

## Gun Control Group Hopes to Smear U.S. Firearms Industry with New Website

We all knew who the finger-pointers and tattletales were in junior high school. A disproportionate number of them, it seems, now populate America's anti-gun lobby.

The oft-rebranded gun control organization currently calling itself Brady United Against Gun Violence (Brady) launched a website this week called The Gun Store Transparency Project. This site is the result of Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) litigation Brady engaged in against the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) to obtain certain ATF reports from inspections of Federal Firearm Licensees. Brady is now making those reports available to the public.

These reports, however, are not a random or representative sampling of ATF's inspection efforts but contain only those "in which the ATF issued an FFL a Warning Letter or more severe remedy ... ."

In other words, the site completely ignores any inspection report -- which in 2020 comprised over 60% of them -- that did not result in findings of violations or sanctions.

Brady claims the purpose of the website is so "the American public will no longer be kept in the dark about businesses that contribute to gun violence in their communities, and whether federal authorities are failing to hold them accountable."

But is every business cataloged on the site "contributing to gun violence in their communities" simply because it was found, in some fashion, to be in non-compliance with the reams of federal laws and regulations that apply to licensed gun sellers? The answer, of course, is no.

There is no mystery to which sorts of violations will land an FFL in serious trouble with ATF. The agency publishes them on its own website: In addition to a refusal to allow an IOI to conduct an inspection, each of the following violations, absent extraordinary circumstances, will also result in ATF issuing a notice of revocation:

- *Transferring a firearm to a prohibited person*
- *Failing to conduct a required background check*
- *Falsifying records*
- *Failing to respond to a trace request*

These are the sorts of violations that pose the most obvious risk of a firearm falling into dangerous hands or that could impede law enforcement authorities from conducting a legitimate regulatory or criminal investigation.

None of these, however, appear on the ATF's list of the 10 "most frequently cited violations during ATF firearms inspections" in 2020. Instead, these "violations" are mostly the types of bookkeeping errors that are likely to occur in any context in which transactions are subject to a highly bureaucratic process that involves multiple ledger entries, forms, requirements for the production and recording of identification, and database inquiries.

Examples of the most common "violations," according to the ATF, include "[f]ailure to complete forms as prescribed" and missing signatures or dates.

Indeed, one of the reasons the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) itself doesn't always work as intended is because the millions of mostly government forms and computer entries on which it relies are themselves commonly incomplete, ambiguous, or simply erroneous.

This is why the ATF inspection process is not always or even usually a harshly punitive endeavor. Rather, it can also serve to help these heavily regulated businesses identify areas of operation or processes that need to be improved. The process, for example, includes a post-inspection conference so the FFL has an opportunity to respond to the alleged violations, initiate corrective actions, ask questions, and review relevant federal firearms laws and regulations with the inspectors.

This is also why the NRA supported the landmark Firearms Owners Protection Act in 1986, which ensured that the ATF inspection process could not be abused by anti-gun administrations simply to reduce the number of FFLs by any means possible.

To some degree, the process is similar to a student's report card, which can help with self-assessment and identify areas in need of improvement. But, just as academic report cards are not necessarily or usually about finding a pretext to kick the student out of school, ATF compliance inspections are not necessarily or usually aimed at shutting down the FFL.

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BRADY (Continued from page 1)

There is no college degree specifically aimed at running a gun shop. FFLs are often small businesses that face the challenge not just of complying with federal law but the business, licensing, and zoning laws of states and localities as well. Some learning inevitably occurs on the job. It is hardly surprising that boxes sometimes get missed on forms, serial numbers get transposed, or someone forgets to make a copy of an identification document.

Fortunately, these scrivener type mistakes rarely have any material impact on public safety. That ATF usually recognizes this is laudatory and does not mean the agency is lax in holding industry members accountable.

As much as Brady may hate the idea, commerce in firearms is a legitimate, constitutionally protected business in the United States. There is nothing inherently shady or suspect about it, and members of the firearms industry should not be portrayed as criminals or public menaces for every mistake that winds up on a bureaucratic report. The inspectors themselves, after all, have to justify the work that they do and would risk total irrelevance and constantly diminishing resources if their labor didn't generate some sort of corrective action now and then.

Ironically, Brady's effort mostly underscores that FFLs operate within a heavily regulated environment and still mostly manage to do so safely, accurately, and with high levels of compliance.

It is true, as Brady asserts, that the ATF does not have the resources to inspect every single FFL right up to the legal limit. But the big picture that emerges from the ATF's own published data from inspections that do occur strongly indicates that would be a waste of time and resources, anyway.

### NDAAs Clear 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 Quimet. "The due process and Second Amendment rights of our men and women in uniform should never be compromised."

"Let each citizen remember at the moment he is offering his vote that he is not making a present or a compliment to please an individual — or at least that he ought not so to do; but that he is executing one of the most solemn trusts in human society for which he is accountable to God and his country." —Samuel Adams

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## LIBERTY NOTES

By Kevin L. Jamison

It is a Good Day for Liberty.

I have just finished reading *Gunfight* by Ryan Busse. He was an early executive for Kimber and his account of the early days of the company is interesting. The rest of the book is a problem. An early objective of the Kimber leadership was that Kimbers would not be found at a crime scene. This is mostly because Kimbers are expensive. Criminals buy inexpensive guns because they frequently must discard them to avoid being caught. Extreme accuracy and reliability are not their major focus. The bulk of the book decries what he determines to be the “radicalization” of the gun community. He believes that gun companies sell guns through fear. Fear is involved but it is not the fault of the gun companies it is the fault of the news. People see crime and riots and threats to take our gun rights and they react. People hear threats to their rights, and they react. He complains that gun people react angrily. Of course, he does not mention the insults and threats hurled at us by the usual suspects. Our people are provoked and react accordingly. We should realize that the usual suspects are trying to provoke us to make us look bad and we should refuse to play their game. He insists that there is no real threat to our rights. He is upset by the popularity of semi-automatic rifles. He pretends that they are a new development. Semi-automatic rifles and shotguns have been produced since 1905. Semi-automatic surplus military rifles, including M 1 carbines with 30 round magazines, have been available since WW II. He insists repeatedly that AR 15 rifles are the same as M-16 rifles. He must know that this is not true. He insists that gun people are racist, that our every argument has a racist hidden meaning. He says that guns were sold in great numbers during President Obama’s administration because he was Black. The fact that he threatened our gun rights is dismissed. Of course, the sales skyrocketed during the Clinton administration and now the Biden administration and for the same reason—they threatened our rights. He thinks that when Smith & Wesson compromised with the Clinton administration on our rights that the resulting boycott was a massive conspiracy promoted by the NRA. Of course, it was not. It was a reaction by the grass-roots. We are not stupid; we do not need someone to tell us what to do. He demands that we compromise by giving up ARs and polymer-framed guns. The gun community compromise on every gun restriction in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. It is time that the usual suspects compromise.

Many people have received ATF form letters regarding purchases from Diversified Machine. The ATF seized the customer list from that company on the grounds that their fuel filters are the basis for silencers. The form letter tells the customer that if he or she bought silencers or silencer parts they must contact the ATF within 30 days. We do not know what happens after that. Some have products from the company and used them for fuel filters or some other legal use. Others have destroyed or discarded them. At least one built a suppressor after getting permission to do so from the ATF. It seems that ATF is taking the customer’s word from what he did with the product. The customers are on an ATF list. I do not have a solid idea of how to respond. Talk to a lawyer first.

Missouri has eight congressional districts. Two are considered safe democratic seats, St Louis and Jackson County; six are considered safe republican seats. The Missouri legislature has proposed a new map of these districts based on the 2020 census. Under this map the borders of the districts are largely unchanged. Some have contended that the Fifth District, Jackson County, should be absorbed by the surrounding republican districts. This would eliminate Representative Cleaver’s seat. It does not appear that this will happen.

The WMSA web site has been improved. See [www.WMSA.net](http://www.WMSA.net) we are requesting copies of photographs of WMSA events to post on the web site. If you have any such photographs please give us a copy.

Many people have received postcards regarding a class action lawsuit regarding the sheriff’s retirement fund. For many years every time someone paid a traffic ticket of any kind \$3 went to the sheriff’s retirement fund. This fee was found to be illegal and a class action lawsuit was filed on behalf of everyone who paid the fee. The card says that everyone who makes a claim can get \$4.50 for every ticket and fee paid. It is necessary to file the claim with the address on the postcard.

It has been suggested that if a criminal is shot with a .25 ACP he may not notice and it certainly would not stop him. This is blasphemy. The .25 ACP was invented by John Moses Browning and criticism of his work is sacrilege. If a criminal does not drop dead from a product of Browning’s genius he should be shot with a .45 1911.

It is frequently said that democrats have a nearly empty barrel of presidential candidates. President Biden is at historic low in public opinion. His ability to function in a second term is scoffed at. Vice President Harris has lower opinion polls. Scraping the bottom of the barrel former Secretary of State Clinton is seriously and repeatedly proposed. It does no good to say that President Trump has beaten her before. A second matchup will be more difficult and require extra effort. The former President has not formally announced his campaign for 2024. Organization, contacts and money will have to be created. There is little time to do so as these things go.

The media repeatedly states that the Second Amendment Preservation Act “nullifies” federal law regarding guns. The word “nullify” or its variants does not appear in the statute. Anyone can look for themselves. People will not make the effort. A lie repeated often enough becomes the truth.

A terrorist held a Texas Jewish congregation hostage in an attempt to obtain the release of a terrorist prisoner. He referred to the imprisoned terrorist as his “sister” but he appears to have meant this in an ideological sense; there is no familial link. The terrorist was killed by an FBI SWAT team. The FBI says the incident has no link to the Jewish community. The link is that the Synagogue is a soft target. It was easily taken over by one terrorist. The unarmed congregation was easily taken.





LIBERTY (Continued from page 4)

Two years ago, FN announced that it would no longer produce the High Power. A Turkish company and Springfield announced that it would produce clones of the High Power. They appear to have envisioned them as improvements. Now FN has announced its own improvement on the High Power. Meddling with a Browning design calls for caution before purchase. One commentator has a one year rule for new firearms. He waits a year before buying one to see if any defects appear. I like the High Power. It nestles in my hand as if taking up residency. This works towards accuracy. I have one that was mistreated by two different Chinese armies for half a century. The magazine did not feed all thirteen rounds but with a new magazine the gun performed flawlessly. I purchased an Argentine High Power. Again, the magazine did not function reliably but with a different magazine it performed flawlessly. Magazines are important parts of firearms and must be carefully selected and maintained.

I've read another article arguing that the Japanese Type 26 revolver is the worst military handgun ever issued; worse than the Russian Nagant. The argument rests on the fact that the Type 26 cylinder rotates freely unless the trigger is pulled. The Nagant cylinder also freely rotates unless the trigger is pulled. The Type 26 breaks open to reload while the Nagant must eject and reload one cartridge at a time like the Peacemaker. I think that this gives the edge to worst pistol to the Nagant. I do not know enough about their relative accuracy to factor in this critical element. I do not expect a spirited debate in the gun magazines, but I thought it necessary to state my opinion. Feel free to agree with 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.

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

We shall overcome.

How far we have come, how far indeed. This didn't used to be an argument. Whether someone had a right wing or left wing stance, the proper access to firearms among the common man did not used to be such a contentious stance. Four-time socialist presidential candidate Eugene Debs once remarked how gun ownership was the way to prevent the working man from being complete slaves to greedy capitalists. Even socialist George Orwell had been noted by Christopher Hitchens to have been a supporter of the right to bear arms.

Today the mask is off, the intentions are clear, and the rhetoric is more direct than ever before. There are no Second Amendment supporters in today's Democratic Party.

That stance is as dead as JFK.

"When even one American — who has done nothing wrong — is forced by fear to shut his mind and close his mouth, then all Americans are in peril."

—Harry S. Truman

"Those who have most consistently undermined the police and other elements of law enforcement are among those most shocked by the escalation of crime and violence."

—Thomas Sowell

"Where there is no law, there is no liberty; and nothing deserves the name of law but that which is certain and universal in its operation upon all the members of the community."

—Benjamin Rush

"Democrats want to grab our guns AND abolish the police. What's left to defend against home invasions and looters then?"

—James Woods

"The struggle is always between the individual and his sacred right to express himself and ... the power structure that seeks conformity, suppression and obedience."

—Justice William O. Douglas



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"There comes a point when a man must refuse to answer to his leader if he is also to answer to his own conscience." —Hartley Shaw-

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

## NOT STUPID

K. L. Jamison

In Shakespeare's *King Lear* the title character gives his kingdom to his daughters on the condition that they support 100 knights as his retinue for life. After a time the daughters realized how expensive this was and confronted their father. They presented what sounded like good reasons that such a number would provoke quarrels and trouble. They suggested 50 were plenty and come to think of it 25 would be more than enough and why not 10 and he could compromise with 5, or two. If two were sufficient one would do. In fact, why did he need that one guy? Lear glowers "Ask not the need. Consider the right!"

I quoted this scene during a public debate on gun rights and a high school teacher in the front row gaped in astonishment. They think we are stupid you see: inbred, hillbilly, racist, Neanderthal, psychopaths and incapable of thought or learning.

I remembered the scene because it echoed the argument of the usual suspects; that we should compromise on certain rights because we don't really need them. The usual suspects tell us that no one wants to take our guns and they expect us to believe them. In the last democratic presidential primary Beto O'Rourke boasted, "Hell yes" he would take our semi-automatic rifles. Not one of the other candidates disagreed. New York and California ban certain types of rifle; and we are to believe that no one wants to take our guns. A single speech or article will demand bans on certain guns and in the same speech or article claim that no one wants to take our guns. We are mocked for questioning this sort of reasoning.

They think we are stupid. They think that we cannot decide for ourselves and simply parrot what the NRA feeds us. An argument that they cannot immediately dismiss as angry, hateful and racist confuses them. We should be able to do something with this confusion.

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

## Bureaucracies suck.

Jose Nino

Seriously. These institutions are among the most detached of political entities you will find. They're usually staffed by total mediocrities who do very little in terms of productive work. Plus, they're led by petty tyrants whose specialty is to screw with America's most productive and law-abiding individuals.

Say what you want about democracy, it's definitely flawed.....bureaucratism is a lot worse.

For one, in democratic republican models you can at least use elections as an accountability mechanism to keep wayward elected officials in line.

Try doing that with a bureaucracy.... In fact, bureaucracies' overall nature is to expand. Even when they fail! Just think about it. When was the last time that a government agency lost its funding?

These agencies provide sinecures for America's most parasitic individuals and allow for would-be tyrants to implement tyrannical edicts that bypass traditional legislative models. For that reason, bureaucracies must be opposed at all costs. For me, the ATF is one of the worst of these agencies. Its presence is an existential threat to America's right to bear arms. To add insult to injury, it's now been caught snooping on law-abiding gun owners. That's what happens when these organizations are allowed to exist.

Check out my recent post for *Gunpowder Magazine* detailing the ATF's latest unconstitutional shenanigans and what it means for the privacy rights of American gun owners.

<https://www.gunpowdermagazine.com/atf-fbi-are-snooping-on-more-than-1-000-lawful-gun-owners/>

P.S. The ATF's abolition should be the long-term goal for any serious Second Amendment activist out there. Obviously this won't happen overnight. And to reach such a destination, you must possess strong fundamentals.

Don't put the cart before the horse. People see the election victory parties, the legislative signing ceremonies, and the speeches before thousands of people.... but they don't see the hours of work and sleepless nights that went into building a successful political endeavor.

There's no sugar-coating it. You're going to have to put in the work. And it will be messy at first.

But you gotta take the lumps if you want to win in politics.

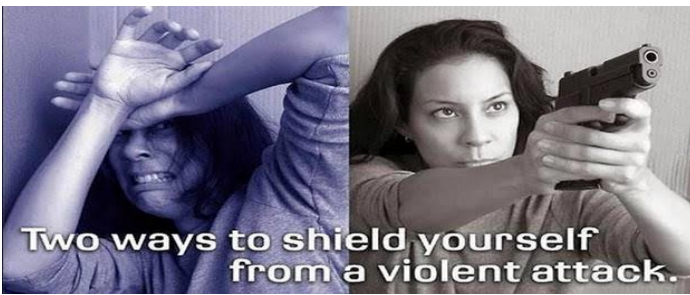
Thankfully, yours truly has a solid resource for you to get started with Second Amendment politics — the one political scene that's seen tremendous progress on the Right.

Education is important and should never been skimmed on.

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**Two ways to shield yourself from a violent attack.**

"The greatest good we can do our country is to heal its party divisions and make them one people." —Thomas Jefferson

## The Left Doesn't Care About the Right to Bear Arms Anymore

Jose Nino

Would JFK have a place in today's Democratic Party? While not a conservative by today's definition, he wouldn't be either in today's Democratic party. A party of individuals espousing communist rhetoric, slaughtering the unborn, and finding new ways each and every day to strip the citizenry of our constitutional rights.

Simply put, the Democratic Party and the political Left as a whole have changed so much in the past six decades that they are unrecognizable from one another.

Even Democrats a few decades ago look starkly different than the ones seeking Black Lives Matter endorsements today. Just look at the Senator from Vermont, Bernie Sanders, as an example of how far the Overton Window has been dragged.

During Sanders' face off against Republican incumbent Peter Smith for Vermont's at-large congressional district way back in 1990, the NRA (the same organization Sanders and other Left wingers describe as a threat to our society) endorsed Sanders. Shocked?

The official endorsement statement, NRA executive Wayne LaPierre stated "Bernie Sanders is a more honorable choice for Vermont sportsmen than Peter Smith." Let it sink in folks, without the NRA, Bernie Sanders would have probably never step foot in Washington D.C.

Look where we are now though. Sanders' beliefs have changed to adjust to the realities of the modern-day Democratic Party, which doesn't even pretend to hide behind bumper sticker rhetoric such as "gun safety" or "just ban the assault weapons", these people want to strike the Second Amendment from the Constitution and make it so no man or woman can legally possess any type of firearm.

Although Sanders has signaled his support for gun grabbing schemes such as "assault weapon" bans, former presidential candidate Mike Bloomberg (the man whose face you saw all over YouTube ads in 2019 probably) insisted that Sanders is " beholden to the gun lobby" due to Sanders' votes against the Brady Act in 1993 and his vote for the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act in 2005.

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"In my judgment the people of no nation can lose their liberty so long as a Bill of Rights like ours survives and its basic purposes are conscientiously interpreted, enforced and respected so as to afford continuous protection against old, as well as new, devices and practices which might thwart those purposes. I fear to see the consequences of the Court's practice of substituting its own concepts of decency and fundamental justice for the language of the Bill of Rights as its point of departure in interpreting and enforcing that Bill of Rights."

—Justice Hugo L. Black

"If Americans wish to preserve a country they will recognize, then the first step is to recognize the enemy. Public education is the enemy. The entertainment industry is the enemy. The corporate culture is the enemy. The advertising industry is the enemy. And most of the politicians in both parties are the enemy. An enemy is defined as anybody, or any organization, which is attacking the traditional beliefs of Americans."

—Charley Reese

"The ordaining of laws in favor of one part of the nation, to the prejudice and oppression of another, is certainly the most erroneous and mistaken policy."

—Benjamin Franklin

"He who passively accepts evil is as much involved in it as he who helps to perpetuate it."

—Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



"To restore ... harmony ... to render us again one people acting as one nation should be the object of every man really a patriot." —Thomas Jefferson



### More Guns = More Self-Defense

*Americans legally bought more than 18 million firearms last year, and they've been putting those purchases to good use.*

On Sunday, December 12, at 1 p.m. on Sycamore Lane in Garden Grove, California, a man with a history of domestic violence and the subject of an active restraining order broke into the home of his ex-girlfriend and stabbed her current boyfriend several times in the chest. The boyfriend survived, but his assailant escaped and, for whatever reason, was never put behind bars.

Five days later, the man returned, kicking in the door and chasing the couple into a room upstairs. This time, though, they were armed with a handgun. The boyfriend fired several shots, more than one of which found home, and the assailant died at the scene.

If ever a man had it coming to him, it was this guy. And if ever a gun-grabbing Democrat should've been made to explain to a law-abiding couple why they had no right to possess the handgun that ultimately saved their lives, this would've been the time.

This story didn't make national news — stories like this never do — but the American people would be better off if encounters like these were widely publicized. Were it so, would-be victims would likely be emboldened by the prospect of vigorous self-defense, and would-be assailants would likely think twice before preying upon another person.

Self-defense is, after all, our first human right and our most fundamental civil liberty. And the Second Amendment to our Constitution is the guarantor of that God-given right.

To be sure, this story out of Garden Grove wasn't a one-off. Each month, The Daily Signal publishes an article highlighting some of the previous month's many news stories on defensive gun use nationwide — stories that the mainstream media has no interest in publishing. Stories like the one out of Bolivar, Tennessee, where an armed Domino's Pizza employee drew his own gun and fatally shot a would-be armed robber. Or this one out of North Philly, where a merchant put a stop to a spate of armed robberies targeting Latino-owned businesses by shooting and wounding a 20-year-old man who'd tried to rob his corner store. Or this one out of Cairo, Georgia, where an elderly woman was awakened in the middle of the night to find several armed intruders. When she confronted them, she was shot, but she returned fire with her own weapon, causing them to flee. Seven suspects were later arrested.

As The Daily Signal notes, "Americans legally bought more than 18.5 million firearms in 2021, down just slightly from 2020's unprecedented surge in gun sales but still the second-highest year for sales on record." And, as indicated in the stories above, the American people are using them for self-defense — somewhere between 500,000 and three million times annually, according to a 2013 CDC report.

The Signal's parent organization, The Heritage Foundation, has been keeping an interactive database of defensive gun use since 2019. As of today, it's documented 2,061 such instances of self-defense.

As you've no doubt noticed by now, we have a serious crime problem in our country — a problem that the Left reflexively blames on guns. This, of course, is a lie. As our Mark Alexander has noted time and again, crime is a Democrat-induced *culture* problem, not a gun problem. "Criminals commit crimes," he writes, "and until Democrats reverse course on the social policies that have devastated American families and communities for decades, the consequential violence will continue."

In the meantime, we can be thankful for our Second Amendment, which ensures our first human right.

"Before a standing army can rule, the people must be disarmed; as they are in almost every kingdom of Europe. The supreme power in America cannot enforce unjust laws by the sword; because the whole body of the people are armed, and constitute a force superior to any band of regular troops that can be, on any pretense, raised in the United States."

—Noah Webster

"A republic is not an easy form of government to live under, and when the responsibility of citizenship is evaded, democracy decays and authoritarianism takes over."

-- Chief Justice Earl Warren



"America was founded on the rule of law, and law and order is how American democracy is sustained." —Mike Pompeo





## RALLY DAY

**Wednesday – April 26, 2022 – 10 A.M. to NOON**

*Missouri State Capitol, First Floor Rotunda, Jefferson City*

Sponsored by: **MPS** (Missourians for Personal Safety), **GCLA** (Gateway Civil Liberties Alliance), **WMSA** (Western Missouri Shooters Alliance), **MSSA** (Missouri Sport Shooting Association), **MissouriCarry.com**, and other pro-freedom groups.



*Rally Day, April 18, 2013. Photo by [Mark Buckner](#).*

Each year in the spring, Second Amendment advocates gather in the Missouri State Capitol Rotunda to rally the gun-rights grassroots base and lobby the legislature on gun-rights issues and pending legislation. Rally Day also offers an excellent opportunity for gun owners and pro-gun legislators to get better acquainted and forge stronger alliances.

Most important, a strong turnout is critical to countering anti-gun political pressures and focusing legislators' attention on passing pro-gun-rights bills. Our legislators need our support to strengthen their resolve to stand firm against bad legislation. Strong support also contributes essential impetus to push good bills through to the end and enact good law.

*We need you at the Rally.* Take off work! Join us at the Capitol for a couple of hours. Maybe even take your kids out of school, and let them get a great firsthand civics lesson they will never get in the classroom. Bring along your hunting or shooting buddy who wouldn't ordinarily come out for such an event. Bring others, or come alone, but come to the Rally. Help restore and preserve our Second Amendment Rights. Be there! It matters.

**About the Rally: The rally is a non-partisan event, and pro-gun legislators do reside on both sides of the aisle. Rally-goers are encouraged to act respectfully at all times and to dress appropriately. Political party t-shirts, hats, etc., are not recommended and don't help the cause.**

The Gun-Rights Rally is usually presided over by a designated emcee who introduces guest speakers and, as they arrive, any legislators who may come to address the crowd. (During the rally, legislators are in chambers, working, and can only make an appearance as time permits to take a break from the legislative body.)

Rally-goers are strongly encouraged to go speak with their elected officials after the rally. (See [Legislator Lookup](#).) Talking points, especially as it relates to pending legislation, will be recommended during the rally. The office room numbers for House and Senate members are available online or at the information desk located at the entrance to the rotunda.





## Ruger Rifle and Pistol Drawing

**We will have a limited number of raffle tickets (1,000).** We will not mail tickets to members to sell. Tickets will be available at all General meetings and at events where WMSA has a table. Additionally, to build our treasury for the coming year, this year's raffle is aimed towards gaining more WMSA members.

**The tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20.** As an added incentive, bring in a new member at a General Membership Meeting and get a free raffle ticket. Any current member who brings in a new WMSA member gets a free raffle ticket for each new member added to our rolls.

Bring your prospective new member to a General membership meeting and when the new member completes the membership application and pays their dues, you are handed a ticket, no charge! **The drawing will be in January 2023, either at the RK Shows or the WMSA General Membership Meeting.**

**Go recruit new members, get a free ticket for every member and exhaust our limited number of tickets.**

**Tickets can also be obtained via mail by sending a check to the WMSA, P.O. Box 11144, Kansas City, MO 64119.**



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- 1) Counter the designs of malicious legislators.
- 2) Confront the media's twisted portrayals of gun rights issues.
- 3) Politicize and activate gun owners in defense of their rights.
- 4) Acquaint the public with the true nature of the Second Amendment.
- 5) Network with other pro-gun groups to coordinate local, state and national strategies.
- 6) Train people in basic firearm safety and handgun defense.
- 7) Sponsor and support pro-gun legislation.
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**\*REMINDER\*** Next General Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Mar. 22, 2022 at 7:00 PM  
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 800-672-3888

The Second Amendment Foundation  
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