of a percent. Naturally, that means that 99.7% of firearms are *not* traced within seven months of their acquisition.

The Trace turned to Julia Schleimer, a researcher at UC Davis, for comment. Readers may remember Ms. Schleimer as the lead author on published research that found no association between so-called “excess gun sales” in 2020 and violence. Schleimer, who holds a Master of Public Health degree from Columbia University, told *The Trace* that, “Overall, I think we can say that the gun sale surge may have contributed to a surge in crime.” She did go on to say that other factors related to tracing may be solely responsible, but can you imagine a researcher more ready to accept something that contradicts their own work? We can't.

Schleimer may be on to something with her follow-up thought. Increases in tracing could be attributed to any number of factors. Perhaps more law enforcement officers and staff had time at HQ to process traces in 2020. Maybe there was a new or renewed emphasis on tracing firearms.

The ATF claims that the National Tracing Center is only authorized to trace a firearm for a law enforcement agency involved in a bona fide criminal investigation. This sounds very official, but gun owners across the country have heard stories of police running a trace on a firearm during a traffic stop. The ATF provides trace counts by category, which one may consider the reason for the trace.

The most common reasons for tracing a firearm in 2020 were possession of weapon (89,905) and firearm under investigation (74,264). Each of those dwarfs the number associated with aggravated assault (16,142), firing weapon (4,158), homicide (10,299), robbery (4,841), and simple assault (6,312).

The Trace and others refer to traced firearms as “crime guns” but the firearms traced are not all found at gritty, inner city crime scenes. Some (5,683) are traced during a traffic offense. Another 8,400 traces were related to “health – safety,” whatever that means, and nearly ten thousand were related to suicides or suicide attempts.

Crime is a real problem. Want to take the kids to visit San Francisco or New York City? Didn't think so. Bank of America executives told staffers to avoid making themselves a target in New York City by the way they dress. We remember a time when the way someone dressed wasn't an invitation to commit a crime.

There are larger questions to be explored about law enforcement strategy and policing, community relations, and economic stressors. *The Trace* acknowledges near the end of the article that “In several of the past 10 years, gun sales spiked without proportional increases in short time-to-crime recoveries; likewise, gun sales frequently dipped while recoveries were on the rise.” In other words, increases in sales are not a predictor of the number of recently acquired firearms police will recover and trace.

Seems like *The Trace* knows the ATF data does not suggest what they claimed it suggests. Maybe they just wish it would.



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What Questions Should Second Amendment Supporters Ask Candidates For State Offices?

Second Amendment supporters should be familiar with the federalist structure that was established by the Constitution. In many ways, it has proven to be a very robust bulwark to protect our Second Amendment rights. Yes, the situation may suck in some of them, but the damage has been limited compared to what happened to gun owners in places like England, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand

In 2022, Second Amendment supporters have a chance to strengthen the defenses of the Second Amendment. Most states will be electing governors (and other statewide offices), and almost all will elect state legislatures. The stakes are high, and it will be crucial to ask candidates for office the right questions to avoid disappointments like Larry Hogan.

We can start with people running for state legislatures. These are races where grassroots efforts can make a big difference, especially in primary elections.

Do you believe the Second Amendment protects our right to keep and bear arms?

Do you believe self-defense is a right?

Are those who exercise their Second Amendment rights to blame for violent crime?

Would you work to strengthen pre-emption laws?

Are you willing to pass a state version of the Freedom Financing Act?

Will you support constitutional carry?

Will you work to pass legislation to counter Gavin Newsom's new attack on our Second Amendment rights?

Are you willing to pass laws to address Silicon Valley censorship?

Will you speak out for the rights of Second Amendment supporters to be engaged in the political and legislative process?

Candidates for governor should be asked similar questions to those asked of candidates for the state legislature – with the constitutionally-appropriate change to signing legislation into law (and vetoing anti-Second Amendment legislation). But there are some other things they need to be asked:

Will you do everything in your power (within legal and constitutional boundaries) to support the appointment/election of judges who will respect the Second Amendment?

Will you ensure that those you appoint to head organizations like the state police respect the Second Amendment?

Then, there are candidates for attorney general. The anti-First Amendment jihad Letitia James has launched against the NRA should be an object lesson for anyone who doesn't pay attention to these types of down-ballot races. These offices are a big deal, and the questions should reflect that?

Will you defend dealers, manufacturers, and even citizens in this state if they are targeted by Gavin Nesom's new attack on our Second Amendment rights?

Will you act against banks and financial institutions that attempt to carry out any form of corporate gun control or financial deplatforming?

Will you act against Silicon Valley censorship?

Will you support appropriate efforts to strike down anti-Second Amendment laws that are challenged in court?

What will you do to address prosecutors who refuse to take crime seriously?

State offices are often a launching pad for federal office, whether it is a seat in the House of Representatives or the United States Senate, a cabinet position, a federal judgeship, or even becoming President of the United States. The candidates we pick today for state office could be those we count on to defend our rights in the future at the federal level. Getting the right answers could very well be the difference between success or failure in defeating anti-Second Amendment extremists via the ballot box next November.

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