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Rights Protected by the Second Amendment are Being Restored, NOT Created

The jurisprudence of the Second Amendment is: it was ratified to **protect the existing right** of the people to keep and bear arms. It did not create new rights. One reason to protect the right was to enable the creation of militias from the armed population.

It was well understood, at the time of ratification, the right to keep and bear arms included the right to do so for self-defense as well as community defense, for hunting, and included the ancillary rights to practice, buy, sell and make weapons, as well as ammunition and accessories for them. These rights were not disputed and were considered to be derived from the natural rights to life and liberty. From Heller:

1. The Second Amendment protects an individual right to possess a firearm unconnected with service in a militia, and to use that arm for traditionally lawful purposes, such as self-defense within the home. Pp. 2–53.

The American Second Amendment was recognized as needed because the English right to arms had been construed too narrowly to protect the colonists against the exercise of power by King George and the British Empire. The Americans had recently fought a long and bitter war sparked by the British attempts at disarming the American colonists. The initial battles of Lexington and Concord were direct attempts by the representatives of the British Crown to confiscate gunpowder and, particularly, cannon. Cannon were crew served weapons. The officers of the Crown confiscated plenty of individual weapons as well.

On April 3, 1775, the British government seized 13,425 musket cartridges with ball. On April 19, the famous battles of Lexington and Concord occurred. After April 19, General Gage worked to disarm Bostonians:

Then per the Connecticut Current newspaper, a General Gage decided to change the British narrative. He noted that the British just wanted to hold the guns for a little bit “for safe keeping” and then they promised to return them, “And that, the arms aforesaid at a suitable time would be return’d to the owners.” Bostonians proceeded to turn in 1778 muskets, 634 pistols, 973 bayonets and 38 blunderbusses.

In June of 1775 General Gage declared martial law and offered to pardon all who would lay down their arms— except Samuel Adams and John Hancock. Per the (Connecticut Journal and New-Haven Post-Boy, June 21, 1775).

In 1777, at the height of the war, there were proposals to ensure the American colonists would be disarmed if the British won the war. This proposal was floated by General William Knox, the British Under Secretary of State:

The Militia Laws should be repealed and none suffered to be re-enacted, & the Arms of all the People should be taken away, & every piece of Ordnance removed into the King’s Stores, nor should any foundry or manufactory of Arms, Gunpowder, or Warlike Stores, be evre suffered in America, nor should any Gunpowder, Lead, Arms or Ordnance be imported into it without License; they will have but little need of such things for the future, as the King’s Troops, Ships Forts will be sufficient to protect them from any danger.

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The Second Amendment was meant to defend against this sort of government power and overreach. In a blatant attempt to rewrite history, those who want a disarmed population claim the right to bear arms has been recently created by the Supreme Court in the Heller, McDonald, Caetano, and now Bruen decisions. They use the misleading claim that the Supreme Court had



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never declared the Second Amendment to either protect an individual right or the right to carry arms outside the home, until the decisions mentioned. They often claim the Second Amendment created the right to keep and bear arms. Those claims are misleading and/or false, depending on the precise wording. The Second Amendment did not create anything. It protected existing rights.

A large minority of people, perhaps a majority, believed the Second Amendment applied to the individual states and the Federal government before the Civil War. Perhaps the most famous of these was Chief Justice Taney of the Supreme Court, writing in the Dread Scott decision in 1857 about the dangers of recognizing black people as citizens (bold added):

*It would give to persons of the negro race, who were recognised as citizens in any one State of the Union, the right to enter every other State whenever they pleased, singly or in companies, without pass or passport, and without obstruction, to sojourn there as long as they pleased, to go where they pleased at every hour of the day or night without molestation, unless they committed some violation of law for which a white man would be punished; and it would give them the full liberty of speech in public and in private upon all subjects upon which its own citizens might speak; to hold public meetings upon political affairs, **and to keep and carry arms wherever they went.***

In 1833, two generations after the ratification of the Second Amendment, the Supreme Court ruled the Bill of Rights did not apply to state laws. The court case was Barron v. Baltimore. The Fourteenth amendment, passed after the Civil War, in 1868, was specifically crafted to overturn Barron.

The effect of the Second Amendment becomes obvious when one realizes the federal government did not pass any law infringing on the right to keep and bear arms from ratification until the 1930's. Even then, the law was crafted to circumvent the Second Amendment. While the Supreme Court, from time to time, referenced the Second Amendment as protecting an individual right, no federal laws infringed on the right to keep and bear arms until the infamous 1934 National Firearms Act and the 1938 Federal Firearms Act.

Without federal infringements, there were no Supreme Court cases to contest.

The Supreme Court gutted the Fourteenth Amendment after Reconstruction, refusing to enforce it because there was no political will to do so. Enforcing the Fourteenth Amendment would have risked another Civil War to enforce minority rights of freed slaves in the South.

The Bill of Rights started to be enforced under the Fourteenth Amendment, gradually, about 1900, a generation after being ratified. The Progressives, who took and held power from 1932 on, were adamantly opposed to limits on Government power. They especially hated the Second Amendment. With Progressive judges in most federal courts, the Second Amendment was not incorporated under the Fourteenth Amendment until the McDonald decision until 2010.

The Heller and McDonald decisions do not create new rights. They restore rights which had been gradually infringed on by the States and then the federal government. Until 1968, Americans could order anti-tank and anti-aircraft guns and ammunition, through the mail, to be delivered to their door. Violent criminal use was virtually non-existent. Only one example is known.

As the infringements on rights protected by the Second Amendment mounted, the resistance to those infringements grew louder and stronger. The Supreme Court did not suddenly decide to enforce the rights protected by the Second Amendment. Rather, they reacted to the enormous, strong, persistent call for restoration of those rights by a loud and successful grass-roots movement, which could not be denied. Reinforcing the movement was voluminous scholarship showing how the Second Amendment had been gradually infringed, particularly after Reconstruction and during the Progressive era. By the time of the Bruen decision, half of the states had removed most of the infringements on the carry of handguns (Constitutional Carry, no permits required). There were no bad effects from this restoration of rights.

Leftists like to start history when Progressive ideology started to gain ascendance in academic and political circles, about 1900. That is when serious infringements against the rights protected by the Second Amendment became popular in some state legislatures, such as New

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York and California. A poor decision by the Supreme Court of Kansas in 1905, started the myth the Second Amendment was meant to protect a “collective right.”

When Justice Clarence Thomas, in the Bruen decision, required historical evidence of accepted legislative practice in force when the Second Amendment was ratified, or to a lesser extent, the Fourteenth Amendment was ratified, he prevented leftist ideologue judges from cutting history off at 1900, and claiming anything before then does not matter.

This is basic originalist and textualist Constitutional law. The text matters to be interpreted in the meanings understood when the amendment was ratified.

A basic assumption of Progressives is the Constitution is outdated and has to be “worked around” or “interpreted” to reach conclusions judges wish to make today, based on their desires for the current society, or their desire to alter it.

Consider trying to operate your life with that philosophy: You purchased a car insurance policy with a \$100 deductible. When you submit a claim the response is: That was then. This is now. The deductible is now \$500. Or, you agree to work a job. Your work is impeccable. The employer is not allowed to fire you because of your race, by law. Then, you are fired because you are white. That was then. This is now. You purchase a home. Payments are \$1,000 a month. The bank suddenly says: Your payments are \$2,000 a month, violating the mortgage agreement. That was then. This is now. When you hear “arguments” such as:

The Second Amendment only applied to single shot muskets.
 There were no automatic weapons in the revolutionary war.
 Guns were not mass produced during the revolution.
 We do not need a militia now.
 The National Guard is the modern militia.
 We are not hunting for food or fighting hostile tribes today.
 More people are living in dense cities today.
 You don't need a gun today.

Those are all “That was then, This is now”, arguments. Essentially, the argument is: your rights can be disappeared anytime the powers that be want to do so, based on the exigencies of the moment.

The Constitution is a contract between the people, the federal government, and the states. There are means to amend it within the Constitutional framework.

The Constitution is not a document subject to That was then, This is now flimflam, no matter how much leftists/progressives wish it to be.

Propaganda claiming the right to keep and bear arms is a new right, created by the Supreme Court, are versions of the: That was then, this is now, argument.

The individual right to keep and bear arms both inside and outside the home, is not new. It existed before the Second Amendment. It has not been created recently. It is being restored.

"Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything."

—George Bernard Shaw

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

FOR THE CHILDREN

K. L. Jamison

The usual suspects like to say that we love our guns more than our children. They like to say that we accept the deaths of children as a cost of our hobby. This is not true on many levels.

Gun owners have defended their children with guns. Children have defended themselves with guns. The usual suspects deny that there is proof of self-defense with guns. At most they will grudgingly admit to some anecdotal evidence of no more than a couple of thousand a year. The real number was recently found to be 1.7 million cases according to a national survey. This is denounced as untrue by the usual suspects, and they will not listen to evidence contradicting their prejudice. In the 1990's a nationwide study found that the number was 2.5 million. The Center for Disease Control was tasked with disproving this study. In 1996, 1997 and 1998 it studies the matter and each year found 2.5 million self-defense cases. This is not what they wanted to find and did not publicize their results. They were found following a Freedom of Information Act request.

We are the people who actually teach gun safety. We teach it to children. The usual suspects brag about distributing gun locks. We are the people who teach people how to use them.

I want my grandchildren to enjoy the same rights as I do. I want a grandchild to take an elderly AR-15 from the gun safe and say "Grandpa didn't shoot this very much. He spent his time preserving the right to own it. It was time well spent."

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

National Gun Registration legislation

Pennsylvania RINO Congressman Brian Fitzpatrick has just introduced National Gun Registration legislation (H.R. 715).

As the lead sponsor of H.R. 715, *he's enlisted 180 Democrat cosponsors . . . all Communist gun-grabbers!* Because a Republican like Fitzpatrick is the lead sponsor of this bill, there's a real danger to our Second Amendment rights in the House.

More than a dozen RINOs voted for gun control last summer! Please keep reading, I'll explain below.

Here are the details:

H.R. 715 creates a national registry of every gun owner in America, setting the stage for Joe Biden (or a future gun-grabbing President) to implement widespread gun confiscation down the road! And should you dare to sell or give one of your firearms away to a family member, a friend you've known for decades, or anyone else without first registering that gun with the federal government, you would be facing FELONY charges.

H.R. 715 is the backbone of National Gun Registration and outlaws the private transfer of firearms unless you add your name to a trackable government database. This is a dream bill for Biden and the Dems, and now they have a Republican leading the charge!

As I mentioned earlier, there is a much-talked about legislative maneuver where this bill could pass. Even though Republicans control the House, a discharge petition could be used to pass this and get it over to the Senate.

Currently there are 213 Democrats in the House. All would vote for H.R. 715. If the Dems can find a handful of Republicans (5) to go along with their gun-grab, they could get to 218 and pass this bill out of the House via a discharge petition.

Remember, there are 18 Republicans in the House who represent Biden-won districts. They vote like RINOs.

Fitzpatrick is giving the Dems the "bipartisan" support they need that could lead to a discharge petition disaster. Second Amendment supporters need to FIGHT BACK!

With the shooting at "gun-free" Michigan State last night, expect the gun control crowd to fire up in a big way.

We're monitoring the situation on Capitol Hill as the details unfold.

Most importantly, take action today to make sure weak-kneed Republicans don't cave to the gun-grabbers!

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Missouri AG prioritizing Biden social media collusion lawsuit, defending Second Amendment law

A lawsuit against President Joe Biden's administration for alleged collusion with social media companies and defending Missouri's Second Amendment Preservation Act are priorities for Republican Attorney General Andrew Bailey.

Litigation in both cases began while Republican U.S. Sen. Eric Schmitt was serving as Missouri's attorney general. After the State of the State address on Wednesday, Bailey, who was appointed in November to replace Schmitt, said depositions in the social media collusion case are leading toward an injunction.

"We have documentary evidence, we have testimonial evidence and we intend to seek more evidence in the coming weeks," Bailey said in an interview with The Center Square. "We're on an expedited discovery timeline. At some point, we're going to get into a procedural posture where we're going to ask for an injunction to prevent further coercion and collusion from the federal government and prevent Biden and his team from censoring speech."

Missouri v. Biden was filed by Schmitt and Louisiana Attorney General Jeff Landry in May and they were granted a motion for discovery to expedite a possible preliminary injunction in July. In addition to releasing documents in the case, they released the transcript of a **deposition of Dr. Anthony Fauci**, Biden's chief medical advisor who recently retired.

Last week, Bailey released emails from White House Digital Director Robert Flaherty and other associates to major social media platforms. It included an **email from Flaherty to Facebook** asking why a video by Tucker Carlson on COVID-19 vaccines didn't violate the social media platform's standards.

"What we've demonstrated and what we believe is going on is censorship because it's unelected federal bureaucrats targeting specific speech that they disfavor and asking that it be removed from big-tech social media platforms," Bailey said. "That's the problem. It stifles free, fair and open debate and it undermines our First Amendment. There should be marketplace of ideas that is free from government censorship."

Bailey said defending the Missouri's Second Amendment Preservation Act in **lawsuits** also will be a priority. The city of Arnold filed a lawsuit and St. Louis city and county and Jackson County filed a separate suit seeking to overturn the law. Both lawsuits claim the law restricts local police cooperating with federal law enforcement on gun violations.

"The Second Amendment is what makes all of the other (amendments) possible," Bailey said. "It prevents enforcement of federal firearm regulations that exceed or violate the Second Amendment. We need to be going after criminals and not guns, first and foremost. I think most law enforcement officers in the state of Missouri agree with that. If we spent more time going after the criminals and not the guns, we will have safer streets."

Bailey said the Missouri law is aligned with the principles of the authors of the U.S. Constitution.

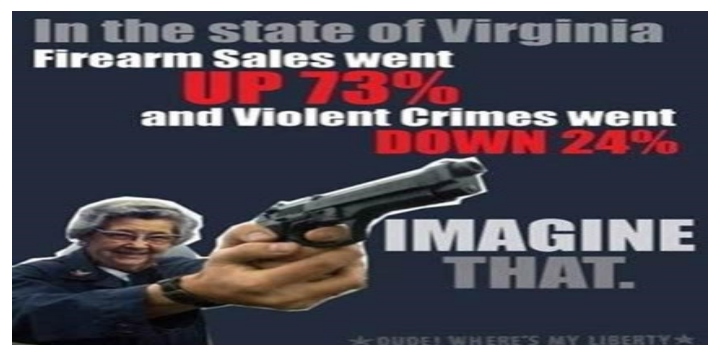
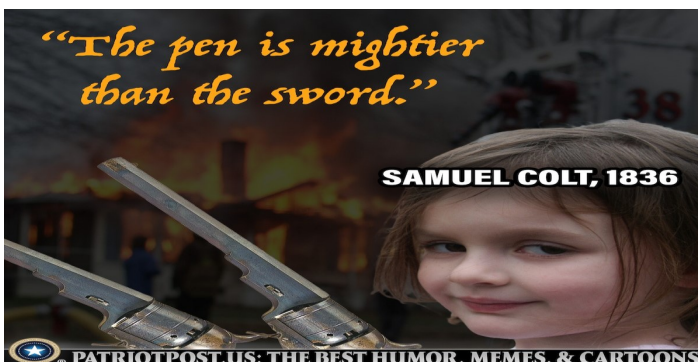
"The founders understood that, number one, our rights come from God and not men," Bailey said. "The federal constitution was a floor, not a ceiling, and the states could be guarantors of individual liberties. So the state legislature wants to expand upon the foundational rights codified in the Second Amendment and they have authority to do that. It's about federalism and individual liberty."

The Real Solution

"The best thing we can do is uphold [gun] laws that already exist. None of this is to argue that simply because some people ignore laws, they are unnecessary or useless. It's to argue that laws that almost exclusively target innocent people from practicing a constitutional right, and do nothing to stop criminals, are unnecessary and useless. The central problem in this debate is that Democrats believe civilian gun ownership itself is a plague on the nation, so it doesn't really matter to them what gun is being banned or what law is being passed, as long as something is being 'done.' The other side believes that being able to protect themselves, their families, their property and their community from criminality — and, should it descend into tyranny, the government — is a societal good. They see gun bans as autocratic and unconstitutional, and, also, largely unfeasible. And they're right." —David Harsanyi, Patriot Post

"How many times have we heard 'free tuition,' 'free health care,' and free you-name-it? If a particular good or service is truly free, we can have as much of it as we want without the sacrifice of other goods or services. Take a 'free' library; is it really free? The answer is no. Had the library not been built, that \$50 million could have purchased something else? That something else sacrificed is the cost of the library. While users of the library might pay a zero price, zero price and free are not one and the same. So when politicians talk about providing something free, ask them to identify the beneficent Santa Claus or tooth fairy."

—Walter Williams



"A patriot must always be ready to defend his country against his government." —Edward Abbey



Judge temporarily blocks Illinois assault weapons ban

An Illinois state judge temporarily blocked the state's assault weapons ban Friday, finding that the Illinois government likely violated procedural regulations for passing legislation.

A lawsuit against the measure was filed days after Gov. J.B. Pritzker (D) signed it into law, banning the sale and distribution of assault weapons, high-capacity magazines and parts that convert handguns into assault weapons.

Effingham County Judge Joshua Morrison ruled that the plaintiffs are substantially likely to succeed on the merits of their argument that the Illinois government did not comply with state regulations requiring legislation to have one subject or to be read three times in each house of the legislature and violated the due process and equal protection clauses of the state constitution.

The lawsuit was filed by Accuracy Firearms LLC and more than 800 individuals arguing that the law and the way it was passed violated their rights.

Morrison ruled that the plaintiffs in the case have a clear right in need of protection given that the legislation impacts rights protected by the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and that they will suffer irreparable harm without the pause on the law, according to a copy of the ruling obtained by Champaign, Ill., CBS affiliate WCIA.

Part of the Illinois Constitution requires legislation to center around a single subject, but Morrison said the law, the Protect Illinois Communities Act, has an overbroad title and a provision about human and dog trafficking.

Morrison also found that the state government "unequivocally and egregiously" violated the Illinois Constitution's Three Readings Rule to avoid constitutional requirements and public disclosure.

He additionally took issue with which individuals were exempted by the legislation, finding that he cannot see a difference in people such as wardens, who are not affected by the legislation, being necessarily better trained in handling weapons than retired military personnel, who are not exempt.

Pritzker said in a statement after the ruling that he is not surprised but that this is only the first step in defending the legislation. He said he is confident that the Illinois courts will uphold the law, which he said aligns with eight other states' laws and was written following collaboration from lawmakers, advocates and legal experts.

"Illinoisans have a right to feel safe in their front yards, at school, while eating at bars and restaurants or celebrating with their family and friends," he said. "The Protect Illinois Communities Act takes weapons of war and mass destruction off the street while allowing law-abiding gun owners to retain their collections."

Pritzker signed the law following a shooting in Highland Park, Ill., over the summer in which a shooter killed seven and injured dozens at a Fourth of July parade.

Rep. Barry Moore Pushes to Make AR-15 'National Gun of America'

Moore stopped by Troy, Alabama's, Family Firearms to make his announcement and tweeted, "The Second Amendment is as American a right as freedom of speech, religion, & the press." He added, "Today I unveiled my bill to make the AR-15 the National Gun of America. We must send a message that we will meet every attack on any of our constitutional rights." WHNT reported that upon leaving Family Firearms, Moore said, "The anti-Second Amendment group won't stop until they take away all your firearms... One rule to remember: any government that would take away one right would take away them all."

On January 18, 2023, Breitbart News noted Geraldo Rivera's claim that the "AR" in AR-15 stands for "automatic rifle." It does not. Rather, the "AR" stands for Armalite Rifle, as Armalite was the first company to produce the AR-15 after it was designed by Eugene Stoner.

An AR-15 is a semiautomatic rifle, which means it fires one round—and only one round—each time the trigger is pulled. It is chambered in .223/5.56 and is wildly popular for self-defense, match shooting, and hunting predators and small game. The National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) classifies AR-15s as "Modern Sporting Rifles" (MSRs) and estimates that there are nearly 25 million MSRs currently in circulation.

NSSF noted there are more AR/AK-style firearms "in circulation today than there are Ford F-Series trucks on the road."

MISSOURI JOINS 25 STATES IN LAWSUIT OVER PISTOL BRACE RULE

Missouri Attorney General Andrew Bailey has joined 25 other states in a lawsuit challenging new federal regulations on pistols with stabilizing braces.

Bailey and others contend in the lawsuit that the Biden administration's pistol-brace rule is arbitrary and inconsistent with the Second Amendment.

Dozens of attorney generals have backed the original lawsuit filed in Texas at the end of January. Bailey says the pistol-brace burdens law-abiding gun owners with additional regulations, such as higher taxes, longer waiting periods and registration.

"I have long held that the Constitution was meant to be a floor, not a ceiling, and the Second Amendment is the amendment that makes all of the others possible," Bailey said in a statement sent to FOX2. "My office will do everything in its power to safeguard Missourians' Second Amendment rights against encroachment by unelected federal bureaucrats."

The lawsuit also alleges that the rule forces owners into "unthinkable choices" of removing the brace, submitting to a national registry or opening themselves up to possible charges.

U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland said stabilizing braces transform a pistol into a weapon that's powerful and easy to conceal. The gun-brace regulation was one of several steps Biden announced in 2021 after deadly mass shootings that involved stabilizing braces in Boulder, Colorado and Dayton, Ohio.

Canada Illustrates The Reality Of The Gun-Control Agenda

Learning from one's own misfortunes is smart, but it's wiser to learn from—and avoid—the misfortunes of others. For American Second Amendment supporters, the Canadian experience provides a chilling and instructive lesson in what gun controllers really want: the end of civilian firearm ownership.

For many Americans, Canada is as familiar and relatable as neighboring states of the Union. Canada and the U.S. share a border, a common language, cultural touchstones and various commercial and sporting pursuits.

That last category includes a shared love of the outdoors, and especially of hunting and trapping. As with America, much of Canada's expansive wilderness was settled by hardy hunters and trappers who braved the country's wild frontiers in search of fortune and adventure. The gun is an inseparable part of both national stories.

But America and Canada also share a similar cultural divide when it comes to guns. Guns are a common and uncontroversial facet of life in both countries' rural communities, where they are used not just to harvest wildlife but also to provide a safeguard against predators when police protection is scarce. The politics and culture of firearms in both countries' cities are very different, however. Canadian and American urban elites—who get their meat from grocery stores and restaurants and who take routine police patrols for granted—consider firearms dangerous, unnecessary and counterproductive.

Nor are the elites on either side of the border willing to tolerate these differences. Rather, they blame firearms themselves, and not human agency or the social dynamics they themselves promote, for the criminal misuse of guns. They associate firearms with cultures they do not understand and—let's be honest—consider to be inferior. Firearms are also linked in their minds with infamous crimes. And, having no other reference point for the gun's place in society, they reflexively call for firearm bans in response to these events.

That's the generous explanation. There are also politicians in both countries who use gun control as a tool to subjugate their political opponents, much as King George III did in the American colonies.

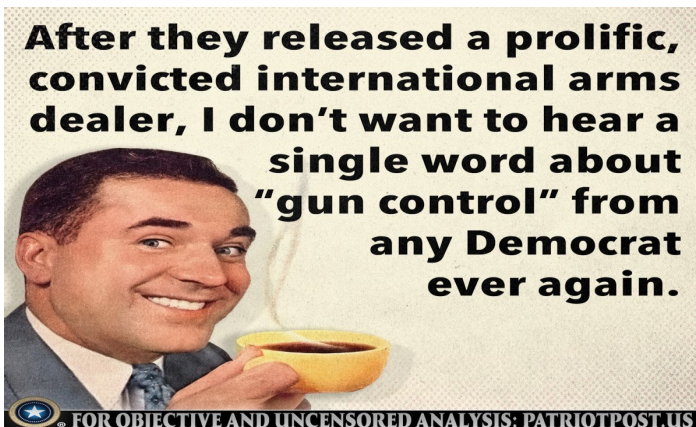
Despite the similarities, we can see very different outcomes in the two countries. Canadians have essentially lost the right of armed self-defense, and are frighteningly close to losing the freedom to possess firearms at all. America, meanwhile, has the highest per-capita gun-ownership rate in the world, with the right to keep and bear arms shielded—at least theoretically—from urban elites.

An article published last December in *The Washington Post* opined that Canada's progressive Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has a “gun-free Canada within his reach.” It noted how Trudeau's father, Pierre Elliott Trudeau, “was the first to begin the process of systematically banning entire categories of firearms,” with 1969 legislation that allowed the executive branch to declare certain firearms “prohibited.” A mass shooting in 1989 was then exploited to further clamp down on legal firearm ownership, prompting a needs-based licensing system that presumptively banned firearm acquisition for self-defense. Justin Trudeau capitalized on another mass killing in 2020 to accelerate the banning of “military-grade assault-style” long guns in Canada under existing law. He then promoted legislation in 2022 that would expand this bogus and misnamed category, coerce surrender of non-conforming guns and institute a “freeze” on handgun ownership. Trudeau later went even further, introducing amendments that would essentially grant the government control to ban what few hunting guns had remained legal.

Unlike Canada and the other commonwealth realms, however, the U.S. liberated itself from Britain's monarchy in the Revolutionary War. This experience led the founding generation to enshrine the right to keep and bear arms in the nation's organizing charter. Like Canada, the U.S. Congress passed major gun control in the 1960s. But this sparked renewed efforts by pro-gun Americans—led by the NRA—to promote responsible firearm ownership and to ensure the original understanding of the Second Amendment was expounded in scholarship and eventually preserved in judicial rulings.

Now, U.S. Supreme Court precedents protect the individual right to keep and bear firearms, in and outside of the home, for the core purpose of defense, and allow only such regulation as is consistent with the founding era's legal history and traditions.

Yet, there are American politicians, like President Joe Biden himself, who see our neighbor to the North's policies not as a warning, but as a roadmap. Only the dedicated and vigilant activism of informed gun owners, channeled through organizations like the NRA, stands in their way.





LIBERTY NOTES

By Kevin L. Jamison

It is a Good Day for Liberty.

The Missouri legislature overwhelmingly defeated a proposal to ban children from carrying guns in public. A St. Louis representative said that children were carrying AR 15's on the street and there was nothing the police could do about it. As in many of these claims—that is a lie. St. Louis ordinance 15.130.040 bans anyone from carrying any weapon that is exposed in whole or in part. This applies to anyone regardless of age. The ordinance has existed at least since 1960. Kansas City prohibits carrying openly unless the person has a license to carry concealed. Concealed carry licenses are not available to juveniles. Under state law 21.750 cities can have more restrictive laws regarding open carry than state law. The usual suspects are outraged at the legislature's vote. The proposal may have been made as a false flag to claim a problem that does not exist and to create outrage over the claimed problem or as a stick with which to beat the Republican legislature.

Rally Day is 19 April, 2023 in the Rotunda of the Capital Building from 10 AM to noon. This is your chance to meet your legislators. Face to Face. Bring a friend. Have them bring their friends.

I saw a movie called "Smile." It concerned a demon that jumped from person to person making them do horrible things. It is, after all, a horror movie. Before the horrible thing is done the possessed person smiles. It is a Freddy Kruger sort of smile. It is a smile that says "I'm coming to kill you. It will be so much fun." It is the sort of thing that one must put in a self-defense statement. One must explain why one was in fear of life and limb. Was he stalking you? What was the assailant's expression, the look in his eye, the tone of his voice, his posture, how did he move. Was he "eye balling" you, "Mean mugging" or any of the colorful expressions for threatening looks. The enemy is not always a male. It could be any one of the dozens of claimed genders; but you get my point.

People practice shooting. They practice self-defense. They do not practice the immediate aftermath. It is necessary to practice drawing your cell phone and starting the camera function to document what is happening or just happened. It is also important to be the first to call 911. The WMSA "Stay Out of Jail" card has a list of things to tell the 911 operator. The first person to call is the one identified as the victim. Other people will call with imaginative versions of what happened. Filming the incident with a cell phone and calling with the cell phone at the same time does not seem possible; at least not to me. If the assailant is still mobile active and hostile the video may be more important to document what led up to the self-defense incident. If smoke is coming out of the barrel of your gun, the 911 call is critical.

There comes a time in every man's life when he must consider if the .45 ACP is too much for his arthritis. It is against the Guy Code to admit weakness or age. But I have prided myself on my firm grasp on reality, and weakening grip on John Browning's prize invention. The 9mm beckons to me. With some version inhabiting that cartridge I will have better accuracy. I lean towards the Hi-Power, also a Browning design. I have an Argentine "Detective" version of the pistol that I like. I love my CZ 75 compact. There are two problems. I cannot get enough of the 14 round magazines for it. The primary problem is that I use it in my Concealed Carry class. No good can come of mixing live ammunition with a training aid. Ask Alex Baldwin late at night when he is drunk. Yes, I have a Glock 19 but the trigger gets some getting used to; I am not there yet. The one I have has an after-market slide with an electronic sight. I have a client who has one with an electronic sight and he loves it. He finds the accuracy phenomenal. I understand the accuracy potential. However, I am not comfortable relying on technology. I cannot help the fear of the battery failing when needed. I have too many flashlights go bad on me.

I have fired a number of 9mm guns. There was an Uzi submachine gun back when I wore a Green Beret. That is not a great choice for concealed carry these days for a variety of reasons. I fired an 1896 "Bolo" Mauser which is also not a great concealed carry choice these days. I found it rather clunky. There was a P 38. The first round was double action and the rest single action. They hit in different spots on the target. Doubtless I could get used to that. The Sig people allowed people to fire the new military pistol at Frontier Justice. I saw no problems, but I would have to fire a few hundred rounds to be sure. I have read some complaints and one commentator advises waiting a year after a new gun is introduced before investing in one. The old designs have been fully vetted. I'm an old design too.

I wonder if we had drag queen teach gun safety we could finally get it into schools. One school was interested in the Eddie Eagle gun safety program. But it insisted on whitening out the NRA copy write notice. They would rather see kids die than give NRA the credit.

I Second That.

Most Illinois Sheriffs Say They Won't Enforce New Assault-Weapons Ban

Governor says he is confident the law, which also faces court challenges, will pass constitutional muster.

The protest appears to be more widespread than moves by sheriffs in several other states that have passed restrictive new gun laws in recent years. The Illinois sheriffs assert their objections to the law on Second Amendment grounds but say their refusal to enforce the measure applies only to cases where individuals aren't accused of another crime.



Henry Big Boy Rifle 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 2024, either at the RK Shows or the WMSA General Membership Meeting.**



Henry Big Boy Rifle Cal. .44 Magnum

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- 3) Politicize and activate gun owners in defense of their rights.
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REMINDER Next General Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, **March 28, 2023 at 7:00 PM**
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