

Gun Controllers Collaborate with Unscrupulous Foreign Regime to Undermine U.S. Constitution

Anyone tempted to think the gun control lobby couldn't sink any further into disreputable tactics should sit down before reading any further.

Last week, Brady – one of the older, gun prohibition advocacy groups in the U.S. – teamed up with the government of Mexico to launch an assault against the American firearms manufacturing and distribution industry.

The move came in the form of a lawsuit that seeks to hold lawful and federally licensed companies in these industries responsible for the crimes of violent Mexican gangs and drug cartels, to the tune of \$10 billion, according to media reports.

Not only that, but the suit also argues that the U.S. federal court in which it was filed should ignore both United States law and the Second Amendment and instead rule against the defendants under the laws of Mexico.

This breathtakingly audacious move shows not just the desperation of the gun control lobby to advance their anti-freedom agenda by any means necessary, it underscores their contempt for the uniquely American freedoms that set our country apart from the rest of the world. That Brady would ally itself with a foreign government that has become virtually synonymous with corruption proves just how detached the gun control movement has become from the values and traditions that define America.

We have no desire to insult the decent people of Mexico, who like the decent people of any number of U.S. cities lead peaceful and productive lives of integrity, notwithstanding the official malfeasance and incompetence that infests the governments under which they live. We sympathize greatly with them.

Indeed, it has become commonplace for U.S. cities that allow crime to flourish and criminals to operate with virtual impunity to imperiously demand that the freedom of law-abiding Americans be infringed to compensate for their own failures.

This is why the mayors of municipalities like Baltimore and Chicago – where even murder reliably goes unpunished – insist that the federal government must curtail the Second Amendment rights of citizens in places with virtually no violent crime. A 2018 Washington Post report – published before the more recent spike in violence in many U.S. cities – states: “Some cities, such as Baltimore and Chicago, solve so few homicides that vast areas stretching for miles experience hundreds of homicides with virtually no arrests.”

Mexico, likewise, is hardly a model of law and order. The U.S. Justice Department publishes an annual Mexico Human Rights Report, the most recent edition of which, published in 2019, paints a similarly bleak picture:

Significant human rights issues included reports of the involvement by police, military, and other government officials and illegal armed groups in unlawful or arbitrary killings, forced disappearance, and torture; harsh and life-threatening prison conditions in some prisons; impunity for violence against human rights defenders and journalists; violence targeting persons with disabilities and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex persons.

Impunity for human rights abuses remained a problem, with extremely low rates of prosecution for all crimes. The government's federal statistics agency (INEGI) estimated 94 percent of crimes were either unreported or not investigated.

Still, this regime is good enough for Brady to team up with to undermine the constitutional rights of U.S. citizens and to attack the businesses that make a robust Second Amendment possible.

Brady gets the benefit of a yet another population of unfortunate crime victims they can exploit for their own social and political agenda. And the government of Mexico gets the benefit of shifting blame for allowing a culture of violence and lawlessness to per-

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sist within its borders, with even the possibility of a payday, should they find a court with more antipathy against firearms than against endemic official vice.

Predictably, the New York Times hastened to carry water for the effort, publishing a lengthy article detailing the Mexican government's claims. Even that piece, however, quotes legal scholars who characterize the claims as a legal longshot and acknowledges that the current Mexican administration has done little to effectively quell violence in the country.

The article uses the oft-cited claim that the "Justice Department found that 70 percent of the firearms submitted for tracing in Mexico between 2014 and 2018 originated in the United States."

Of course, what the Times fails to mention is that ONLY firearms with U.S. import or manufacturing markings can be successfully traced by U.S. officials in the first place. The fact that ANY of the guns submitted for tracing weren't found to have originated in the U.S. only shows that Mexican police don't understand how the U.S. tracing system works. It certainly doesn't prove that the U.S. is the only or even the primary source of crime guns in Mexico.

Furthermore, the Times also neglects to mention that many firearms of U.S. origin that end up in the hands of Mexican criminals were originally delivered to police or military forces in Mexico or in Latin America and then corruptly diverted into illegal markets and uses.

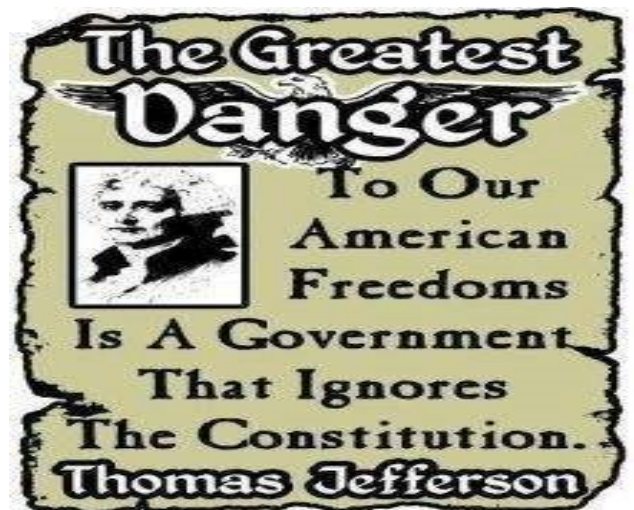
Finally, the New York Times completely ignores the fact that the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives was during the Obama administration actively promoting the sale of U.S. firearms to suspected cartel operatives, supposedly to track the movement of the guns to criminal enterprises. Yet agents lost track of many guns before they could be recovered, resulting in their subsequent use in violent crime, including in an incident that cost the life of U.S. Border Patrol Agent Brian Terry.

Ironically, Mexico already has the sorts of strict gun control laws that Brady and other firearm prohibition groups would like to see enacted in the U.S. Yet the group ludicrously claims this merely strengthens their allegations that fault for firearm-related violence in Mexico must originate outside the country (as opposed, for example, to the wholesale inability or unwillingness of Mexican officials to enforce those laws against violent criminals).

Needless to say, Americans enjoy a variety of robust rights that are shunned by foreign governments that exert a heavier hand against their own populations. It would be a crime, for example, for Bibles or other religious publications originating in America to be possessed in certain countries. Yet no reasonable person would suggest those countries could validly demand that American courts use their authority to sanction publishers for making this material readily available in America. Likewise, the effort here by Mexico and its American collaborators is simply an attempt to impose Mexican public policy in America, contrary to the rights and traditions of the American people.

Meanwhile, Mexico itself is a major exporter of social ills via its robust market in drugs, human trafficking, and other serious types of organized crimes, activities often abetted by Mexican government officials. That makes the combined Mexico/Brady gambit even more perverse.

The bottom line is that while Brady's effort with the Mexican government provides an excuse for agenda-driven officials and media outlets to pontificate and deflect, it will provide no relief to those suffering from crime and violence in America's neighbor to the south. It is therefore not only frivolous, but deeply cynical as well.



"I was told Joe Biden's big selling point was his foreign policy acumen." —Congressman Dan Crenshaw

LIBERTY NOTES

By Kevin L. Jamison

It is a Good Day for Liberty.

This is off-topic, but I have been asked. Covid has provoked a myriad of questions, rumors and fairy stories. I have done some basic research, for medical advice see your doctor. Politicians have been no help. Their position has been that we must do as we are told while they do as they please. People do not like to be ordered to do things, even if those things are good for them; especially when the people giving the orders act differently. One problem is that covid spread faster than our knowledge of it. It also changed. The current variant is more contagious than previous variants. Because 97% or more of the infected are unvaccinated the powers that be say we must do as we are told. We have seen how successful that has been. President Biden voiced the idea that health workers be sent door to door to present the facts about the covid vaccine. I doubt that these facts would include that it was developed by the Trump administration. This was turned into the fairy story that federal agents would go door to door forcing people to be vaccinated. This is not the case. If a federal agent comes to your door, you do not have to listen. The agent might have useful information. However, you do not have to let him/her/them in and certainly do not have to submit to a vaccination. There are many fairy stories about the vaccine. The argument against these stories is that 96% of doctors are vaccinated. I take my advice from doctors. Millions of people have been vaccinated and in the nature of these things some side effects have been reported. A common story is that they lead to sterility. At present this is only a fairy story. So far the only proven side effect is *not dying*. Consult your doctor if you have concerns.

It is possible to contract covid after being vaccinated. These are rare cases and light cases. It is possible to spread covid after being vaccinated. There is talk, only talk as of this writing, that booster shots of covid vaccine will be necessary. If booster shots become available, I will get one. I'm not going to die or spread death because a Chinese lab had poor quality control.

Companies are told they must require employees to be vaccinated or submit covid tests weekly. Failure to comply will mean being fired. So far there is the choice between vaccination or weekly tests. In Missouri, a company can do this. A company can fire an employee because of his choice of socks. I think it is Missouri's way of encouraging unions.

Masks are often rejected simply because we are told to shut up and use them. It seems that many masks are of marginal use. They protect other people from the user. As one of the other people I support their use. Effective masks have at least two layers of cloth. The masks given to visitors to courts and hospitals have one layer. The Center for Disease Control says that the most effective mask is the N-95 but we are not to use them because they must be available to hospital workers.

This is way off topic and beyond my experience. I have reason to believe the information is accurate. If you have questions consult your doctor. If you do not have a doctor, get one. Call a local hospital and ask for a list of primary care doctors. We want you to stay alive and vote. We will get through this if we work together.

I look forward to the day when my range has a Mass Mask Massacre. I had tentatively planned a Mass Mask Massacre for September. This will not happen. After covid is beaten back who knows what disease may rear its ugly head. I will keep a mask in reserve.

The usual suspects are preparing for the next election. That election is little more than a year away. Money is being raised and local activists trained. We can't raise more money than they can. They have an advantage in the media repeating their propaganda. Our advantage is in grassroots membership; we must work that advantage. They have local organizations which recite propaganda; that there are no background checks, the mentally ill can legally buy guns, people convicted of adult abuse can buy guns and no one can defend themselves with a gun. The massive lie told is that they are "gun safety organizations." They have never taught a gun safety class in their entire existence.

We must get our information out; in workplaces, letters to media, radio call-in shows and wherever people gather.

The Gun Rights Policy Conference will be held over computer links on 25 and 26 September, 2021; a "virtual" experience. Go to www.SAF.org to sign up. It costs nothing and is always a source of valuable information.

For my birthday my assistant made chili and corn bread. I should have her knighted. I am the President of this group and have checked the bylaws; they do not prohibit me from doing so. I spent the afternoon at Claycomo Shooters which is conveniently located in Claycomo across from the MacDonald's. They have a nice range and small gunshop. I test fired a Kahr .45 and Argentine copy of the Browning Hi-Power. Both shot better than I did. A nice afternoon in a

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nice facility. As a birthday present I bought myself a membership. That places me on "a list". I don't care. We are all on lists and I am going for a record.

While shooting the Hi-Power the slide locked to the rear after the last round. This is supposed to happen. I pressed the slide release and squeezed the trigger; BANG. The slide had locked to the rear on the next to last round instead of the last round as designed. The gun was pointed downrange so no harm done; but two important lessons. (1) The unexpected will happen. (2) *Keep the gun pointed downrange.* I do not know if this was an eccentricity of the gun or the magazine. It is something to keep in mind.

There is an article in the recent "Concealed Carry Magazine" on being armed while pregnant. The article advises moderation. Indoor ranges are a problem because of the danger of lead particles. After a certain point, no one is sure when, loud noises cause the baby stress. The article strongly advises consulting your doctor. I have been the interested observer of two pregnancies. This is all that I know. I'm a doctor of law not reproduction.

By this time next year we will have gone through the primaries and racing into the elections. We must have a network of people to communicate with. I still remember the lady who voted for President Biden and never heard that he was anti-gun. We have to reach such people.

Members of WMSA can get experience in reaching people by volunteering to work a few hours at a gun show. Paired with an experienced volunteer you will be astonished at how many of our own people do not know the issues.

There is an initiative petition on the ballot in Oregon to completely ban the killing or trapping of any animal. This would stop hunting, fishing and livestock raising for food. The right to hunt is guaranteed by the Missouri Constitution. The fact that such nonsense got on the ballot anywhere means that we have to be on the alert everywhere.

I received a "Presidential Preference Poll." It did not have a spot for "anyone but the incumbent." There will be a referendum on him in three years. We need to get ready.

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

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

LIES AND THE LYING LIARS THAT LIE THEM

K. L. Jamison

An interviewer asked Vice President Harris when she was going to visit the border (this was before she made the trip). "We have been to the border," she relied. "You have not been to the border," the interviewer insisted. She remained unfazed.

What bothered me was not so much the royal "we" she used referring to herself. It was not even that she told a bald-faced lie on national television. What bothered me was that she was not in the least concerned about being caught in the lie. It was bad for her side, so it did not happen. The interviewer allowed her to move to another subject.

I have often complained about the bald-faced lies told by the usual suspects. The problem is they continue to be told and continue to be believed. On 14 August, 2021 Grandparents Against Gun Violence held a rally in the park South of the Nelson Art Gallery. Bill Bland, Carl Smart and I attended as a counter. With his usual shyness Carl approached one Grandparent and engaged him in conversation. The Grandparent began to whine that guns were sold without any background checks. I was asked to confirm that background checks had been required for most of the last thirty years on the federal level and at the state level for most of a century before that. The Grandparent then complained about an incident in which a child was shot. I had handled that case and told him that he had his facts wrong. This did not bother him. He slid to the next propaganda point. I had argued enough cases to recognize when someone is not listening.

Many of the cars passing honked in agreement with their signs. A man on a bicycle peddled by shouting that if we lose our guns we lose our freedom; they laughed at him.

Telling these people they are lying will not help. It causes them to circle the wagons. The fight becomes more difficult. It is possible to tell them they have been misinformed or even that whoever told them that lied to them. But that tells them their source of knowledge is being attacked.

This is like trying to change their religion to taste in beer. If one can find the crack in their lies; that has possibilities. They like to claim that they are a "gun safety" organization. Ask then when they did a gun safety class. They will divert the conversation to so-called advocacy for safety, or passing out gun locks. Bring them back to the question. When have they taught people gun safety? We have.


Talking to these people is difficult. They usually shout propaganda at us and do not listen. We cannot be discouraged. A trickle of water made the Grand Canyon. Keep it up.

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

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Gun Controllers Seek to Ban Accurate Firearms, Inaccurate Firearms, and Everything In-between

On May 18, Bloomberg Law reported that the Biden Administration was in the “final stages” of drafting a regulation to curb the use of pistol stabilizing braces. These commonly owned items attach to the rear of many configurations of popular semi-automatic pistols and help stabilize the pistol on a shooter’s arm so that they may effectively shoot the firearm with one hand. Pistol stabilizing braces are particularly valuable for differently abled shooters who may not have the use of two hands. According to Bloomberg Law, which is named for and owned by billionaire gun control financier Michael Bloomberg, the chief concern over these firearm accessories is that they “can make pistols more accurate and deadlier.”

That’s right, the primary anti-gun concern over pistol stabilizing braces is that these items may improve a firearm user’s ability to hit what they’re aiming at.

Consider the ethical ramifications of such an argument when taken at face value. Gun control advocates would have a person that is forced to defend themselves, their loved ones, and community from violent attack struggle to make a shot rather than have access to equipment that could help them resolve the matter in the most safe and efficient manner possible. Gun controllers’ goal of handicapping gun owners’ ability would make self-defense, target shooting, and hunting, more dangerous for everyone involved – including unrelated parties. The gun control position is deprived and ludicrous.

The anti-gun argument on stabilizing braces is even more absurd when placed in the context of the last half-century of gun control messaging. For decades, gun owners have been advised that certain firearms are unsuitable for civilian use because they are purportedly prone to inaccurate fire.

The supposed danger of inaccurate fire was a prominent feature of the gun control movement’s efforts to ban commonly owned semi-automatic firearms.

While pushing the 2013 version of her semi-auto ban, Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) warned that these firearms enable imprecise fire, stating, “A pistol grip makes it easier for a shooter to rapidly pull the trigger, facilitates firing from the hip and allows a shooter to quickly move the weapon from side to side to spray a wider range.”

Pushing a state semi-auto ban in 2007, Brady Campaign President Paul Helmke wrote, “The bill focuses on the concealability and firepower of the weapons and on the design features that make possible deadly and indiscriminate ‘spray firing.’” A year later, the Brady Campaign website told readers, “Pistol grips on assault rifles and shotguns help stabilize the weapon during rapid fire and allow the shooter to spray-fire from the hip position.”

The purported inaccuracy of certain firearms was used in the gun control movement’s efforts to delegitimize and ban affordable handguns.

In a 1981 article for the *Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology* titled, *The Saturday Night Special: An Assessment of Alternative Definitions from a Policy Perspective*, anti-gun academic Philip J. Cook argued in favor of the efficacy of a “ban on the manufacture and sale of small handguns.” In dismissing the legitimacy of inexpensive handguns, Cook claimed “Serious target shooters and hunters shun such weapons because they tend to be unreliable and highly inaccurate” and “Cheap, poor quality handguns are far from being ideal weapons for self-defense, because of their inaccuracy...”

In targeting the evil “Saturday night special,” an April 28, 1981 *New York Times* article explained, “many small caliber weapons are highly priced precision instruments used by amateurs for target practice. The guns that police officials say are most often used in street crime, in contrast, are usually inexpensive and inaccurate.”

A 1981 series of articles from *Cox Newspapers*, which were later reprinted as a compilation by *Handgun Control, Inc.* (now *Brady*), took aim at inexpensive handguns. In one piece, the media outlet described the target of their ire as “the snub-nosed killer: a subspecies of feather-light, extra-short handguns that are inaccurate beyond the range of a card table.”

On November 23, 1981, the *Washington Post* published an editorial that demanded “Ban the Snubbies.” The *Post* cited these small handguns’ supposed inaccuracy as a reason to ban them, noting, “Snubbies,’ as they are called, are frequently expensive and of relatively high quality. But regardless of the price, their short barrels mean inaccuracy at anything beyond point-blank range. They should therefore be of little interest to legitimate hunters, hobbyists and target-shooters.”

In a March 13, 1988 commentary for the *Washington Post*, Maryland Attorney General Joseph Curran Jr. echoed the standard gun control line against inexpensive handguns. The politician lamented, “Saturday Night Specials are cheap, poorly constructed handguns. They are useless for sport or law enforcement because they are inaccurate...”

Coalition to Stop Gun Violence President Michael K. Bear argued for ban on inexpensive handguns before the House Judiciary Committee on April 26, 1990. Beard explained, “The characteristics of Saturday Night Specials are that they are cheap, easily concealed, poorly, inaccurate and of no sporting value.” Also arguing in favor of the ban was James Brady, who complained that with these handguns “the only way to hit a target is to hold the gun directly to it.”

So, which is it? Are gun control advocates concerned about firearms that facilitate accurate fire, or those purported to enable inaccurate fire?

The answer is both and everything in-between.

Gun control advocates have only one coherent position: total civilian disarmament. Any argument that gun controllers might adopt in any given circumstance is in service to this goal. Internal logic be damned.

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At present, gun control advocates and anti-gun politicians sense there is an opening to ban firearms equipped with pistol stabilizing braces by executive fiat – hence the improved accuracy complaint. In the future, anti-gun activists will no doubt rehash their tired “indiscriminate,” “spray-fire,” and “from the hip” arguments to target commonly owned semi-automatic firearms. Gun owners should let these contradicting and opportunistic arguments highlight the gun control movement’s only real concern: banning all firearms.

Idaho Joins Growing List of Second Amendment Sanctuary States Following Biden’s Gun Orders

Idaho has joined a growing list of states that have become “Second Amendment sanctuaries” in response to President Joe Biden’s gun control push.

Oklahoma, Alaska, Kansas, Wyoming, and Arizona have passed similar legislation, and Texas is currently considering joining the movement.

Idaho passed a bill in 2014 prohibiting state agencies from using funds to enforce federal laws that contradicted the state’s constitutional firearms protections, but the new legislation beefs up those protections in response to Biden’s push to ban un-serialized firearms and regulate arm braces. It includes protections for “firearm components” and expands the list of banned federal actions to “treaties.”

“All Idaho government entities are prohibited from using any personnel, funds, or other resources to enforce, administer, or support the enforcement of any executive order, agency order, treaty, law, rule, or regulation of the United States government enacted or promulgated on or after the effective date of this act upon a firearm, firearm component, firearm accessory, or ammunition if contrary to the provisions of section 11, article I of 2 the constitution of the state of Idaho,” the legislation states.

Idaho’s new Second Amendment sanctuary provisions passed both chambers with veto-proof majorities, and went into effect yesterday when Gov. Brad Little signed the legislation, according to the Associated Press.

The Second Amendment sanctuary movement earned national attention in 2019 when over 90% of Virginia’s counties and cities passed ordinances banning local funds from being used to enforce state gun-control orders. Counties in states across the country have followed suit, and Republican-led state legislatures have begun to join the movement as well in response to President Biden’s gun control agenda.

In Oklahoma, Gov. Kevin Stitt signed a Second Amendment sanctuary bill last week that had secured sponsors from 15 senators and 25 representatives. Sen. Warren Hamilton, the bill’s author in the Senate, cited concerns about the Biden administration as justification for the policy.

Ninth Circuit To Hear Oral Argument In NRA-Backed Challenge to California’s Magazine Ban

On Tuesday, June 22nd, attorneys from the law firm Kirkland & Ellis argued that California’s ban on standard-capacity magazines violates the Second Amendment before an 11-judge, en-banc panel of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, in an NRA-backed case.

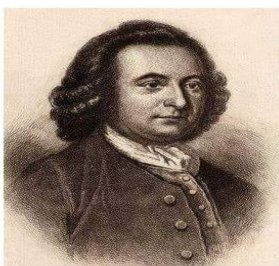
NRA attorneys have already successfully argued this case before a three-judge panel that struck the ban last summer. Then California requested and was granted a re-hearing before an en-banc panel of the Ninth Circuit. This action vacated the previous decision. This is not surprising as it is the fifth time that the Ninth Circuit has granted en banc review in a Second Amendment case, all of which were either brought by or supported by the NRA. The hearing took place on June 22nd.

The NRA is committed to defending the Second Amendment in California and anywhere else that it is threatened.

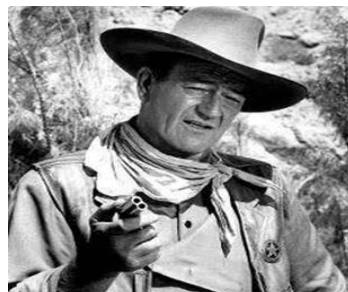
The case is called *Duncan v. Bonta*. The case was previously called *Duncan v. Becerra*. The change in names is due to the Attorney General of California having changed since the lawsuit began.

“This case is not about extraordinary weapons lying at the outer limits of Second Amendment protection. The banned ‘assault weapons’ are not bazookas, howitzers, or machineguns. Those arms are dangerous and solely useful for military purposes. Instead, the firearms deemed ‘assault weapons’ are fairly ordinary, popular, modern rifles. This is an average case about average guns used in average ways for average purposes.”

—Judge Roger T. Benitez in striking down California’s “assault weapons” ban as unconstitutional



“I ask, Sir, what is the militia? It is the whole people. To disarm the people is the best and most effectual way to enslave them.”
George Mason
Father of the Bill of Rights
& co-author Second Amendment





Gun Control “Redlining” -- Journalist Demands Realty Records Show Gun Owners

In a series of tweets on June 8, Virginia Heffernan, a Harvard-educated columnist for *The Los Angeles Times*, wrote: “Real-estate listings should include prevalence of gun-ownership in a 50-mile radius and number of annual mass shootings in the region. Time to change what a ‘bad neighborhood’ is.” In follow-up tweets she added, “...and introduce a meaningful tax on guns and gun violence. No one should say ‘this is a great place to raise kids’ about neighborhoods where even one person has an assault rifle.” The idea is to take “race, class [and] politics out of the real estate equation.”

There are so many flaws in this piece of unhinged idiocy that it’s hard to know where to start. Perhaps the most neutral point is envisioning the implementation of her new “bad neighborhoods” approach.

Heffernan’s “gun ownership metric” calls for disclosure for not just a particular neighborhood, but every place within a “50-mile radius.” Using Los Angeles as the base, the 50-mile zone would include the cities of Long Beach, Santa Ana, Anaheim, Glendale, Huntington Beach, Irvine, Pomona, Torrance, Rancho Cucamonga, Garden Grove, and scores of others. Disclosure for real estate in Washington, D.C. would have to cover several sensitive federal facilities (among them the White House, the ATF headquarters, and the Pentagon) as well as cities in neighboring Maryland and Virginia. How realistic or relevant is this?

Another snag (even assuming this information would never need to be updated) is how the “prevalence of gun-ownership” in any given area would be determined. There is no national gun registry or federal license required to own a gun. If a recent request regarding Hunter Biden is a reliable indication, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) claims it is prohibited from releasing its records pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act where “the subject of the records request is a third party and a private citizen,” unless the person has authorized the release or the “public interest in the disclosure outweighs the personal privacy interests” of the individual.

Many states protect their own records of firearm licenses, permits and the information they contain, and make it a crime to disclose these records to anyone other than law enforcement or other authorized personnel carrying out specific official duties. Real estate agents, would-be homeowners, or common snoops can’t comb through public records for information on whether any licensed individuals keep firearms nearby.

Expecting voluntary disclosure to make this crackpot proposal work is fanciful in the extreme. Criminals – the class most at risk for gun violence – are as liable to comply with voluntary disclosure requests as with existing mandatory firearm laws (and accordingly, are unlikely to feature in any real estate map of gun owners). Persons in lawful possession of guns may have their own good reasons for not wishing to disclose that fact, not the least of which are the distorted value judgments of people like Heffernan. (Heffernan, in case you’ve forgotten, had written a column in February likening her Trump-supporting neighbors to Hezbollah mafias and Nazi sympathizers because the “Trumpites” had the gall to clear a driveway for her, snarking “Free driveway work, as nice as it is, is just not the same currency as justice and truth.”)

Most fundamentally, Heffernan’s proposal ignores the fact that in America, the freedom to exercise constitutionally-protected rights is not dependent on the approbation of one’s neighbors or the opinions of (what passes for) the news media.

In addition to practical and legal deficiencies, Heffernan’s tweets expose her contemptuous assumptions that all gun owners are immoral or at least, undesirable (“time to change what a ‘bad neighborhood’ is”) as are all guns, even those lawfully possessed (“No one should say ‘this is a great place to raise kids’ about neighborhoods where even one person has an assault rifle”). Less obvious is the underlying argument for universal gun registration, the usual end game for gun control activists, because the success of her proposal is entirely dependent on pinpointing the firearm owners in any given place. Once such a scheme is in place, how long would it be before gun-owner zones faced Heffernan’s “meaningful tax on guns” or some other forms of financial sanction as part of this gun-control version of redlining?

Heffernan’s claim that her idea takes “race, class [and] politics out of the real estate equation” falls apart given her response, detailed in her February column, to the “Trumpites next door.” Gun owners or not, they don’t merit “absolution” for the offense of having supported the elected president. Heffernan offers the trite observation that “[I] owing your neighbor is evidently much easier when your neighborhood is full of people just like you.” As record numbers of Americans opt to exercise their Second Amendment rights and acquire firearms, we’re predicting she’ll be increasingly hard pressed to find a location where she can love her like-minded neighbors unreservedly.

"There is a rank due to the United States, among nations, which will be withheld, if not absolutely lost, by the reputation of weakness."

—George Washington

"Why anyone would expect better decisions to be made by third parties who pay no price for being wrong is one of the mysteries of our time."

—Thomas Sowell

"We believe that the parent, rather than the government, should ultimately be able to make that decision [on student masking]"

—Governor Ron DeSantis



New gun law won't outlaw federal gun legislation, says legal expert

Missouri's new gun law, (HB85 or SAPA) awaiting a decision from Cole County Circuit Judge Dan Green, won't outright outlaw federal gun laws, according to a legal expert on firearms.

"Missouri law enforcement officers are not going to help federal officers enforce federal firearms laws," Dale Roberts, an attorney, said.

Roberts said the state's argument in court on Thursday surrounds an issue between federal and local law enforcement officers.

"I know some people have said 'Missouri is trying to nullify federal law,'" Roberts said. "Well, that's not what it does, it doesn't nullify anything, it just says, you guys can enforce it, we're just not going to help you."

The U.S. Department of Justice weighed in on the case when it released a statement of interest on Wednesday, calling the new law "unconstitutional." Roberts said that assessment is inaccurate.

Another issue surrounding the law is the reaction of law enforcement officials. The DOJ's statement alluded to several officers dropping out of federal partnerships.

Roberts, who has worked for years with law enforcement officers, attributed that problem with workplace bureaucracy.

"There's frequently a fairly significant disconnect between what the officer on the street thinks and what command staff thinks," he said.

He still conceded to the \$50,000 civil penalty connected to violating the Second Amendment Preservation Act.

A local gun store owner, Doug Alley, said the legal battle is entirely between the government and law enforcement, with citizen gun owners having nothing to fear.

"As far as the general public, what they will see, what they will encounter in purchasing a firearm, will be absolutely no different," Alley said.

Callaway County Sheriff Clay Chism wrote KRCG 13 a statement, saying he "wholeheartedly support[s] the concept behind the Second Amendment Preservation Act (SAPA). It's more important than ever to protect the law-abiding taxpaying citizens from potential federal overreach circulating in Washington D.C."

But, he added that the law was, in his words, designed to protect taxpaying citizens, adding "We are living in trying times where sometimes the focus is on coddling criminals instead of holding them accountable. It's time to focus on criminals, period. The concept is SAPA was never to protect criminals."

Anti-Gun Hypocrite Sets an Example

Leftist gun grabbers have a long history of exploiting children to push for gun control. Now we can add child endangerment to their résumé.

In a little-noticed story last month, the Associated Press reports: "Rochester Mayor Lovely Warren pleaded not guilty ... to charges stemming from a police raid that allegedly turned up a rifle and pistol, and her 10-year-old daughter alone, in the home she shares with her husband. A grand jury indicted Warren and her husband Timothy Granison ... on a felony count of criminal possession of a firearm, as well as misdemeanor counts of endangering the welfare of a child and having unsecured guns in a home."

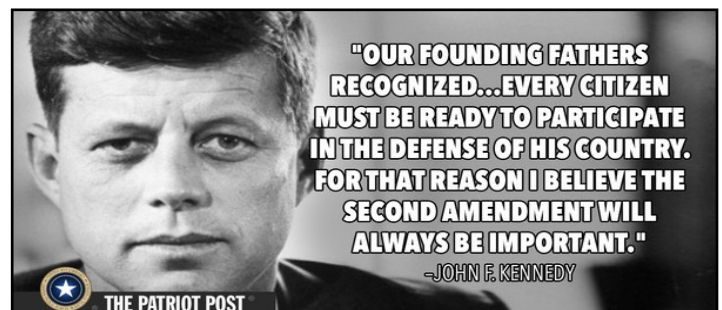
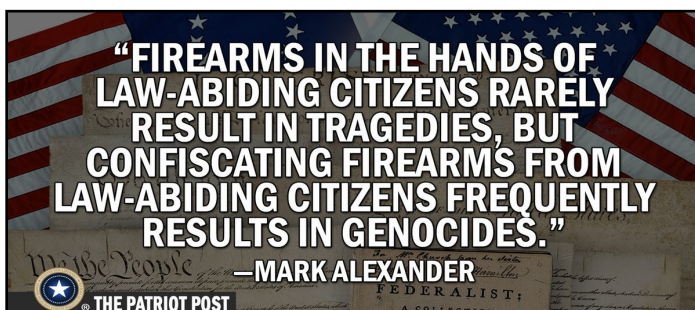
This isn't a story about actually endangering a child by having guns in the home. It is a story about leftist hypocrisy.

Warren is one of the mayors involved with Michael Bloomberg's anti-Second Amendment group, Mayors Against Illegal Guns.

MAIG demands leftist policies like "universal" background checks, red flag laws, and storage requirements. And in Warren's case, New York requires registration of pistols, and Rochester requires locked gun storage. The mayor violated both of those laws.

Perhaps Warren's daughter was endangered by those unlocked guns. Bloomberg's buddies at the Brady Campaign certainly want us to think that. Or perhaps the girl was actually endangered by Granison's cocaine trafficking.

Either way, Warren serves as the poster child of hypocrisy, which surely played a role in her June primary defeat. As she nears the end of her term and faces criminal charges, here's hoping a few more Americans take heed of her story to promote good gun safety practices, such as those taught in the NRA's Eddie Eagle Gun Safe Program. Warren's daughter and millions of other kids would benefit from knowing what to do should they encounter a firearm. And Democrats would benefit from abandoning their "do as I say, not as I do" philosophy.



"The natural cure for an ill-administration ... is a change of men." —Alexander Hamilton



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