

Gun Controllers Try to Hide Joe Biden's Anti-gun Extremism

With Fall 2020 upon us it is time again for gun control advocates' quadrennial tradition – dishonestly attempting to convince voters that a brazenly anti-gun presidential ticket does not pose a threat to gun owners. This year the deception is again being backed by longtime Massachusetts anti-gun advocate and wealthy businessman John Rosenthal. Despite both Joe Biden and Kamala Harris's advocacy for gun confiscation and a host of other draconian gun measures, in a piece for Newsweek with the farcical title, "Individual Gun Ownership Is Not at Stake in This Election," Rosenthal claimed "[p]rivate gun ownership for responsible citizens will remain unchanged" during a Biden presidency. The piece is in the same vein as others that have lied about the ticket's anti-gun aims.

First, a little background is instructive. Rosenthal is the founder of Massachusetts-based gun control group Stop Handgun Violence. Founded in 1994, the group has worked to make the Bay State's onerous gun control laws even more oppressive.

The organization is best known to the rest of the country for its billboard along a stretch of the Massachusetts Turnpike frequented by those who use Boston's Logan Airport. At various times the billboard has called for the criminalization of private firearm transfers, a federal ban on commonly-owned semi-automatic firearms, and attacked NRA.

Aimed at an out-of-state audience, the billboard has been used to chastise neighboring New Hampshire, Maine, and Vermont for a perceived lack of gun control and to laud Massachusetts for its comparatively draconian measures. This tactic is peculiar, as FBI data shows that Maine, Vermont, and New Hampshire have the lowest violent crime rates in the U.S. These states have enjoyed their peaceful existence without the gun controls Rosenthal demands and while recognizing their residents' Right-to-Carry a firearm for self-defense without a permit (Vermont did criminalize private transfers and impose magazine restrictions in 2018, but enjoyed a similarly low crime rate prior to these laws). In contrast, Massachusetts has nearly double the violent crime rate of New Hampshire and Vermont and more than triple that of Maine.

Not content to harass the Bay State and its visitors, in 2005 Rosenthal helped found the American Hunters and Shooters Association. The now defunct organization claimed that it was a group of gun owners "countering years of polarized debate and restoring pride in America's hunting and shooting heritage." In truth, the organization was a disguise for gun control activists seeking to undermine support for grassroots pro-gun groups like NRA and pro-gun candidates going into the 2006 and 2008 elections. When asked whether the AHSA was a front for the gun control lobby, fellow founder and paid expert for the Coalition to Stop Gun Violence Bob Ricker replied, "That perception would be out there, yes."

Despite AHSA's call for a less "polarized debate," Rosenthal let his true feelings about NRA and the five million law-abiding gun owners it represents during a January 14, 2013 interview on the Ed Shultz Radio Show. Long before a certain state attorney general and the San Francisco Board of Supervisors made such smears fashionable, Rosenthal told Shultz that NRA "in my mind is a terrorist organization as far as I'm concerned."

Rosenthal's Newsweek item is merely the latest effort in his decades-long campaign to dupe gun owners.

As noted, in the piece Rosenthal claimed that "Private gun ownership for responsible citizens will remain unchanged" during a Biden presidency. The anti-gun advocate also contended that "a vote for Joe Biden and Democrats in Congress will... protect gun rights for law-abiding gun owners." These are easily disprovable lies.

Biden has made clear that he intends to confiscate commonly-owned semi-automatic firearms.

During an August 5, 2019 CNN interview, Biden had the following exchange with host Anderson Cooper when asked about firearm confiscation:

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.

Given Biden's repeated boasts about authoring the 1994 federal ban on commonly-owned semi-automatic firearms, it can be concluded that Biden's definition of an "assault weapon" encompasses firearms covered under that legislation – including the AR-15. However, Biden has also made clear that he wants to ban 9mm pistols.

According to an article from the Seattle Times, during a November 2019 private fundraiser in Washington, Biden asked attendees "Why should we allow people to have military-style weapons including pistols with 9mm bullets and can hold 10 or more rounds?"

Harris also advocates gun confiscation.

At a campaign even in Londonderry, N.H. in early September, then-presidential candidate Harris told reporters that confiscation of commonly-owned semi-automatic firearms was "a good idea." Elaborating on her support for a compulsory "buyback" program,

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the senator added, "We have to work out the details -- there are a lot of details -- but I do...We have to take those guns off the streets."

On the September 16 edition of "The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon," Harris reiterated her support for gun confiscation. During a question and answer session, an audience member asked Harris "Do you believe in the mandatory buyback of quote-unquote assault weapons and whether or not you do, how does that idea not go against fundamentally the Second Amendment?"

The candidate responded "I do believe that we need to do buybacks." Making clear that she believes Americans' Second Amendment rights are for sale, the senator added "A buyback program is a good idea. Now we need to do it the right way. And part of that has to be, you know, buy back and give people their value, the financial value."

Further demonstrating Harris's commitment to gun confiscation, the candidate called for a "mandatory buyback program" during an October 3 MSNBC gun control forum and again during a November interview with NBC Nightly News.

Contrary to what Rosenthal claimed, banning and confiscating commonly-owned semi-automatic firearms would be a major change for responsible citizens. Underscoring the severity of the change is the fact that the AR-15 is the most popular rifle in America. Moreover, in targeting 9mm pistols, Biden has called for a ban on one of the most popular firearms in America. 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.

Rosenthal also deceived readers about the state of the U.S. Supreme Court and Second Amendment jurisprudence to push the Biden ticket.

Rosenthal wrote, "enacting gun safety laws, such as... military-style assault weapon and large-capacity magazine bans, police discretion for licensing and consumer safety manufacturing regulations have been considered reasonable and legal by the U.S. Supreme Court." In fact, the U.S. Supreme Court has yet to directly address these gun controls.

In an effort to suppress legitimate pro-gun concerns about the U.S. Supreme Court, the anti-gun advocate also claimed "It is well-settled law that private firearm ownership is a right guaranteed by the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution."

Former Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg doesn't share this view.

Consider this passage from a July 2016 interview Ginsburg gave to the New York Times:

[Ginsburg] mulled whether the court could revisit its 2013 decision in Shelby County v. Holder, which effectively struck down a key part of the Voting Rights Act. She said she did not see how that could be done.

The court's 2008 decision in District of Columbia v. Heller, establishing an individual right to own guns, may be another matter, she said.

"I thought Heller was "a very bad decision," she said, adding that a chance to reconsider it could arise whenever the court considers a challenge to a gun control law.

This was not the first time that Ginsburg shared her desire to overturn *Heller*. On December 17, 2009, Ginsburg delivered a lecture titled "The Role of Dissenting Opinions" to the Harvard Club of Washington, D.C., a version of which was later published in the Minnesota Law Review. In the lecture, Ginsburg described Stevens and Breyer's dissents in *Heller* as "appealing to the intelligence of a future day." Insultingly, Ginsburg listed the - in her view incorrect - *Heller* decision, which recognized a fundamental right, alongside the notorious *Dred Scott v. Sanford* decision, which extinguished the rights of African Americans.

Take Ginsburg's word for it - the U.S. Supreme Court and the individual right to keep and bear arms are on the ballot in 2020.

Rosenthal's piece is so at odds with reality that more is gained from contemplating the reason it was written than its content. Consider why a presidential ticket and its surrogates would advance such falsehoods.

Attempts to conceal and lie about Biden and Harris's gun control positions are a tacit admission that the public does not want the gun control these candidates pursue. If such measures have the popularity their backers often pretend they do, there would be no need to obscure their goals. Rather, gun control advocates and politicians understand that they cannot succeed if they are forthright with the electorate about their extreme positions.

NRA members and other gun rights advocates are likely already aware of Biden and Harris's radical plans for the Second Amendment and no amount of deception from gun control advocates or the press will divert them from the truth. However, Second Amendment advocates should work to inform more casual political observers of the singular danger the 2020 Democratic presidential ticket poses to their rights. Knowledgeable gun owners have a responsibility to ensure their family, friends, and other liberty-minded individuals do not succumb to Rosenthal and others' flagrant misinformation.

"A general dissolution of principles and manners will more surely overthrow the liberties of America than the whole force of the common enemy. While the people are virtuous they cannot be subdued; but when once they lose their virtue then will be ready to surrender their liberties to the first external or internal invader."

— Samuel Adams

LIBERTY NOTES

By Kevin L. Jamison

It is a Good Day for Liberty.

"Hotel Mumbai" is a movie centering on the assault on the Taj Hotel in Mumbai India. A lead character is a Sikh with no weapon. This is ironic as it is a pillar of the Sikh faith to carry a sword (or a knife, or a picture of a sword) and protect the weak. When terrorists attack, the staff risks their lives to save the guests. Military support is inexplicably delayed. Local police enter the hotel armed with revolvers and Lee-Enfield bolt-action rifles. They confront terrorists with AK 47s, RPGs, grenades and explosives. The results are brave but predictable. It is a good movie. One feels the helplessness of persons attacked by a vicious mindless enemy with no means to fight back.

Montana fought off a \$1.4 million effort by Bloomberg and his surrogates to thwart their statewide ballot issue to tighten Montana's preemption law. The effort was extensive, but entirely grassroots. Local groups spent exactly nothing, compared to the \$1.4 million spent by the antis. It helps a lot that this was in gun-friendly Montana, but it also shows that money isn't everything and that well-organized grassroots activism can prevail.

Facebook has taken down the International Shooting Sports Federation's page. The International Shooting Sports Federation is the organizer of world cup pistol, rifle and shotgun competition events all over the world and they qualify the competitors who shoot in the Olympics. As of Wednesday, they no longer have a Facebook page. Posts related to guns and ammunition can be one of the reasons for the deletion of the ISSF page. As per their policy, Facebook prohibits promotion of 'firearms, ammunition, weapons of any kind, fireworks and explosives and ads promoting the brandishing of firearms'. Obviously, the ISSF promotes international competition, not brandishing firearms. If the ISSF is now somehow inappropriate for inclusion on Facebook, no firearms-related site is safe. Multiple inquiries have been sent to Facebook with no response.

It's been reported that the rifle Kyle Rittenhouse used during the Kenosha shootings was owned by a friend of his. That's apparently not true. That friend, 19-year-old Dominick Black, has been charged with two felony counts of giving a dangerous weapon to a person under the age of 18, causing death. The report is that Mr. Rittenhouse gave money to Mr. Black to buy the rifle. This is unfortunate because this is the definition of a straw sale and illegal. The young men have not been charged with this at this time. It gives the government a stick to hold over Mr. Black and force him to testify against Mr. Rittenhouse.

There is a movie called "Golem." A golem is a creature of Jewish legend. It is a man-like creature made from clay and imbued with life but no conscience or very much intelligence. It is made by mysticism and can only be destroyed by mysticism. The movie follows the legend of a golem made to protect the Jewish community. However having no conscience or intelligence it cannot tell the difference between danger and mild irritation. This makes it necessary to destroy the golem; which is another neat trick. The usual suspects think our guns are like the golem. They believe guns act on their own. Another superstition is that they send out emanations which influence human behavior. Their magical thinking cannot be conquered by facts only by emotion.

On the cover of the recent Special Forces Association magazine "The Drop" is a picture of a WW II French Resistance fighter with a Sten gun. The photo was taken during the 1944 Paris uprising. Everyone in the picture is looking intently down the road so there must be some fighting in the vicinity. What strikes me about the picture is that the Resistance fighter has perfectly combed hair. The part is straight and the hair seems to be greased. The man went into combat with a clean white shirt and perfect hair. Must be a French thing.

There was a recount in a close Florida congressional race. The conservative Republican won. This was unanticipated. Another recount in a California congressional race has a conservative Republican winning. These races total a net gain of eight seats in the House for Republicans. It whittles down the Democratic majority in Congress but does not change it. The Democratic Party appears to be upset that the "progressive" wing of the party lost them seats in the last election. If they are infighting, they are not coming after us. Of course, they might just unify against us.

The "progressive" wing of the Democratic Party does not believe they did anything wrong. They are convinced that the rest of the Party was wrong in not adopting their agenda. They look at losses in the congress and at best a razor-thin win in the presidential race and think they have a mandate for socialism.

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A man in New Jersey bought some Chinese fuel filters. When they arrived he was alarmed to find they were firearm suppressors. He turned them into the police. He was later arrested and described by the prosecutor as an international arms dealer. Sometimes no good deed goes unpunished. A client found a piece of a gun. Concerned that he had done something wrong by moving it he asked me to turn it into the police. I did so. They were glad to get it although they were puzzled that it required a lawyer's help. I have helped other people who found something their grandfather brought back from the war but should not have. I have found the police happy to take the weapon without question. Of course, I left New Jersey when I was six.

The ATF has declared the Honey Badger Company's arm brace pistol to be a short barreled rifle. This is an AR-15 with a pistol length barrel. Instead of a stock it has an arm brace worn on the forearm. The ATF is coming down on this one model but not others. They may be experimenting to see what they could get away with in a new administration. There is some indication of a new definition of a short-barreled rifle to include arm-brace guns.

The fate of the senate lies in the Georgia runoff election. Two conservative Republicans, David Perdue and Kelly Loeffler, face two wildly leftist Democrats. The two Democrats would be considered leftist even in San Francisco. It has come down to this. The winner of the 5 January, 2021 run-off will decide who controls the Senate. Democratic Senator Chuck Schumer has already said today Georgia, tomorrow the world. The left is pouring a fortune into Georgia to get their guys elected. The Western Missouri Shooters Alliance has contributed a substantial amount to the race. It is hoped that others will do likewise.

Trump supporters held a rally in Washington D.C. Antifa showed up and attacked them. The local tabloid blurs this critical fact and a reader would come away with the impression that the Trump supporters were responsible for the violence.

The Kansas City Star has a series of articles on "gun violence." No other violence need apply. Recently there were front page articles leading to full-page accounts of the toll on emergency rooms. Another article was the same format claiming that guns lead to domestic violence. In neither article does anyone defend themselves with a gun. We know that people do defend themselves. We know that women defend themselves with guns. It is not politically correct to report it.

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

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

IN LIMBO

K. L. Jamison

We are in Limbo, at best. Presidential results are contested in several critical states. The local tabloid reports these contests, always with the comment that President Trump has no evidence of fraud. We have all seen evidence of fraud. Republican observers were forced out of the counting rooms and cardboard put over the windows. Mysterious boxes of ballots have been seen delivered by unofficial persons. Affidavits of witnesses to fraud have been gathered.

The question remains, is it enough? To win President Trump would have to run the disputed states. The standard for fraud in elections is usually; would it make a difference? Courts do not like to disturb elections.

President Trump has said, "Never bet against me." I have learned not to. I was one of the people who laughed at his chances in 2016. Then I thought he would be trapped in the bureaucratic inertia of Washington D.C. I was wrong.

If this election had been about accomplishments, President Trump would have won walking. If it had not been for the corona virus he would have won in a landslide. If these vaccines had been announced two weeks earlier, it would not be close. Life is not that neat. I spoke to an older female relation. Her father used to refer to Franklin D. Roosevelt as "That Man" and not kindly. She should have been a reliable Republican vote. She was not. I told I was not happy about the election results because Joe Biden will take away my guns. She could not imagine why I would think such a thing. "Because he said he would. He made Beito O'Rourke his gun czar and he said he would." She demanded my evidence and questioned if I was sure. I told her he will stop fracking and stop oil drilling. This will increase the cost of gas and heating oil for her. She would not believe that either. These facts were publicized during the campaign, but she did not know. I asked her why she voted for Joe Biden. She did not so much vote for Joe Biden as against President Trump. She said she was "afraid of him." He had done nothing to her. His economy funded her pension plan. It was his aggressive manner, his blunt comments. These scared her. He wasn't running to be her house guest. We can use a president with these qualities. She could not get past her emotional reaction.

She had an emotional reaction to President Trump's way of doing business. This reaction blocked out all facts. We shall have to remember this for next time.

There will be a next time. Control of the Senate rests on two run-off races on 5 January, 2021 in Georgia. In 2022 there will be congressional races. We will again be forced to protect our advantage in the Senate. We will again have to protect seats in the House; and perhaps gain a few. In 2024 there will be another presidential race. There has been some speculation that if President Trump does not win this election, he will run in 2024. It is early to commit to that course of action. But we should never bet against President Trump.

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



Murky New ATF Standards Worrying Gun Companies, Importers and More

New information is coming to light that indicates that the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the BATFE or just ATF, is looking to change the criteria for some guns to prevent their import, as well as possibly reclassify some guns, which might restrict or ban their ownership.

This follows on the heels of a confusing declaration that the popular Honey Badger Pistol by Q is a short-barreled rifle, or SBR, subject to regulation under the National Firearms Act, or NFA. While the ATF stayed their initial ruling, this new information may confirm other concerns many gun owners and manufacturers had that this was only a start.

These new charges indicate that the ATF may no longer permit certain firearms from qualifying as pistols under current importation restrictions, as well as reclassify many existing firearms as NFA-regulated items.

“Under [the] ATF’s new interpretation of the handgun definition, millions of AR-15-style pistols could be considered ‘too large or too heavy’ to fall within [the] ATF’s new interpretation, thereby making them unregistered NFA weapons, and subjecting manufacturers and gun owners to criminal prosecution,” explains Wiley.

“Given the private nature of [the] ATF’s classification rulings, and the subjective nature of the analysis, it is extremely difficult to know for sure whether specific firearms fall within the new interpretation,” they continue. “This appears to be part of a continuing trend at [the] ATF to apply firearms statutes in a more restrictive manner without informing the public.”

“In this uncertain regulatory environment, importers and manufacturers should consult counsel before making significant purchasing, importing, or manufacturing decisions for firearms that could be implicated by [the] ATF’s heretofore unknown and undisclosed analysis,” says Wiley.

While the ATF doesn’t publicize all of their internal rules used to classify firearms, in some letters the agency indicates that certain features may be used to qualify certain former pistols as rifles without any “sporting purpose.”

Those features include the use of rifle sights, a “rifle-length” barrel, an upper weight limit, the ability to accept magazines with a greater than 20-round magazine capacity, the ability to accept magazines that “contribute to the overall weight of the firearm” and an overall length that “creates a front-heavy imbalance when held in one hand.”

One particularly confusing feature is whether the firearm is chambered for certain cartridges typically used with rifles and carbines, like 5.56 and 7.62 NATO — while at the same time qualifying these cartridges as pistol ammunition to prevent some types from being imported as well.

But one of the biggest concerns is that the ATF may consider some pistols Any Other Weapons, or AOWs, under the new definitions. The agency may redefine any firearm that isn’t a pistol, rifle or shotgun under 26 inches long as an NFA-regulated AOW, subject to registration and taxing.

This may be used to classify an impossibly large number of firearms, often sold as pistols with braces, as NFA items. This could also lead to big problems for existing gun owners.

Fears that the ATF may be coming after the large-frame pistol market, not just the Honey Badger, may be justified. Stay tuned for updates.

Gun Grabbers Demand Unprecedented “Executive Actions”

Although the outcome of the presidential election has yet to be certified — and with recounts, lawsuits, and investigations ongoing — gun control advocates are wasting no time cozying up to Joe Biden, and demanding his “executive action” to restrict access to firearms.

A recent article in Michael Bloomberg’s gun control propaganda arm, The Trace, detailed what it called “7 Ways Biden Could Go It Alone on Gun Violence Prevention.” The article noted that the would-be president’s own website states, “Joe Biden ... knows how to make progress on reducing gun violence using executive action.”

“Executive action” in this case means legally binding steps the president asserts he can take without the Congress actually enacting or amending specific laws.

Of course, it’s the constitutional duty of the president to “take Care that the Laws be faithfully executed.” But that merely begs the question of what a legitimately “faithful” interpretation of the law is.

One possible clue that an interpretation of the law is *not* faithful is when the executive branch suddenly finds a completely novel, and notably expansive, reach to a law that has been on the books for many years. This clue is even stronger when the impacts of this reinterpretation would be felt mainly by the executive’s political opposition. Judged by these standards, the gun grabbers are clearly goading Biden to act as a monarch instituting decrees out of whole cloth, and not merely as an administrator of existing rules.

After all, then Vice-President Biden was supposedly the point man for the gun control push Barack Obama launched during his second term. Obama has made a point of repeatedly emphasizing how lack of “progress” on gun control was the most frustrating and anger-inducing aspect of his presidency. The Obama-Biden administration spent years searching for ways to unilaterally clamp down on Americans’ access to firearms. Now, however, gun controllers are suggesting that even more, and more dramatic, executive actions against firearms and their owners were somehow left on the table as lawful options.

The Trace article linked to a letter from a coalition of gun control groups suggesting various ways the “Biden-Harris Transition Team” could supposedly use executive authority to diminish the right to keep and bear arms.

Among the dozens of proposals were some that are largely symbolic and unlikely to do much of anything. But

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others would effectively change longstanding principles of law and even criminalize the possession of firearms that law-abiding Americans currently obtain and own legally.

Obama, for example, was heavily pressured to pursue “universal background checks” by making casual, infrequent sales of firearms subject to a federal firearms dealer’s license. Yet that was a bridge too far even for the Obama ATF. The agency instead released “guidance” on the issue that did not establish the specific numerical trigger for licensing gun controllers had demanded, instead focusing on the “specific facts and circumstances of [the seller’s] activities.”

The gun control coalition, however, hopes Biden will be more aggressive, urging him to “[f]urther clarify which gun sellers must obtain a federal firearms license from ATF.”

Their letter additionally calls for an outright ban on “ghost guns.” While it doesn’t explain or define this term, it is frequently used by the media and other gun control advocates to describe unserialized firearms, including those that Americans make for their own lawful use. Any attempt to ban such homemade firearms, which have been a lawful aspect of American gun culture since before the nation’s founding, would be clear overreach.

The Trace article goes even further, urging Biden to instruct ATF to reclassify popular firearms currently owned by millions of Americans as regulated under the National Firearms Act, which requires special government permission and taxation for making, transfer, and possession. This suggestion was based, in turn, on a proposal by the leftist Center for American Progress. The guns mentioned include braced pistols and shotguns with bird’s head-style grips like the Mossberg Shockwave or the Remington TAC-14.

Should such reclassification occur, these millions of gun owners would suddenly be in felony possession of firearms they had previously obtained legally and in good faith. While it’s possible an “amnesty” could be declared – perhaps allowing the owners to register and obtain tax stamps for their guns or even just to surrender them without prosecution – there’s no guarantee this would be the case. Yet even the best-case scenario would still have the gun owners declaring themselves as such to a hostile and disapproving federal government and paying a \$200 tax for each newly classified firearm.

Should any of these scenarios come to pass, persecuted gun owners would have nowhere to turn but the courts. Fortunately, as the NRA has noted repeatedly, one of President Trump’s most enduring legacies has been his progress in reshaping the federal judiciary with appointees who are dedicated to the rule of law and the original meaning of the U.S. Constitution.

Whether this backstop will curb the gun-grabbing ambitions of a possible Biden-Harris administration remains to be seen. But as The Trace article makes clear, their supporters and funders in the gun-ban lobby remain as insistent and unhinged as ever.

JPFO: Biden Plans ‘Psych’ Test for Gun Ownership

A plain reading—not “analysis”—of Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden’s gun bill, now in both houses of Congress, will require current and future gun owners to pass psychology and character tests to continue owning the firearms they already legally possess. When asked, legal experts have been unable to describe how this would be legal, Biden has not commented. America has 100 million gun owners by most estimates. That has grown dramatically by sales to people terrified amidst urban rioting, who can’t get police protection, during the corona-virus pandemic.

The first line of the identical bills, HR5717 and S3254, requires a federal license for any American to legally “purchase, acquire, or possess a firearm or ammunition.” This is de facto infringement.

To obtain this license you would need to prove to unelected officials that you are of “sound mind and character,” you do not “potentially create a risk to public safety,” and you meet “any other requirements the State determines relevant.” No standards or guidelines are provided. Assuming anyone could qualify, authorities, “make a determination of suitability,” for your possession and ownership of firearms, including any you currently own. Orthodox Rabbi Raziell Cohen, a JPFO Ambassador and certified trainer says, “This outrageous usurpation of power, and affront to the Bill of Rights and the Second Amendment could never pass muster at the U.S. Supreme Court.”

Alan Korwin, an author and consultant to JPFO notes that, “Democrats have publicly promised if they can’t succeed legislatively, they will repeal the filibuster rule, pack the Supreme Court with left-leaning Justices and exercise their will.” Nothing limits the High Court to only nine seats.



"The battle, sir, is not to the strong alone; it is to the vigilant, the active, the brave." —Patrick Henry



Two Oregon Counties Order Their Police to Not Enforce Most Gun Laws

Two counties in Oregon approved ordinances this month penalizing police officers and other county employees if they choose to enforce many of the state's gun control laws, including laws that govern carrying a concealed firearm, background check requirements, and laws that govern barrel length, magazine size, and suppressors.

Gun rights groups worked in the state to place the measure on the ballot in several Oregon counties, and voters in Columbia County and Umatilla County approved the ordinances.

"All we were doing was trying to get rid of all of the regulation that we believe are designed to eliminate gun ownership," Rob Taylor, a gun rights activist, told Oregon Live.

The measures passed in the two counties are slightly different, but the ordinance passed by voters in Umatilla County prohibits the county and its employees – including law enforcement – from "devoting any resources or participating in any way in the enforcement of any law or regulation that affected an individual's right to keep and bear arms, firearm accessories, or ammunition."

The measure mentions several specific gun control laws that are not to be enforced, including taxes and fees on firearm purchases, background check requirements, restrictions on the ownership of semi-automatic rifles, and restrictions on carrying firearms (open or concealed).

The measure allows police to enforce laws prohibiting felons from owning firearms, but it levies hefty fines on those who enforce other laws: if a deputy or police officer enforces a gun law, they would face prosecution for a misdemeanor and possible fines of up to \$2,000. The agency that employs them also would face up to \$4,000 in fines.

As with the Second Amendment sanctuary laws passed in Virginia and other states, it's unclear how these ordinances would stand up in court.

The Oregon Department of Justice hasn't weighed in on the measures, according to Oregon Live. Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum "doesn't have an official view" of the proposals, said agency spokeswoman Karynn Fish. She said the agency and Rosenblum "are certainly on the record supporting and defending sensible gun regulations," but they have no "formal opinion on these measures because none has been requested" by lawmakers or state agencies.

Sanctuary cities protecting illegal immigrants from federal laws provide a precedent for the sanctuary concept, but those localities refuse to spend money to enforce federal laws. These Second Amendment sanctuary ordinances prohibit local officials from enforcing state laws, which they have sworn to uphold.

That difference could be a difficult barrier for these laws to overcome, according to Michael Boldin, executive director of the Tenth Amendment Center.

"I actually will tell you right out front, I am fully on board with the concept," Boldin told Oregon Live. "I am with the gun rights people in concept, but I think they have crafted these so poorly that in practice they actually do nothing."

Whether or not these laws stand up in court, they can have a positive effect for the gun rights movement. The momentum generated by the Second Amendment sanctuary movement in Virginia resulted in one of the largest pro-gun rallies at a state capital in history, and the efforts of activists have been credited with blocking the "assault weapon" ban promised by Virginia's anti-gun governor.

Are Bump Stocks Still Alive?

Feds Drop Charges Because They Couldn't Prove Devices are Machine Guns

A bump stock case in Houston is making waves in the pro-gun community after federal prosecutors dropped bump stock-related charges against a man because "the government couldn't prove beyond a reasonable doubt the bump stock was a machine gun," according to the Houston Chronicle.

Ajay Dhingra, 44, was convicted for lying when he purchased a handgun, rifle and ammunition, and illegally possessing a weapon as a person who had been committed for mental illness. But federal prosecutors dropped charges for bump stock possession after Dhingra's defense found a former ATF agent willing to testify that bump stocks are not machine guns.

That agent, Rick Vasquez, was ready to testify that, unlike machine guns, bump stocks require the shooter to make contact with the trigger each time a round is fired.

His testimony convinced the prosecution that they would be unable to prove that a bump stock is a machine gun, despite the ATF ruling in 2018 that the two are synonymous. "If something doesn't meet the definition of a machine gun, it's not a machine gun," said defense attorney Tom Berg. "And no amount of wishing or passing rules can change it."

Bump stocks were not incredibly popular AR-15 accessories relative to products like scopes, standard stocks, and aftermarket triggers. But they became a symbol for unaccountable federal power after the ATF unilaterally reversed its previous ruling and categorized bump stocks as machine guns.

When bump stocks were first introduced in 2010, the ATF told bump stock company SlideFire that their product would not be regulated as a machine gun.

"The stock has no automatically functioning mechanical parts or springs and performs no automatic mechanical function when installed," they wrote.

"In order to use the installed device, the shooter must apply constant forward pressure with the non-shooting hand and constant rearward pressure with the shooting hand," the agency continued. "Accordingly we find that the 'bump-stock' is a firearm part and is not regulated as a firearm under the Gun Control Act or the National Firearms Act."

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Then, in 2018, following the Las Vegas massacre in which the shooter had bump stocks in his possession, the ATF reversed its decision and effectively banned the possession of bump stocks by re-categorizing them as machine guns.

The lawsuits from pro-gun organizations came fast and furious. Unfortunately, most were unsuccessful, and the ATF rule stood. One of the last remaining cases is before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, which is set to hear a challenge to the ATF's ruling before the full 12-judge panel.

It's unclear whether this case out of Houston will help the bump stock cause. But it certainly can't hurt.

LETTER FOR GEORGIA

NOVEMBER 24, 2020. JEFF KNOX

The following letter, signed by gun rights leaders from around the country, has been posted into the public domain for use in support of Senators Perdue and Loeffler, in their run-off elections.

We encourage rights advocates to repost this letter widely, especially in places where Georgia voters might see it. If you have connections with anyone in the Perdue or Loeffler campaigns, please forward the letter to them. This is a critical time and these races could be the last hope for protection of the Second Amendment.

For more information about the fight in Georgia and how you can help, please visit <https://www.saveussenate.org/>

There have been reports of some people getting security warnings trying to reach this site, but it's not something to be worried about. We've talked with the webmaster, and it should be corrected soon.

Here is the letter. Please share it far and wide.

Open Letter to Georgia

Dear Georgia Voter,

We, your undersigned friends from across the USA, endorse and encourage your support for Senators David Purdue and Kelly Loeffler in the special Georgia election scheduled for January 5, 2021.

We are beyond concerned about the vows by anti-gun extremists to gut the Second Amendment and the Right to Keep and Bear Arms if or when the Biden/Harris team is installed in the White House. To preserve the rights we have reserved to ourselves in the Constitution, we must have a solid pro-gun majority in the U.S. Senate. Reelecting Purdue and Loeffler will insure that majority.

Please support Senators Purdue and Loeffler. Please make sure you have a plan to not only vote yourself on January 5th, but to get every sympathetic voter in your orbit to vote too. This is critical. Please reach out to your friends and neighbors about these important two races.

Thank you so much for sharing our concern.

Yours in liberty,

Signed by:

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