

EMERGENCY DECREE AND GUNS

It is against Missouri law for any law enforcement agency or local government to confiscate firearms or ammunition or to prohibit firearms use, display sale, transfer or storage during an emergency; RSMo 44.101. Federal law says the same thing at 42 U.S. Code section 5207. Federal law goes on to state that the guilty party can be sued in federal court for the return of guns and ammunition and the plaintiff gets attorney fees as well. Sometimes I love federal law.

Of course, there is always some petty tyrant who will use an emergency to see what he can get away with. In such a case record the identity of the petty tyrant, time, date and circumstances of the theft. The more details the better. At minimum record the agency involved in the theft. Citizens have the right to record law enforcement in action. The motto of my law school class was, "Sue the Bastards." In the fullness of time lost revenue or property can be taken from the guilty party.

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44.101. Firearms and ammunition, state of emergency, no restrictions permitted. — The state, any political subdivision, or any person shall not prohibit or restrict the lawful possession, transfer, sale, transportation, storage, display, or use of firearms or ammunition during an emergency.

(L. 2007 S.B. 257)

Sec. 5207 Firearms policies 42 U.S. Code §5207. Firearms policies

(a) Prohibition on confiscation of firearms

(b) No officer or employee of the United States (including any member of the uniformed services), or person operating pursuant to or under color of Federal law, or receiving Federal funds, or under control of any Federal official, or providing services to such an officer, employee, or other person, while acting in support of relief from a major disaster or emergency, may—

(1) temporarily or permanently seize, or authorize seizure of, any firearm the possession of which is not prohibited under Federal, State, or local law, other than for forfeiture in compliance with Federal law or as evidence in a criminal investigation;

(2) require registration of any firearm for which registration is not required by Federal, State, or local law;

(3) prohibit possession of any firearm, or promulgate any rule, regulation, or order prohibiting possession of any firearm, in any place or by any person where such possession is not otherwise prohibited by Federal, State, or local law; or

(a) prohibit the carrying of firearms by any person otherwise authorized to carry firearms under Federal, State, or local law, solely because such person is operating under the direction, control, or supervision of a Federal agency in support of relief from the major disaster or emergency.

(b) Limitation

Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit any person in subsection (a) from requiring the temporary surrender of a firearm as a condition for entry into any mode of transportation used for rescue or evacuation during a major disaster or emergency, provided that such temporarily surrendered firearm is returned at the completion of such rescue or evacuation.

(c) Private rights of action

(1) In general Any individual aggrieved by a violation of this section may seek relief in an action at law, suit in

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- 1. Counter the designs of malicious legislators.
2. Confront the media's twisted portrayals of gun rights issues.
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COMING EVENTS

WMSA

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7:00 PM

May 26, 2020

July 28, 2020

Sept. 22, 2020

Npv. 24, 2020

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July 25-26, 2020

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Kansas City, MO

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KCI Expo Center

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equity, or other proper proceeding for redress against any person who subjects such individual, or causes such individual to be subjected, to the deprivation of any of the rights, privileges, or immunities secured by this section.

(2) Remedies

In addition to any existing remedy in law or equity, under any law, an individual aggrieved by the seizure or confiscation of a firearm in violation of this section may bring an action for return of such firearm in the United States district court in the district in which that individual resides or in which such firearm may be found.

(3) Attorney fees

In any action or proceeding to enforce this section, the court shall award the prevailing party, other than the United States, a reasonable attorney's fee as part of the costs.

(Pub. L. 93-288, title VII, §706, as added Pub. L. 109-295, title V, §557, Oct. 4, 2006, 120 Stat. 1391. Top of Form

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

ANTAGONIZED

K. L. Jamison

It is wonderful that anti-gun rights groups have public events. There is nothing like hearing nonsense, fantasies, insults, misinformation and outright lies to stir the blood and dedicate the mind. It antagonized me.

The National African American Gun Association invited me to come with them to a American Public Square presentation on preemption laws. This sounds dull but these laws prevent local laws from being more restrictive than state laws. They are primarily employed in conjunction with gun laws. Gun laws were the focus of the presentation. The panel was chaired by a Professor from UMKC School of Law who formerly worked for the Brady Center (to take our guns). There was a legislator from Topeka, a sociologist involved in adult abuse, a lady from the Gifford's Group (to take our guns) and Mayor Lucas of Kansas City. Coincidentally none of them was in favor of gun rights or preemption laws.

The sociologist said that males who have shot their wives or girlfriends have said that they would not have done so if a gun was not available. They would have us believe this self-serving statement. Of course, they told them what they wanted to hear. The last thing a criminal will do is take responsibility for his own actions.

Mayor Lucas spoke of a meeting of the mayors of Missouri's major cities. The mayors were in despair of overcoming Missouri's preemption law. Mayor Lucas said that it was written to prevent them from overcoming it. I'm sure that he is right. Mayor Lucas claimed not to be deterred and examined the law closely (he is a lawyer).

Missouri's Preemption Law is at RSMo 21.750. It says that local government cannot pass gun laws unless they conform exactly to RSMo 571.010 to .070. These sections encompass Missouri's firearm crimes. These sections include a statute prohibiting carrying firearms into federal buildings. It should be noted that the concealed carry law at RSMo 571.107 prohibits carrying a firearm where it is prohibited by federal law. Federal law prohibits juveniles and persons convicted of misdemeanor or felony adult abuse from possessing guns. This, said the Mayor, allows the City to pass an ordinance prohibiting juveniles and persons convicted of adult abuse from possessing guns. This is sloppy legal thinking.

The Mayor should realize he has two problems with this theory. First, it relies on the Missouri legislature to give him jurisdiction over federal property. This is a little like the Missouri legislature giving him jurisdiction over Topeka. The legislature cannot give what it does not have. There are occasions which the federal government shares jurisdiction, none apply to guns.

Second, the statutes allow jurisdiction over federal **property**. The Mayor uses this as justification for jurisdiction over classes of **people**. People and property are always treated differently. Having jurisdiction over property does not give jurisdiction over people who are not on the property. The Mayor's pet ordinances are invalid.

We do not encourage unsupervised juveniles to possess guns. We do not want persons convicted of adult abuse to have guns. The danger of the Mayor's "reasoning" is that similar sloppy legal thinking will claim legal authority for doing whatever the anti-gun rights crowd wants. I have had clients like this. They have tunnel vision of the law and insist that the law says something that is opposite to a complete reading of the law. As in the Mayor's case there is no convincing them otherwise.

The Mayor said that he supported the Second Amendment. The representative of the Gifford's Group nodded enthusiastically. This was the most antagonizing part of the presentation. They claim to support the Second Amend-

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ment but their every action is against gun rights. This leads to the question they must be asked at every opportunity, "Exactly what do you think the Second Amendment means?"

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

Sen. Daines Introduces Bill to Update Federal Protections for Lawful Transport of Unloaded Guns

Sen. Steve Daines (R-MT) introduced a bill late last year that would reestablish the rule of law for people traveling with firearms in the New York City Metropolitan area. Traveling with a lawfully-owned pistol can get you arrested at airports in New York and New Jersey. This happens so often that local "gun lawyers" advertise their services on the Internet for unwary out-of-towners who end up in handcuffs for the "crime" of trying to check bags with legally stowed handguns. A local newspaper recently reported that "483 people ... have been arrested for possessing a firearm at JFK and LaGuardia airports since 2014," with 67 such arrests happening in 2019.

These cases, as frequent as they are, rarely make the news. As the New York Times reported, "With the exception of high-profile defendants, most of those arrested remain anonymous after they make a plea deal, as they often do, and their records are sealed."

In 2017, John Stossel interviewed a number of people caught up in this dragnet, including one woman who emphasized the paralyzing effect it had on her life. "I could barely function," she said in response to her felony arrest and the threat of years in prison. "I had to get on, like, anxiety medicine. I was throwing up every day."

Legislation was passed all the way back in 1986 to protect travelers who followed simple federal procedures for transporting guns. Under the Firearm Owners Protection Act (FOPA), travelers who can lawfully possess a firearm under federal law can transport that firearm for lawful purposes – unloaded and not readily accessible – between places where it may be legally possessed and carried. The law is explicitly meant to supersede "any other provision of any law" of any "State or any political subdivision" along the route of travel. In most places throughout America, FOPA has worked exactly as written and intended.

But not in New York and New Jersey, which continue to violate the federal protections by enforcing state requirements for handgun licenses that residents of other states cannot realistically obtain.

Moreover, New York City area airports require airlines to report travelers checking bags with firearms to Port Authority Police. If the firearm is a handgun, and the traveler doesn't have a New York or New Jersey license to possess it, police may seize the gun and arrest the traveler.

To make matters worse, the police are on notice of the federal law. But in New York and New Jersey, they are protected by regional case law that holds FOPA applies only to travelers who are in vehicles (not on foot at airports), that it doesn't allow passengers to handle baggage containing guns during the journey, and that local police have official immunity when violating the law's protections.

The result is that it's basically impossible to travel with a handgun through any New York City area airport. Even if the charges are later dismissed or reduced, the traveler is usually forced to forfeit the firearm and to suffer unjustified indignity, delay, expense, and stress.

Sen. Daines's seeks to change all this with the Lawful Interstate Transportation of Firearms Act. This legislation would clarify that FOPA covers travelers throughout the country, whether or not they are in a vehicle and during activities incident to travel, including overnight lodging and stops for food, fuel, maintenance, and emergencies. It would also explicitly incorporate ammunition and detachable magazines into the law's protections, provided they are not loaded into the firearm.

Most importantly, the act would give FOPA teeth by prohibiting arrest for those complying with its terms and by allowing travelers whose rights were violated to seek redress in court and to collect costs, attorney's fees and other appropriate relief. It would also protect the due process rights of accused travelers by requiring a state or local jurisdiction seeking to enforce its gun control regulations against an otherwise law-abiding traveler to prove the person was not complying with FOPA's conditions.

The lawlessness in New York and New Jersey has gone on far too long. As NRA-ILA Executive Director Jason Ouimet said, "On behalf of the NRA's five million members, we thank Senator Daines for having the legislative courage to stand and fight against local bullies who were hoping to suppress our Second Amendment rights."

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LIBERTY NOTES

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It is a Good Day for Liberty.

The US Concealed Carry Association expo for the weekend of 20 March, 2020 has been canceled. They anticipate rescheduling.

The NRA Convention in April has been canceled. They intend to reschedule. Under the NRA's articles of incorporation, it must have a members meeting annually so I expect it to be rescheduled.

The Missouri Sport Shooting Association annual dinner and meeting has been canceled. It also must have an annual members meeting, and elections are scheduled for the annual meeting. It intends to reschedule.

Rally Day has been canceled. We are unsure that it can be rescheduled before the end of the session. Gun rights supporters are encouraged to write to their legislators supporting Missouri's preemption law and opposing "red flag" laws.

The RK Gun Show for 28-9 March is cancelled. The Kansas City ban on gatherings of 50 or more people would be violated before the doors opened.

Bass Pro has canceled meetings, including the WMSA General Membership meeting. It could not be helped, and I do not blame them. We will continue in May.

Of course, these cancellations are due to the corona virus. The same government that tells us we must cancel events of 10 or more people tells us not to panic. You can let Wall Street panic for you.

The Lake Lottawana Gun Club still has their gun show scheduled for 4-5 April, 2020. The club gives away a round of skeet with every ticket. I hate skeet; every time I shoot at them, they move.

I shot a skeet once. It tasted terrible.

There has been a rush on guns and ammunition. Every movie about an epidemic shows a breakdown in law and order; some increase is to be expected. However, Champaign Illinois has used the epidemic to ban the sale of guns and ammunition. In the political climate this year it does not take very much of that to cause a run on the gun stores. Some Asian-Americans were afraid of being blamed for the virus. Any reason for a first-time gun owner helps us. Embrace these people—at a six foot distance. Then there was a first time AR-15 buyer. He said he was buying the rifle to protect his toilet paper. If this continues there will be shortages. There have been some rumors that the ammunition factories have shut down to avoid the virus. If true, this could mean a lean summer for cartridges.

Joseph Palmer wore a long flowing beard in Massachusetts in the 1830's. This was considered socially unacceptable and even blasphemous at the time. Two men tried to forcibly shave him. He drew his pocket knife and slashed back. They retreated to the sheriff and complained that Palmer had attacked them. They told their story first and he was convicted. He still wore his beard for the rest of his life. My hero.

A movie called "The Hunt" was briefly scheduled for release last year. It concerned a group of liberals hunting and killing conservatives. There was some outrage from conservatives. The producers attributed this outrage to recent mass murders and were astonished that we did not get the joke. It is coming out this year with a different ad campaign. A century ago there was a short story called "The Most Dangerous Game." It concerned a hunter who grew bored with hunting animals and took to hunting men on his island. It is a great story and became a movie. The theme is repeated in a number of movies and TV shows. Now this movie. I will withhold judgement until I see the movie. This may take some time; movie theaters are closed.

Last October WMSA Vice President Carl Smart spoke to Kansas City Mayor Lucas. He advised him to read "Bleeding Out" as a guide to reducing the murder rate. The book advises removing the violent persons in a community. This would seem obvious. The Mayor has made reduction of the murder rate a priority of his administration. In March Carl saw the Mayor again; he had not read the book. If the solution does not involve banning guns he is not interested.

The Democratic nomination seems to have come down to Joe Biden and Bernie Sanders. It seems so but Hillary Clinton has hinted that she is willing to appear at the convention and descend from the rafters proclaiming, "I'll be your President!" Anything can happen.

A pistol was found in the Metropolitan Correctional Center in Manhattan N.Y. It was not found in the possession of the guards. It was smuggled in for the use of an inmate. This is supposed to be one of the most secure prisons in America. Supposedly it is one of America's most "gun free" zones. The anti-gun rights crowd cannot explain how a gun got into such a gun free zone. They will change the subject. Do not let them. I have noticed that when refuted or talked into a corner the usual suspects change the subject. Do not bite the new argument. Insist that it means they have conceded the previous point.

In January both parties raised money through impeachment proceedings. That seemed helpful so we are trying the same. So, if you would like to impeach me, send your donation to WMSA PO Box 11144 Kansas City Mo 64119. If you don't want to impeach me send your donations to the same place. Let's get this sad duty on the road!

I remember hearing the government say that a 3 day reserve of food and essentials would be plenty. After that FEMA would be operational. It was the government so I doubled that. It assumed FEMA would save us so I tripled that. I did not factor in a national emergency. I did not factor in panic buying. Still, supply chains are not cut and

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trucks continue to delivery to stores. Some of this panic buying is now composed of speculators who will be selling at exorbitant prices. I shall have to re-evaluate my emergency reserves. This will not be our last emergency. Joe Biden might win.

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Tim Oliver, one of the early stalwarts of our movement, will be getting kidney surgery. Prayers for his recovery are welcome.

Take a moment. Check the expiration date of your concealed carry license. Take another moment. Check the expiration date of your driver's license. In October of this year we are required to have "Real ID." This will be required for boarding aircraft, federal buildings and I can see them requiring it to buy guns.

We shall overcome.

Gun ownership is much higher than the Fake News Media wants you to believe

Don't let the bobblehead media fool you. Gun ownership in America is as strong as ever. According to a report from the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF), there are approximately 423 million firearms in private circulation in America.

If you think about it, this runs completely contrary to the narrative the media is trying to paint. The media are constantly trying to gaslight people into believing that gun ownership is dangerous and on the decline. This is nothing more than a psychological ruse to condition people into accepting that massive gun control is inevitable. Thankfully, most Americans don't buy into this nonsense.

Even when facing constant gun control threats from all levels of government, Americans continue to buy firearms. Many of these gun owners choose to not reveal their weapons. And I say more power to them. Public records of gun ownership could leave gun owners susceptible to harassment and potential state persecution if a national registry is set up.

2020 is already shaping up to be an interesting year for the Second Amendment. With gun sanctuaries popping up all over Virginia and a high-profile gun rally taking place in the Virginia capitol, gun politics may be going through an interesting transformation throughout America. Such times of increased state centralization will require more strategies centered around political decentralization such as nullification.

Thankfully, people are starting to wake up.

Learn why gun ownership is still rising and why gun owners should start thinking outside the box politically in my latest post for *The Advocates for Self-Government*.

I hope you had a nice weekend,

José Niño

P.S. Unlike most political gooroos you see out there, I actually have hands-on experience with politics. I understand the numbers and what are some of the biggest fights that lie ahead. Most people live by outrage. I live by research. Doing your research is how you can stop preventable threats and figure out how to fight back against the powers that be. People prefer flash these days but substance is what counts most when dealing with credible threats such as the gun-grabbing ghouls.

"This country is owned by We the People. We wrote a Constitution. We put down what we wanted to put in it. We can amend it when we wish. And it is not up to nine people to tell 330 million Americans how to live."

—Justice Neil Gorsuch

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"After a shooting spree, they always want to take the guns away from the people who didn't do it. I sure as hell wouldn't want to live in a society where the only people allowed guns are the police and the military."

—William S. Burroughs

"The danger is not, that the judges will be too firm in resisting public opinion, and in defense of private rights or public liberties; but, that they will be ready to yield themselves to the passions, and politics, and prejudices of the day."

—Joseph Story



On Guns, Joe Biden is Full of It

Presumptive Democratic 2020 Presidential Nominee Joe Biden is not one for clarity, tact, or a firm grasp of the facts. However, even an American public that has long been aware of his shortcomings was taken aback when the former vice president launched an unhinged attack on a pro-Second Amendment auto worker. Aside from further exposing a waning control of his faculties, the exchange revealed Biden's deep antipathy towards the Second Amendment, his profound ignorance on the firearms issue, and his willingness to lie for political advantage.

The verbal dispute occurred as Biden toured a Fiat Chrysler plant in Michigan as the state was holding its primary. As Biden made his rounds, auto worker Jerry Wayne went up to the presidential candidate and asked him about his position on the Second Amendment. Speaking with Fox News's Fox and Friends the following day, Wayne explained that he "asked [Biden] how he wanted to get the vote of the working man when a lot of us, we wield arms. We bear arms and we like to do that. And if he wants to give us work and take our guns, I don't see how he is going to get the same vote."

Wayne told Biden, "You're actively trying to end our Second Amendment right and take our guns," to which a visibly agitated Biden responded, "You're full of **it." Following Biden's use of profanity, a female Biden staffer attempted to quell the confrontation. Biden responded by shushing the assistant.

Biden then claimed that he supports the Second Amendment, providing as evidence his ownership of 12 and 20-gauge shotguns. An angry Biden then professed "I'm not taking your gun away" and denied ever having said that he would take guns away. Wayne responded that there was video of Biden expressing his desire to take guns, to which the candidate responded with a denial.

At that point Biden thought it appropriate to point a finger in Wayne's face and clarify that he was going to "take your AR-14s away." The befuddled politician presumably was referring to America's most popular rifle, the AR-15. When Wayne protested Biden pointing a finger in his face, a now irate Biden challenged the auto worker to a fight, telling him "Don't tell me that, pal, or I'm going to go outside with your a**."

Demonstrating a firmer grasp on U.S. civics than the Syracuse Law graduate*, Wayne responded to the unhinged "public servant" by saying "You're working for me, man." Continuing his profanity-laced tirade, Biden responded with, "I'm not working for you. Don't be such a horse's a**."

Confused, Biden then appeared to conflate commonly-owned semi-automatic rifles with machine guns. Wayne was then forced to explain to the former vice president the difference between semi-automatic and automatic firearms. An addled Biden then shouted "Do you need 100 rounds? Do you need 100 rounds?" before wandering off.

Describing the interaction for Fox News, Wayne recalled that Biden "kind of just went off the deep end." That is an understatement.

Joe Biden does not support the Second Amendment

Biden continues to boast about his role as lead sponsor on the Senate crime bill that contained the 1994 Clinton ban on commonly owned semiautomatic firearms and magazines with a capacity greater than 10 rounds. The ban was allowed to expire in 2004 after a federally funded study determined that "the ban's effects on gun violence are likely to be small at best and perhaps too small for reliable measurement." Despite this record of failure, in 2007 Sen. Biden introduced S.2237. This legislation would have reinstated the so-called "assault weapons" ban.

At present, Biden's campaign website touts his plan for a more restrictive ban on commonly owned semi-automatic firearms and magazines. Further, while attending a private \$500 a person fundraiser in November, Biden revealed his intent to ban 9mm pistols. According to an article from the Seattle Times, while at the soiree, the 77-year-old asked attendees "Why should we allow people to have military-style weapons including pistols with 9mm bullets and can hold 10 or more rounds?"

The U.S. Supreme Court has made clear that the Second Amendment prohibits the gun bans Biden advocates.

In the landmark Second Amendment case *District of Columbia v. Heller*, the Court concluded that the types of firearms protected by the Second Amendment include those "in common use at the time" for "lawful purposes like self-defense." The AR-15, which it appears Biden was attempting to cite in his most recent anti-gun rant, is the most popular rifle in America and therefore undoubtedly "in common use" and protected by the Second Amendment.

In 2015, *Heller* decision author Justice Antonin Scalia reiterated that the Second Amendment and *Heller* preclude so-called "assault weapons" bans when he signed onto a dissent from the denial of certiorari in *Friedman v. Highland Park*. In the dissent, Justice Clarence Thomas explained,

Roughly five million Americans own AR-style semiautomatic rifles [with many millions more owning them in 2020]. The overwhelming majority of citizens who own and use such rifles do so for lawful purposes, including self-defense and target shooting. Under our precedents, that is all that is needed for citizens to have a right under the Second Amendment to keep such weapons.

In targeting 9mm pistols, Biden has called for a ban on one of the most popular firearms in America. According to ATF's Firearms Commerce in the United States FY 2019, there were over 3.6 million pistols manufactured in the U.S. in 2017. This was more than 1 million more guns than the next most popular category of firearms, rifles. Further, over 3.2 million handguns (including revolvers) were imported in to the U.S. in 2017.

In its annual report on the U.S. firearms industry, Shooting Industry reported that 9mm caliber pistols are the most commonly produced pistol and have been for many years. In 2017 alone, there were more than 1.7 million 9mm pistols produced in the U.S. Cumulatively there are tens of millions of 9mm pistols in the hands of law-abiding Americans.

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As with so many anti-gun politicians, when Biden claims to support the Second Amendment he is not being honest.

Joe Biden wants to take your guns

At a campaign rally in Dallas on the Monday before the Super Tuesday primaries, failed U.S. senate and presidential candidate Robert Francis “Beto” O’Rourke endorsed Biden for president. Sharing the stage with his former rival, Biden stated, “I want to make something clear. I’m going to guarantee you this is not the last you’ll see of this guy.” Biden went on to say, “You’re going to take care of the gun problem with me. You’re going to be the one who leads this effort. I’m counting on ya.”

Following the campaign event, Biden and O’Rourke went to local burger chain Whataburger, where the septuagenarian continued to heap praise on the former manny’s anti-gun advocacy. Speaking about Beto and gun control, Biden stated, “This guy changed the face of what we’re dealing with regarding guns, assault weapons... and I just want to warn [Beto’s wife] that if I win I’m coming for him.”

By offering Beto a role on guns in a potential future administration, Biden has made clear that he supports Beto’s gun control position. That position is gun confiscation.

During the September 12, 2019 Democratic debate, Beto O’Rourke was asked about his proposal to confiscate commonly-owned semi-automatic firearms. Beto responded in part by saying, “hell yes, we’re going to take your AR-15.” The Beto campaign would go on to sell t-shirts with the anti-gun slogan.

Less than a week later, Beto reiterated his call for gun confiscation on CNN’s Cuomo Prime Time. During an interview, Chris Cuomo asked Beto, “All right, so let’s state the proposition. Are you, in fact, in favor of gun confiscation?” Beto responded with “Yes.”

There can be no doubt that Biden understands Beto would confiscate firearms, as he shared the debate stage with him on September 12.

Moreover, Biden himself has stated that he intends to take firearms. Biden had the following exchange with CNN’s Anderson Cooper when asked about firearm confiscation during an August 5, 2019 interview.

Cooper: So, to gun owners out there who say well a Biden administration means they are going to come for my guns.

Biden: Bingo! You’re right if you have an assault weapon.

Biden must think he can get away with lying to Second Amendment-supporting working people. In the friendly confines of a CNN interview, Biden is more than happy to admit his gun confiscation plans. However, put him in front of a group of workers and he tries to hide his radical anti-gun agenda.

Thanks to autoworker Jerry Wayne, Biden wasn’t able to get away with it this time. Wayne was correct to ask Biden about his history of attacking the Second Amendment and support for firearms confiscation. Biden, on the other hand, was full of it.

The 2A is a Constant in Times of Crisis

Concerns for personal safety, new limitations on the arrests of criminals in some cities, and potential gun control enacted under the guise of fighting the pandemic have Americans preparing to take responsibility for their own safety. Sales of firearms and ammunition have surged across the country, even in the most ardently anti-gun states.

The Los Angeles Times story on surging sales included a photo of the line at a Culver City, California gun shop that stretched out the door and around the corner. The surge in sales is also happening in New York – the New York Post reported lines out the door at some gun shops, with people waiting to get a firearm and/or ammunition.

As in other places, buyers reported the need to protect their families. Purchasing decisions were limited by the gun control regime in New York, where buyers found at least one shop had run out of shotguns. Acquiring a pistol permit in New York takes time, patience, and money – three finite resources that families could certainly apply elsewhere.

A marketing executive at a North Carolina firearms store told NBC News, “Most of what we’re hearing is fear and uncertainty. Our customers want to be able to protect themselves and their families and they want to ensure they have the means to do so.” A Pennsylvania shop manager told CBS News that his store had “easily the busiest day we’ve ever had” and that sales were up “at least 50%” from a typical day. A store in Georgia told CBS News that sales are up about 400% this year. In Colorado, a salesman reported that people “are taking their security into their own hands.”

The retail website Ammo.com has told numerous reporters that transactions increased 68% in the period after February 23rd compared to the same number of days prior.

February 23rd – when the number of coronavirus disease 2019 cases in Italy began to spike and the country saw the first deaths from the disease between the 21st and the 23rd. Americans and people around the world have watched as the number of cases – and deaths – in Italy have increased rapidly.

And many Americans have decided to exercise their Constitutionally-affirmed right to keep and bear arms to make sure that they can protect themselves and their loved ones.

This surge follows an increase in NICS background checks likely due to concerns about the political environment, with every Democrat candidate for President trying to be the face of gun confiscation (turns out Michael Bloomberg finally found something he can’t buy). We previously reported on the record-setting January NICS background check numbers and the February numbers, which were the third busiest month ever for the FBI’s NICS Office. Some of these

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sales were spurred by political environment concerns, Concerns over COVID-19 likely contributed to at least some of those sales in late January and certainly by late February.

The week of February 24th through March 1st of this year was the third busiest week ever for the NICS Office, with 797,221 total background checks run. That start date coincides with the steep rise of COVID-19 cases in Italy.

The New York Times reported that "some dealers said an unusually high proportion of sales have been to first-time gun buyers." A first-time gun buyer, Andrea Barragan in Colorado, told the Denver Post that she had been thinking about buying a firearm for self-defense and that uncertainty stemming from the pandemic helped finalize her decision. Another first-time gun buyer Anna Carreras told the Los Angeles Times, Better to be prepared and not need it than need it and not have it."

That may sound cliché but it's an honest description of how many Americans feel – especially in times of uncertainty.

Yes, Women and Minorities Should Own Firearms

The next time a criminal tries to steal a woman's purse or assault a seemingly defenseless female walking back to her apartment, he's more likely to be staring down the barrel of a handgun. And she's probably well trained on how to use that weapon. It's the age of the firearm feminist, and it's driving the Left crazy.

Igor Volsky, executive director of Guns Down America and former vice president of the Center for American Progress, recently complained that "gun makers are softening their image" in order to appeal to "women, children, and members of minority groups." But that's *good* news, Igor.

Women and minorities *should* take advantage of their right to self-defense and learn how to protect themselves, especially in leftist-dominated urban centers where Rule of Law takes a backseat to "social justice." And if children grow up knowing why the Second Amendment is important, they'll learn how to become responsible gun owners themselves.

"People like Igor Volsky make a good living making a boogeyman out of the firearms industry," writes Gabriella Hoffman at The Resurgent. "If he placed the same energy on criminals who are solely responsible for gun crimes rather than innocent law-abiding gun owners, perhaps he would be a more effective advocate of true gun safety."

But logic doesn't sit too well with gun grabbers like Volsky – those who'd rather deny the Second Amendment rights of all Americans.

Volsky further argued, "The firearm industry realizes that to survive into the future it must 'broaden its reach beyond the aging white men who have been its core customers' – and so they're now trying to sell their products to other demographics. This is incredibly dangerous."

Did you catch the condescension in that last sentence? Volsky believes it's "incredibly dangerous" to broaden the appeal of the Second Amendment and thereby allow *all* Americans to defend themselves.

No, such an appeal would only be "dangerous" to Volsky's agenda.

Why? Because as gun owners become increasingly diverse, the Left will no longer be able to marginalize them as angry, rural, white, and male – like the "bitter clingers" that Barack Obama once smeared at a posh San Francisco fundraiser.

Indeed, as The Washington Free Beacon's Stephen Gutowski writes, Volsky's "comments caused a backlash among female and minority gun-rights advocates who said [his] rhetoric harks back to the racist history of gun control in America."

Blacks, as we've noted before, have been targeted by gun-control measures throughout American history. In the antebellum South, racist politicians sought to disarm newly emancipated blacks, leaving them defenseless against lynch mobs and the Ku Klux Klan. And throughout the 20th century, gun-control legislation disproportionately affected black Americans.

Gutowski adds that Mark Oliva of the National Shooting Sports Foundation believes "the gun industry's efforts to reach out to women and minorities – some of the industry's fastest-growing customer groups – are nothing new. He said the industry has long worked to accommodate users of every background based on feedback from shooters. The growing popularity of shooting among women has led companies such as Smith and Wesson to shape recoil-spring tension, stock length, and magazine design to meet the demands of female shooters."

Making guns accessible to well-trained, responsible gun owners of all stripes will do far more to ensure our safety than any government policy or program. Gun confiscation has always been about the power of the state – and about taking away the right to self-defense from law-abiding citizens.

So brace yourselves. We can expect the gun grabbers to turn up the heat as women and minorities begin to realize that carrying a firearm is the best way to protect themselves – and the best way to ensure that our God-given right to self-defense is safe for another generation.

"In the '70s and '80s, many of these guns were as available as they are now, but we weren't having these mass shootings that we have today. So I think we need to really ask ourselves the question of what has socially brought us to this point in history, and what have we done, and what can we do differently to change society. That's certainly a question that needs to be continued to [be] ask[ed], because I don't know that taking everyone's guns, and buying everybody's guns back, is going to cure the national massacres that we've had in recent history."

—Democrat Rep. Vicente González



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