

House and Senate Bills as of Jan. 2019

Bill Numbers in BOLD are at least partially good the rest are BAD!

HB 40 -- FIREARMS SPONSOR: Lavender This bill establishes an extreme risk order of protection. The bill allows any individual to file a petition with a court for an extreme risk protection order based on specified criteria. The court shall issue the order if the court finds the respondent poses a significant risk of personal injury to himself or herself, or others. A respondent subject to such an order is required to surrender all firearms in his or her possession.

HB 56 -- FIREARMS IN MOTOR VEHICLES SPONSOR: Bangert This bill requires that firearms being transported or stored in a motor vehicle be unloaded and stored in a locked case, trunk, or other secure container. The bill allows loaded handguns to be transported within the cabin of a motor vehicle as long as they are not left unattended.

HB 82 -- FIREARMS SPONSOR: Hill This bill allows a firearms owner to transport and store firearms in privately owned, locked vehicles in parking garages, lots, and parking spaces. Property owners, tenants, employers, and business entities are exempt from both civil and criminal liability for any occurrences involving these firearms and the entity may require firearms to be kept in a locked case and hidden from view if stored in a vehicle. An employer may ban employee firearms from vehicles owned or leased by the employer. An employer and business may ban firearms from certain limited access parking areas if storage areas for firearms are made available to the employee or customer, or if alternative parking areas are provided that are reasonably close to the business or employer.

HB 87 -- UNLAWFUL POSSESSION AND TRANSFER OF WEAPONS SPONSOR: Beck This bill makes it a crime to knowingly sell or give a firearm to an individual whose name is on the federal No Fly List or to a member of an international or domestic terrorist group. This bill also adds individuals whose names appear on the federal No Fly List and members of international or domestic terrorist groups to the list of people prohibited from possessing a firearms

HB 90 -- STUDY ON GUN VIOLENCE SPONSOR: Green This bill requires the Department of Public Safety to commission a study on gun violence in Missouri and appoint a committee to oversee and review the results of the study.

HB 97 -- SALE OF ASSAULT WEAPONS SPONSOR: Green This bill makes it a crime to sell, lease, loan, or give away an assault weapon to a person under the age of 21, except for the delivery of a weapon to any peace officer or Armed Forces or National Guard member while performing his or her duty.

HB 162 -- POSSESSION OF FIREARMS SPONSOR: Brown (27) This bill adds bump stocks and trigger cranks, devices that enable semiautomatic rifles to fire faster, to the list of Missouri banned weapons. The possession, manufacture, transportation, repair, or sale of either device will become a criminal offense under this bill.

HB 163 -- UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF FIREARMS SPONSOR: Brown (27) This bill modifies the categories of persons who cannot possess firearms so that Missouri law conforms with federal law. The bill specifies that any person who has been convicted in any court of a misdemeanor crime of domestic assault, any person who is illegally or unlawfully in the United States, any person who was once a United States citizen but has renounced that citizenship, or any person subject to certain court orders relating to domestic violence cannot possess a firearm.

HB 173 -- CONCEALED CARRY SPONSOR: Washington This bill adds public libraries to the list of places concealed firearms cannot be carried.

HB 175 -- LANDLORD TENANT SPONSOR: Washington This bill specifies that, if a landlord evicts a tenant in violation of any statute or county or municipal ordinance, the landlord shall be guilty of a class E felony. The bill also increases the penalty for assault in the 4th degree, a class A misdemeanor in most cases, to a class E felony if the victim is a tenant in a landlord-tenant relationship. If the assault on the tenant involves a weapon, it is a class C felony.

HB 210 -- TRANSFER OF FIREARMS SPONSOR: Razer This bill requires all sales or transfers of firearms to be processed by a federally licensed firearms dealer who is first required to conduct a National Instant Criminal Background Check System background check to determine if the purchaser or transferee is legally barred from possessing a firearm. This bill does not require federally licensed dealers to ask for any additional information or take any additional steps beyond those actions currently required by federal law. This bill ensures that the information obtained by the dealer or submitted to the FBI cannot be disclosed.

HB 235 -- REPORTING OF LOST OR STOLEN FIREARMS SPONSOR: Franks Jr. This bill requires a firearm owner to report to local law enforcement the loss or theft of a firearm within 72 hours of discovering the loss or theft. Failure to report a lost or stolen firearm is an infraction punishable by a fine not to exceed \$100 for the first violation, \$1000 for the second violation, and a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment not to exceed six months or a fine not to exceed \$1000, or both, for the third violation

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

The Alliance is a regionally-based, grass-roots organization that seeks to:

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**
8. **Make politicians aware that gun owners are awakening from their accustomed apathy and**
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General Membership Meeting

March 26, 2019

May 28, 2019

July 23, 2019

Sept. 24, 2019

Nov. 26, 2019

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Independence, MO

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EXPO CENTER-EXPO SQUARE
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HB 236 -- ARRESTS MADE BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS SPONSOR: Franks Jr. Currently, the use of force made in an arrest is justified if, among other things, the amount of physical force used was objectively reasonable in light of the totality of the circumstances. This bill changes that requirement to objectively necessary. Additionally, the bill repeals a section that states that an officer may use all means necessary to effect an arrest if the defendant flees or forcibly resists after the officer gives notice to the defendant of his or her intention to arrest the defendant.

HB 258 -- CARRYING OF CONCEALED FIREARMS SPONSOR: Taylor This bill makes changes to the list of locations an individual can carry a concealed firearm within this state and the list of locations an individual with a concealed carry permit can carry a concealed firearm within the state. This bill also prohibits the state, political subdivisions, and public institutions of higher learning from imposing any policies or contractual requirements that would have the effect of prohibiting employees or students from the carrying of concealed firearms into locations where concealed carry is not otherwise prohibited by law. No changes have been made to the penalties for carrying a concealed firearm in locations prohibited under these sections.

HB302 - Modifies weapon offenses by decriminalizing possession of a firearm silencer by persons who obtain a medical certificate for significant hearing loss

SB 1 - This act removes the following crimes from the list of crimes where expungement is not currently available. These crimes are: Property Damage in the First Degree, Stealing, Forgery, Possession of a Forging Instrumentality, Fraudulent use of a Credit Device or Debit Device, Defrauding Secured Creditors, Mortgage Fraud, and Promoting Civil Disorder in the First Degree.

SB 23 - This act allows a law enforcement officer or a person who is a family or household member of someone who is believed to pose a danger of causing injury to him or herself or another by use of a weapon to file a petition with the court for a firearms restraining order. A firearms restraining order prohibits a person or the "respondent" from purchasing, possessing, receiving, or having in his or her custody or control any firearms. (Red Flag Law)

SB 39 - Current law makes it a crime to board a bus with a dangerous or deadly weapon or carry such a weapon in a terminal. In addition, weapons may not be carried on any facility or conveyance used for a public transportation system of the Bi-State Development Agency.

This act provides that a person carrying a concealed firearm who possesses a valid concealed carry permit or endorsement shall not be prohibited or impeded from accessing or using any public transportation system. The person may not be harassed or detained for carrying a concealed firearm on the property, vehicles, or conveyances owned, contracted, or leased by such systems that are accessible to the public.

This act does not apply to property of Amtrak or any partnership in which Amtrak engages.

SB 40 - This act creates the offense of unlawfully storing and securing a firearm in the presence of a child. This offense is committed if a child gains access to a readily dischargeable firearm and a person, acting with criminal negligence, failed to secure the firearm or left the firearm in a place they knew or should have known the child could gain access.

SB 41 - Upon conviction for any domestic violence offense, this act requires the court to order the respondent to surrender any firearms in his or her possession to law enforcement authorities.

The act modifies the offense of unlawful possession of a firearm to provide that a person possessing a firearm who has been convicted of a misdemeanor domestic violence offense in the past five years or is subject to a full order of protection shall be guilty of a Class C felony.

SB 42 - This act establishes an "extreme risk order of protection" which shall be granted when a person is found to pose an extreme risk to themselves or others by possessing, controlling, or owning a firearm. After a petition for an extreme risk order of protection is filed, the court shall hold a hearing on the matter within fourteen days of the filing or five days if the respondent is a family or household member of the petitioner. An extreme risk order of protection can be renewed for up to one year by the petitioner or court. Additionally, a respondent to an extreme risk order of protection can have the order modified or rescinded upon a making a motion to do so with the court.

SB 75 - This act prohibits issuance of a concealed carry permit to any applicant who is a respondent of an ex parte order of protection that is still in effect.

Additionally, this act authorizes any county, city, or village, to enact an ordinance to require that any person carrying a concealed weapon within the boundaries of such political subdivision must have a valid concealed carry permit or endorsement. Any penalty for violation of the ordinance must be consistent with authority granted to such political subdivision under state law.

SB 94 - Currently, it is unlawful for certain categories of person to possess firearms. This act adds to those categories any person who has been convicted in any court of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence, any person who is illegally or unlawfully in the United States, any person who was once a United States citizen but has renounced that citizenship, and any person subject to certain court orders relating to domestic violence.

SB 121 - According to this act, possession of a weapon in one of the following locations constitutes the unlawful possession of a firearm:

Any public higher education institution without the consent of a member of the governing body of the institution, or anyone who has a valid concealed carry permit.

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Any public secondary or primary school without the consent of a member of the school board. Except if the person carrying the firearm has been designated by his or her district as a school protection officer, or have a valid concealed carry permit.

Any school bus or on any premises of any school sponsored function, unless the weapon is possessed by an adult and is required in order to facilitate a school sanctioned firearm event.

Any police, sheriff, or highway patrol station without the consent of the chief law enforcement officer of that station.

Any jail, prison or correctional institution.

Any building that is solely occupied by a court, except certain certified law enforcement officers.

Any meeting, including committee meeting, of the General Assembly, unless the person carrying the firearm has a valid concealed carry permit.

Any area of an airport that is controlled by a search of a person and their property.

Anywhere carrying a firearm is prohibited by federal law.

Any private property where the owner has posted certain signs stating the property is off-limits to concealed firearms

Any arena or stadium with a seating capacity of five thousand or more that is managed or leased by a private entity.

This act repeals provisions where the possession of a firearm in certain locations currently constitutes the unlawful possession of a firearm. These locations include: places where people assemble to worship, any election precinct on any election day, and certain buildings owned or occupied by the state and federal government, or any political subdivision.

Additionally, this act repeals provisions that prohibited someone with a valid concealed carry permit from carrying a concealed weapon in the following locations:

Any meeting of the governing body of a unit of local government or the General Assembly.

Any polling place on any election day.

Any establishment that serves intoxicating liquors.

Any portion of a building that has a child care facility.

Riverboat gambling facilities.

Any gated amusement park.

Any hospital accessible to the public.

Any public higher education institution building.

This act allows the storage of a firearm in a persons vehicle at a location where possession of a firearm would otherwise constitute the unlawful possession of a firearm, except where prohibited by federal law so long as the firearm remains stored in the vehicle and is not at anytime brandished.

This act prohibits the state or any county, municipality or other political subdivision from restricting by ordinance, rule, policy, contractual agreement, or employment agreement where someone with a valid concealed carry permit can may carry a concealed firearm. Moreover, any public higher education institution may construct their own policies regarding concealed carry weapons on their campus, so long as such policies do not generally restrict the ability to carry a concealed weapon.

Finally, this act repeals the offense of possession and concealment of a dangerous or deadly weapon upon a bus and removes language that made it unlawful for someone to possess a deadly or dangerous weapon in a bus terminal.

SB 163 - This act provides that a person shall not sell or transfer a firearm unless the person is a firearms dealer, selling or transferring to a firearms dealer, or, if neither party is a firearms dealer, the parties to the transaction complete the sale or transfer through a licensed firearms dealer.

“Madame Tussaud’s Wax Museum announced that a new location will open in Washington DC. It will present likenesses of lawmakers and presidents at work. The idea is to show that you can put a wax dummy in those chairs and the government will run better.”

—Argus Hamilton

MEMBER LOST

Dean Smith, a long time member of WMSA, has passed away. We want to express our condolences to his daughter, Rachel Berry, also a WMSA member and the rest of his family. Please have the family in your prayers.

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**LIBERTY NOTES***By Kevin L. Jamison*

It is a good day for Liberty.

RALLY DAY will be 16 April, 2019 in the Rotunda of the Capital Building in Jefferson City from 10 AM to noon. This is the day after tax day which makes it easy to remember. A speaker is being searched for, possibly drafted and quite possibly kidnapped.

A number of hunting, fishing and gun magazines send copies to the Western Missouri Shooters Alliance. At the last WMSA general membership meeting we distributed copies to members in attendance. I threw in copies of "The Drop" the magazine of the Special Forces Association. They were well received, and I trust did some good.

We are informed that WMSA member Dean Smith has passed away. Our condolences to his family and friends.

An FBI agent in Denver was showing off his dance moves. During a backflip his gun fell out of its holster. It did not go off when dropped, this would be an unusual event for a modern pistol. It fired when the agent picked it up. He apparently stuck his finger in the trigger guard when doing so. The trigger guard exists to prevent such accidental discharges. This relies on ingraining the habit of placing the trigger finger above the trigger until ready to fire. A man was wounded in the leg. The agent has pled guilty to third-degree assault. He was sentenced to two years of probation and to pay \$1,600 in fines and court costs. The FBI has refused to comment on what affect this will have on his career. He had been charged with Second-Degree assault, punishable by up to 16 years in prison. Taking the plea may have been a "Bird in the hand" decision. The victim reports continued physical and emotional disabilities from the wound. He holds no grudge saying, "I've done stupid things at bars to impress girls too."

A Missouri poacher was sentenced to 120 days in jail. He not only lost his hunting and trapping rights; he is required to watch the Disney classic "Bambi" once a month for the duration of his probation. Even the classic could get old after a few months. When he starts reciting dialogue, he may be on the verge of understanding the concept of the operation.

After the Parkland Florida school murders (called "shootings" by the media) the parents of the victim sued the school and Sheriffs' office. A federal district judge has dismissed the suit. He ruled that the defendants had no legal duty to protect students. This was no surprise. There have been a chain of cases dating back to the 1850's to that effect. There have been many graphically lurid cases in the approximately 165 years since. The legal theory is that the duty of the police is to the community, but not any individual in that community. Since the police cannot protect everyone, they have to duty to protect no one. In reality the theory is that if the jurisdiction was not protected the victim of every pickpocket and shoplifter would bankrupt the jurisdiction.

The media perennially calls mass murders "shootings." What we do is shooting. What psychopaths do is murder. The media confuses the two until every skeet shooter and target shooter is considered a psychopath. I am not a psychopath. The voices in my head say so.

Hawaii says that the federal Law Enforcement Officer Safety Act does not apply in that state. This is the federal law that allows police to carry in all states. This decision was made about 24 December, 2018; one heck of a Christmas present for the boys in blue.

Hawaii has introduced a bill to prevent people from bringing guns into hotels.

I've read "Peckerwood in the Hood." It is written by a Kansas City Missouri police officer and recounts his career beginning in the 80's. It is a series of anecdotes regarding his career. The only unifying theme is that criminals are stupid, and police must deal with all sorts of people on the worst day in their lives. His career ended when two armed robbers forced him to kill them. He was unable to continue police work, worried that he might have to kill and concerned that he might hesitate when forced to do so. Everyone has some level of PTSD when forced to kill. He does not elaborate on his except that he had already had a long tour. It is interesting to hear of crimes in familiar places and the stunts his superiors never caught him at.

New York and Washington states have forbidden the NRA to sell its self-defense insurance program in those states. Other states cannot be far behind. Other programs cannot be intimidated because they use captive insurance companies, off-shore insurance companies or are self-funded. It is a bad sign. They claim that these programs insure criminal acts which they do not. There must be a plausible claim of self-defense and self-defense is not a criminal act.

The usual suspects have introduced a bill in congress to require "background checks" for gun purchases. Of course, we have had such a law for over twenty-five years so this is only a trick to slip in further repressive laws. The new bill would make gun shows much more difficult. Sales or transfers between private parties would be outlawed. It promises an exemption for transfers between family members but that would not last beyond the next notorious killing. This will result in all guns being registered. We have seen the results of registration in other countries. We must draw the line here.

Currently persons with a license to carry can carry concealed in the Capital Building. The license will get the holder through the metal detector without delay. Missouri Governor Parsons is considering revoking this right. The usual suspects complain that school children take trips and should not be exposed to guns. Of course the bottom floor is a museum with guns ranging from old pocket revolvers to Civil War cannon. Persons with concealed carry licenses carry concealed and by definition do not "expose" them to passing schoolchildren. Please write the governor. There

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has been no trouble with the existing program, why should he bother himself with creating a solution for a problem which does not exist?

A justice Department study of violent criminals finds that a tiny per cent bought their gun at an FFL. It will be ignored by the usual suspects who insist on punishing us for the crimes of the bad guys. We have to remind our legislators of this and keep reminding them.

I saw an ad for a Second Amendment Pocket watch. This sounded good, I carry a pocket watch. However the cover showed skeleton pointing revolvers at the viewer. This links the Second Amendment with death. I cannot see how that can possibly do us any good. I know; from my cold dead hands. But the legend around the image did not say that. It referred to the Second Amendment. There was an image some 25 years ago of the Statue of Liberty holding a revolver and the legend "The most dangerous place in the world is between a mother and her child." It was called "Mommy Liberty." This was a great Second Amendment image. I had a member do a cartoon once. It showed a woman who had been thrown to the ground pointing a revolver at her attacker and asking, "How would you like a .38 caliber vasectomy?" I liked the cartoon. No one else did.

We shall overcome.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

WISHES

In September, WMSA will have existed for thirty years. I wish I had better news for its members. I wish the governor of Missouri was not considering banning concealed carry from the Capital Building. I wish there was not a raft of bills in the legislature and congress designed to harass and abuse gun owners for the acts of criminals and psychopaths. I understand that victims and the relatives of victims lash out in grief. I wish they would not lash out against the innocent. Victims reject facts because they react emotionally. I wish they would not. I remember speaking to Aaron Zelman, founder of Jews for the Preservation of Firearms Ownership. He said that we had the facts, we could prove our case. He was right, we had the facts, but the opposition does not listen. So many undecided persons do not listen. I wish we knew how to make them listen.

For years we have repeated cases of persons who have used guns in self-defense. Twenty-five years ago a nationwide study found that people defended themselves with guns 2.5 million times a year. The opposition claimed that the study was flawed and the results not true. They claimed that self-defense does not happen. The usual suspects demanded that the Center for Disease Control be entrusted with gun studies. We have recently learned that this same Center for Disease Control conducted self-defense studies in 1997, 1998, and 1999 and found that in each year there were 2.5 million cases of self-defense with guns. The Center concealed these results from the taxpayers who paid for them. I wish that it had told the truth.

I wish that the opposition did not lie. The usual suspects continue to claim that more guns creates more crime. Professor John Lott studied this belief and started with the belief that he would prove it to be true. He proved quite the opposite. With a county by county examination of the most complete set of crime variables he found that more guns resulted in less crime. The usual suspects claimed to have found flaws in his work, without the formality of having read it. They claimed that he obtained his funding from the Olin ammunition company. If they had read his book, they could not have avoided the chapter on how he received his funding. His funding came from the University of Chicago Law School, which had received a grant from the Olin Family Trust, which is different from the ammunition company. They lie to this day. I wish they did not. They have been very successful employing the dark side. They have gained membership and influence.

I wish that the opposition did not rely on emotion. I wish they did not disregard truth. I wish they did not lie. We do not always get our wishes. What do we do?

We reject using the dark side. We struggle. We write our legislators. Letters that are very polite, very direct human contact. Letters without threats but telling them that if they do not listen to the innocent gun owners, we can no longer support them. We come out during elections and work for candidates. One of our early legislative allies, a Democratic Senator, told us that what a politician needs more than anything else is friends. Tell politicians, *show* politicians, that we can be very good friends. We can raise money. One member throws a quarter in a coffee can every time he hears a lie, insult or abuse concerning gun owners. He then donates the accumulated money to the organization. Each member can do the alternative. Whenever we hear a story of self-defense or support for the Second Amendment, we can throw some money in a jar. It adds up.

We can work with the organization. Volunteers are needed to support programs. A little work can have a great result. Work with the Missouri Sport Shooting Association youth shooting group may create a new generation of gun voters. Social media is often derided as trash, but that is where the new generation gets its information. A brief posting, a tweet is a good example, can reach new voters.

Each member can recruit another. This can be done by distributing literature. Placing the WMSA "Stay Out of Jail" card or our newsletter in shops will help. Politicians gauge the influence of an organization by the membership of an organization. By the time of WMSA's 30th anniversary I hope to double its membership.

I hope that one of my wishes is granted.

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



2018 Winner of the Ruger 10-22 Rifle



Jim V. of Independence was the winner of our Ruger 10-22 Rifle.

Jim appears all smiles when he picked up the rifle from Raymore Outdoor Sports.

Raymore Outdoor Sports handles all our firearms transfers to insure compliance with Federal and State Laws.

Congratulation Jim on receiving your new rifle. We hope you have fun shooting it.

Check out Page 10 for our 2019 rifle that will be raffled this year.

Feinstein's Scattershot Anti-Gun Bill Badly Misses the Mark

Democrats promised that if they retook control of the House, gun control would be a top priority. They have wasted little time in seeking to restrict the rights of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms.

Sens. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif.; Chris Murphy, D-Conn.; and Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., introduced the latest version of the so-called assault weapons ban with 26 other Democrats as co-sponsors.

The bill would prohibit the future sale, transfer, manufacture, and importation of "military-style assault weapons" and "high-capacity" magazines—in other words, it would keep law-abiding Americans from buying many of the most popular firearms used for hunting, shooting sports, and self-defense.

The bill appears to be similar to ineffective legislation passed in 1994, in California and in Canada. If passed, it would have the same ineffective results.

BANS:

205 firearms by name.

Any firearm that has a detachable magazine, plus one or more "military" characteristic, like a pistol grip, barrel shroud, or telescoping stock.

Magazines capable of holding more than 10 rounds.

Bump stocks.

Pistols that weigh more than 50 ounces (per the 1994 ban).

Pistol-stabilizing braces.

The bill's text is not yet available to the public, but the senators' press release indicates that the bill would prohibit, among other things, the purchase or transfer of:

205 firearms by name.

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Magazines capable of holding more than 10 rounds.

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Furthermore, Feinstein's bill would require universal background checks for the future purchase or transfer of the firearms covered by the bill. That's a bit baffling, given that their future purchase or transfer would be prohibited entirely.

And while the tens of millions of Americans who already own these firearms would have them "grandfathered in," the bill would require the guns to be kept with a trigger lock or in some form of "secure storage" when not in use.

Finally, the bill apparently would exempt 2,200 guns for "hunting, household defense, or recreational purposes." It is unclear which types of guns would be exempted or why, but given the bill's purpose and the rhetoric surrounding certain firearms, it's unlikely that the exemptions would include the most popular "assault weapons," such as the AR-15 or full-size Glock handguns.



DOJ Report: Guns Carried During Crimes Most Frequently Obtained Off the Street or Underground

A report published on Jan. 9 by the Department of Justice (DOJ) found that in 2016, criminals who carried firearms while they committed crimes most frequently obtained the guns either off the street or underground, rather than through legal purchases.

The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) reported that an estimated 287,400 prisoners possessed a gun in 2016 while they committed the crimes for which they were imprisoned. Of these, "more than half (56%) had either stolen it (6%), found it at the scene of the crime (7%), or obtained it off the street or from the underground market (43%). Most of the remainder (25%) had obtained it from a family member or friend, or as a gift."

By contrast, according to BJS, only seven percent of guns carried during crimes in 2016 were purchased by the criminal "under their own name from a licensed firearm dealer," revealing that the vast majority of criminals who possess guns apparently do not obtain them legally.

In addition, only 1.3% of prisoners who used a gun while committing their offense obtained it through a retail source, such as a gun shop or store, pawn shop, flea market or gun show.

Of prisoners who possessed a gun during their offense, but did not necessarily use it, 7.5 percent purchased or traded it at a gun shop or store, 1.6 percent at a pawn shop, 0.4 percent at a flea market and 0.8 percent at a gun show.

The BJS report also revealed that handguns were, by far, the most commonly carried type of firearm among criminals. Of all prisoners, 20.8 percent possessed a firearm during their offense. Most of these firearms were handguns. In fact, 18.4 percent of all prisoners interviewed possessed a handgun during their offense, while only 1.5 percent possessed a rifle and only 1.6 percent possessed a shotgun.

In addition, most prisoners who bought a gun at a retail source said a background check was conducted. These prisoners, however, only comprised 6.7 percent of all criminals who had possessed a gun while committing their offense, according to the BJS.

The report was released a day after members of Congress introduced a bill that would mandate a background check for every firearm sale. H.R.8, which is being called the Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2019, was introduced in the House of Representatives on Jan. 8 and sponsored by 168 Democrats and five Republicans.

Data used in the report was collected through face-to-face interviews with inmates who were held in a state or federal prison within the U.S. during 2016.

On the Positive Side

Republican Sen. John Cornyn (TX) is preparing to reintroduce the Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act, which would require all states to honor one another's gun-carry permits. Cornyn stated, "This bill focuses on two of our country's most fundamental constitutional protections — the Second Amendment's right of citizens to keep and bear arms and the Tenth Amendment's right of states to make laws best-suited for their residents. I look forward to working with my colleagues to advance this important legislation for law-abiding gun owners nationwide."

"We've got to teach history based not on what's in fashion but what's important. If we forget what we did, we won't know who we are. I'm warning of an eradication of the American memory that could result, ultimately, in an erosion of the American spirit."

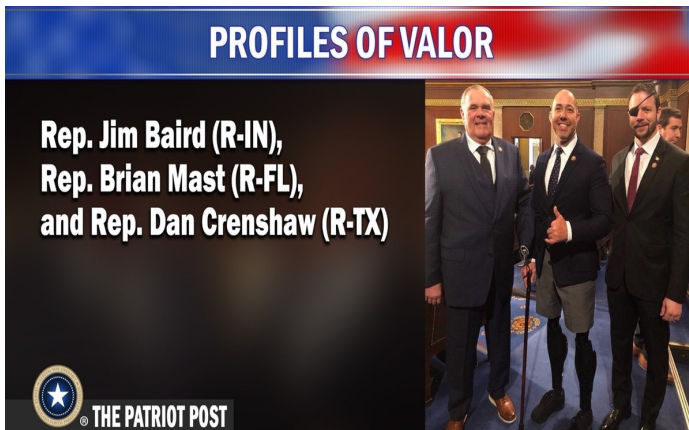
—Ronald Reagan in his farewell address in January 1989

Concealed-Carrying Woman Kills Attempted Robber

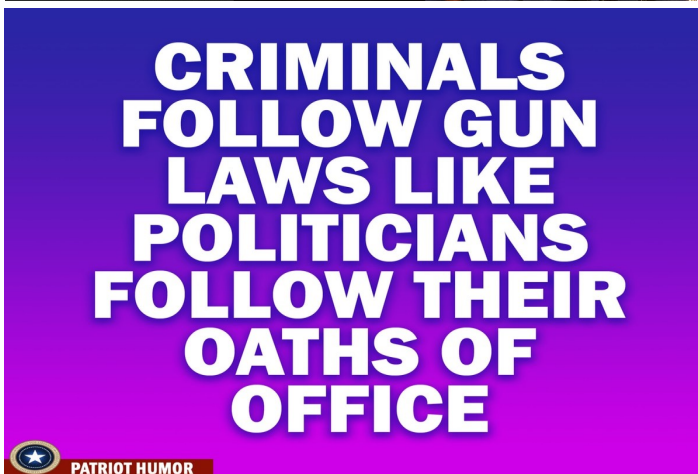


"A 19-year-old man was shot to death Tuesday morning while attempting to rob a woman in [Chicago]. About 5:45 a.m., [he] approached the woman ... displayed a weapon and tried to rob her. ... The woman, who was a concealed carry holder, took out her own weapon and fired one shot ... striking him in the neck, authorities said."

What Patriotic Service Looks Like



In the photo, left, Rep. Brian Mast (R-FL) (center) welcomes new "All American" wounded combat veterans — Rep. Jim Baird (R-IN) (left) and Rep. Dan Crenshaw (R-TX) (right) — on their first day in the 116th U.S. Congress. "5 eyes. 5 arms. 4 legs. All American," Mast said. Unlike most members of Congress, these men know the cost of their oaths "to support and defend" our Constitution and the price of serving our country.



"We are apt to shut our eyes against a painful truth - and listen to the song of that syren, till she transforms us into beasts. Is this the part of wise men, engaged in a great and arduous struggle for liberty? Are we disposed to be of the number of those, who having eyes, see not, and having ears, hear not, the things which so nearly concern their temporal salvation?"

—Patrick Henry (1775)

"Now those who seek absolute power, even though they seek it to do what they regard as good, are simply demanding the right to enforce their own version of heaven on earth and let me remind you they are the very ones who always create the most hellish tyranny." --Sen. Barry Goldwater

"The government consists of a gang of men exactly like you and me. They have, taking one with another, no special talent for the business of government; they have only a talent for getting and holding office."

--American journalist H. L. Mencken

"Remember that every government service, every offer of government-financed security, is paid for in the loss of personal freedom. ... In the days to come, whenever a voice is raised telling you to let the government do it, analyze very carefully to see whether the suggested service is worth the personal freedom which you must forgo in return for such service."

--Ronald Reagan

"We are fast approaching the stage of the ultimate inversion: the stage where the government is free to do anything it pleases, while the citizens may act only by permission; which is the stage of the darkest periods of human history, the stage of rule by brute force."

--author Ayn Rand



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