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Pass the Hearing Protection Act



by Dean Weingarten

Second Amendment supporters have a sympathetic ear in the White House, and face no immediate existential threat. What is a critically effective step to consolidate their gains?

Pass the Hearing Protection Act (HPA), H.R. 367.

The HPA is a reform measure that removes gun mufflers/silencers/suppressors (same thing, different terms) from the National Firearms Act (NFA) and places them under the Gun Control Act of 1968. A “muffler or silencer” is the term used in the original NFA. The devices don’t silence firearms, they muffle the sound using a tube with baffles, not unlike car mufflers, with mixed results.

The HPA moves regulation of gun mufflers from the NFA to the GCA and preserves the legality of ownership and use in a number of states that required federal approval for ownership. Those states required the federal regulation when they passed their own gun muffler/silencer reform legislation.

The HPA eliminates the \$200 federal tax on buying what is essentially a short

metal cylinder. It removes the absurd market-stifling nine-month administrative wait. It ends the fingerprint requirement. Mufflers will come under the same safe regulatory scheme as rifles and shotguns. Because mufflers (by whatever name, hobbyists have strong preferences) would be treated as rifles or shotguns, there would be no limit to how many you can purchase at one time, or own. They would generally be legal to purchase across state lines, like

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any other legal products. They would fall under the same rules for manufacture by individual tinkerers or commercial outfits.

The HPA is the beginning of reason reaching some regulatory rot that riddles the firearms industry. It will be very difficult to stop, as it gains momentum cleansing the nonsense, and strengthening the rules that keep us safe.

Most of Europe has very little to no regulation of mufflers (known as *moderators* in England). New Zealand has none. Both areas are more-or-less recognized as icons of “progressivism.” No case was ever made for inclusion of mufflers in the NFA in 1934. Even *The*

Washington Post has a difficult time finding reasons to resist such HPA deregulation. The second in command at the BATFE recently signaled that the bureau would welcome such a change. Gun mufflers improve safety, reduce sound pollution and are almost never used by criminals.

Mufflers are very environmentally friendly. Viewed properly, they are a medical device that protects hearing and the tranquility of the environment. If OSHA was doing its job, mufflers would be available at Walgreen’s and RiteAid. Shooting-range complaints about noise would ease.

Looking at the long-term consequences, this logical deregulation presents numerous opportunities.

There are 300–400 million guns in the United States, almost all without mufflers. When mufflers are easily obtained, they will sell so well there will be a measurable impact on the economy. For many guns, it would be logical to have mufflers integrated into their design. Retrofitting existing guns and introducing new, integrated designs amounts to a virtual resurgence of a fundamental U.S. industry and a federal jobs program—but one created by simply getting the government out of the way. Less regs, more business.

The reduction of sound and recoil make shooting a suppressed sidearm a joy, especially for new shooters. The ability to shoot safely without hearing protection makes instruction easier. The increase in new shooters, eager to try this formerly forbidden fruit, accelerates.

The effect on Second Amendment supporters’ morale by passing the HPA is potentially yuge. It shows the leviathan can be defeated and 70 years of stupid, unconstitutional and ineffec-

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Million Shekel Quiz

See if you can get these EZ Gun-Test Questions right!

1. Now that Donald Trump has been elected, we can drop our guard and nothing bad will happen to our gun rights at the federal level. (See how easy it is to manipulate poll results by framing the questions?)

Yes. No. Don't know.

2. With their unmitigated losses in the 2016 elections, democrats, the main (but not only) purveyors of anti-rights activity for gun owners, will dry up and go away.

Yes. No. Don't know.

3. All the anti-gun-rights programs democrats wanted no longer matter, like the 70,000 people on the no-fly list they sought to disenfranchise from gun rights.

Yes. No. Don't know.

4. People I trust know who the 70,000 people on the no-fly list are, and know why they are free to go anywhere, but are too dangerous to go through a metal detector.

Yes. No. Don't know.
 Don't care.

5. Now that the federal government is out of democrat control, the states will have a vastly increased roll in attempting to disarm the American public.

Yes. No. Don't know.

6. Former mayor Michael Bloomberg, a Jew who seeks to disarm his own people (and all others as well), will continue spending his personal billions to achieve this goal.

Yes. No. Don't know.

7. It's time for me personally to become more active in the defense of my right to keep and bear arms, and to help re-establish a Culture Of Marksmanship in America.

Yes. No. Don't know.

8. I want to encourage my local school to introduce the High School Marksmanship and Gun Safety

Program, with help from local ranges. Is that OK? Contact JPFO for details.

Yes. No. Don't know.
 I don't care about children.

9. If I answered Yes, No, or Don't Know to any of these questions, I should join, increase my membership, or get a friend to join or give a gift membership to JPFO.

Yes. Yes. Definitely.

“Privately held arms are the T-cells of liberty. Liberty will only be secure when those who advocate gun control are viewed with the same horror and loathing that we would have for someone who deliberately infected others with AIDS.”

– Col. Jeff Cooper



THERE IS NOTHING A LIMITED GOVERNMENT AND A FREE PEOPLE CANNOT DO WHILE THE PUBLIC REMAINS ARMED. THE ONLY REASON TO DISARM THE PUBLIC IS TO SWITCH THE BALANCE OF POWER FROM WE, THE PEOPLE, TO "THEM," THE GOVERNMENT, AND THAT'S BEEN THE FORMULA FOR TYRANNY THROUGHOUT HISTORY. DON'T BUY INTO THE MISINFORMATION CAMPAIGNS AND THE DECEPTION. FREE PEOPLE BEAR ARMS. SLAVES DO NOT. CLING TO YOUR GUNS AND BIBLES, IT IS THE RIGHT AND PROPER THING TO DO.

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The Rabbi's Round

Second Amendment Supporters Emboldened by Hillary's Defeat?



by Rabbi Dovid Bendory,
Rabbinic Director, JPFO

Trump won, and the so-called “mainstream media” has been apoplectic ever since. Trump’s defeat of the most corrupt presidential candidate in at least a generation has progressives projecting their fears that it will embolden racists, anti-Semites and all the other “deplorables” who supported him. That includes us gun-owning Second Amendment supporters—who Hillary promised to tear out from America’s fabric and render worthless.

Well, it certainly has emboldened this gun owner. How?

For many years, I’ve joked I’m the only Orthodox Rabbi who has “come out of the closet” and been willing to publicly admit to being a gun owner. I cannot count how many times I’ve been approached by Jewish attendees at various venues who quietly, surreptitiously, even sheepishly approached to admit to me their long-held secret: they keep a gun at home.

They learned to shoot with their fathers (typically), not their mothers, though I’ve heard that too, when they were kids. Their grandmother, the Holocaust survivor, told them to know how to use a gun and to always keep one at home. Think of that—in these

anecdotes it’s almost always the father teaching the kids to shoot but the grandmother encouraging firearm competence and ownership.

When other Rabbis approach me with similar comments, I always encourage them to come out publicly, and they always decline. Pulpit Rabbis need to be apolitical if they are to survive. Educators and those who work in not-for-profit institutions need to toe many

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politically correct lines and not to upset donors and supporters.

Besides, in urban centers and coastal states where most Jews live, it’s just not polite to talk about firearms, unless of course you are talking about banning them.

And then Trump won, and I’ve been coming out of the closet more and more.

At work, we were talking about a team outing, and I suggested we go shooting. Now I’m not particularly quiet about my opinion—I have a “Gun Control is Not Kosher” sticker on my laptop—but rarely have I spoken with

colleagues about it. To my surprise, my teammates were enthusiastic about the idea of a shooting-range outing. Yes, there were questions about legality and safety, but these were in the category of neophyte questions of ignorance, not rebuttals of the idea.

And then there were the car salesmen. After putting 100,000 miles on my Civic, it was time to trade in. Two different salesmen reviewed various amenities and showed me compartments in the console. I remarked, “Oh, that’s a perfect place to keep my firearm while I drive.”

This may not be a particularly radical idea or wildly aggressive observation, but it’s not the kind of comment you hear much behind the New Jersey Iron Curtain. In a state of nine million residents, a paltry 496 CCWs were issued in 2014 (<http://tinyurl.com/zfm4zse>). With a two-year expiration date, there might be 1,000 people licensed to carry in NJ.

I’m not sure why I even made the comment about the console pocket. Perhaps I was feeling emboldened to stomp out some political correctness? Perhaps I was just making chitchat with a car salesman? Perhaps I was living out a fantasy where I would like to care about such a feature when considering a car purchase?

Whatever it was, I made the comment during a test drive, and the first time it was met with dead silence. The salesman, quite chatty up until this point, went stone-cold silent. I broke the ice when I asked where I should hang a U-turn to head back to the dealership, and at that point we continued to chat about other features in the car.

The second time was intriguingly different. Different model, different dealer, and different response: “You’re the second person today to tell me that about this console.” This time, it was my turn to be stunned into silence. Pleasantly.

Who knows, perhaps Second Amendment supporters are indeed emboldened by Hillary’s defeat? Are you? Write to JPFO and let us know.

The Moyel's Tips

Gun-Free

Soft Targets For Safety—NOT

As pressure grows to harden soft targets, a natural tendency will have “officials” pressing to screen people entering. That means more gun-free zones. After all, how can you tell the Muslim jihadis from the cowboys in white hats at the doorway?

Problem is, everything is a soft target in an asymmetrical jihad, or a morals-free society where Hollywood encourages suicide squads and sexy murderers with glee. If we cower behind government to harden forests, shopping malls, roadways, schools and convenience stores, the American spirit is lost. When a Culture of Marksmanship replaces the girly-man pabulum foisted on us by years of pessimistic leftist marxism, that's when the tide will turn. We're breaking out of eight years of that hard labor now.

Guns for Girly Men and Prissy Girls

Is there a way to help arm Jews—and Catholics, Protestants and other gun-less religious folks—and get them over their self-defeating fears and heebie jeebies? Yes, but for many it will take a softer approach than the no-holds-barred positions JPFO normally takes.

With this in mind, JPFO has developed the “EZ Brochure,” a full-throated case for *learning* about guns, because that's what Jews do—they get educated. It soft-pedals the message, raises questions for people to ponder, and has already motivated people to look further and overcome their inhibitions. Get five free copies with every new membership, or order a 100-unit batch for only \$10 and become a JPFO Missionary in your neck of the woods. Easy, effective, do it! Become a JPFO Missionary.

Is D.J. Trump's Gestapo at the Gates?

You might certainly think so to read the left-wing media—but this has a decidedly bright side. Left-wing anti-gun-rights zealots are getting the message, but in the most pernicious, mythological, bass backwards way. They have convinced themselves that

with the heart-rending defeat of their anointed candidate, they face repression on a scale resembling WWII. This is irrational of course, indicative of the liberal mentality once again on public display, but they are taking steps to defend themselves against it—they are arming up.

Now we get to see more guns less crime...and hopefully closed-minded left wing anti-gun-rights hypocritical bigots will have enough common sense to get training (or read!) about those guns they're snapping up in gun stores nationwide.

NOTE TO MANUFACTURERS: It's time to start placing retail sidearm ads in *People* and *Rolling Stone*. There's a whole new untapped market out there!

Well Regulated

Sign at the Women's Inaugural March in January:

“I wish my uterus shot bullets so the government wouldn't regulate it.”

This poses a real problem for the nation. The ignorance behind it is stunning. Americans have been so badly hoodwinked by the education and media institutions. A woman's uterus, bullets and what goes into them both are regulated way beyond anything true freedom should contemplate. What do you think? jpfo.org. It's also been said if our main opposition is men walking around with pink uteruses on their heads we're not in a whole lot of trouble. The Moyel is not so sure.

me SHUG en nah (Crazy!)

You want meshugenah? I'll give you meshugenah! Democrats in Virginia circulated a survey on how to reduce what they call “gun violence,” what the rest of us call, “crime.” Among their answers (check all that apply): banning gun stores from within school zones, banning high-powered military style weaponry, closing the “gun show loophole,” restoring one gun per month restriction, limiting the size of ammunition magazines, allowing localities to bar guns on designated public property. Aside from no awareness or concern for rights, they can't see they're not addressing criminals, now *that's* meshugenah.

Did the Rooskies

Save Our Gun Rights?

“If you didn't snitch that we were cheating, we would have won! So it's your fault, you Russians, we got found out and lost!”

It takes some pretty big cojones for Hillary's democrat operatives to make that case, but the queen of gun confiscation stands by the idea that if Russia hadn't “hacked” her—revealed her collusion with the “news” media during the debates, and her party's sabotage of Bernie, and all the rest—she would have the power to go after our right to arms (and her entire alt-left agenda). So it's Russia's fault she's not in power...and we're saved. Strange bedfellows? (To be fair, Russia is only alleged to have had a role, WikiLeaks was key, other players helped take down that syndicate).

Progressive Agenda Evaporates

The Moyel wants to know—where are the 70,000 jihadis—people so dangerous they can't go through a metal detector to board an airplane, but are still free to travel anywhere in America? You know—the no-fly-list people? Radical left-wing advocates under the previous president wanted *carte blanche* to add anyone to that list, *and ban their right to arms*. Is that still an issue? Who are these people? Could it be the jihadis *and* the radicals who wanted the list? Why is JPFO the only one asking the question.

Now that we're no longer fighting off the hellions at the gate, what is our greatest threat? No, strike that. That's still mired in the old way of thinking! How can we most quickly and effectively enlarge our sphere of influence, normalize gun rights, establish a Culture of Marksmanship? You tell us! The Moyel wants to know. info@jpfo.org

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What is JPFO?

Our Mission Statement identifies three tasks: 1. Destroy so-called “gun control” (code words for disarming innocent people). 2. Expose the misguided notions that lead people to seek out so-called “gun control.” 3. Encourage Americans to understand and defend all of the Bill of Rights for all citizens. The Second Amendment is the “Guardian” of the Bill of Rights.

Founded by Jews in 1989, JPFO initially aimed at educating the Jewish community about the historical evils that Jews have suffered when they have been disarmed. Our research demonstrated that citizen disarmament and genocide were directly connected and must never be tolerated.

We now have 6,400 members with Jews among them, 11,000 contributors, 36,000 website subscribers and we reach out to as many segments of the American people as possible, using *bold tactics without compromise on fundamental principles*.

We oppose and work to reverse potentially deadly victim-disarmament policies often disguised as “common sense” gun control or even deceptively labeled gun-safety measures; we do re-

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search into gun laws and the real results of their enactments; offer a wide variety of freedom-related books and videos; and circulate unsoftened news related to the struggle for armed free-

dom that is suppressed elsewhere. JPFO has recently joined a gun-rights case as a friend of the court.

You don't have to be Jewish to join JPFO, you just have to love freedom. JPFO speaks with the moral authority of the persecuted victim. It is supported in its mission by that long, complex, perfectly explanatory mouthful of a name: Jews for the Preservation of Firearms Ownership.

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America's Most Aggressive Civil Rights Organization

A memo from Ashlee Golden-Sullivan, Administrative Coordinator

First thank you for being a supporter and/or member of the Jews for the Preservation of Firearms Ownership. Your past support has been critical to the historic success of JPFO. In 2017 JPFO needs your continued support to expand our pro-gun-rights agenda.

Today the JPFO Bill of Rights Sentinel is again in publication, and we are striving to expand our horizons with new programs. Gran'Pa Jack #9 is now published, and we hope to launch our new Ambassador program as quickly as possible. We must reach out and speak up, to make our message heard not merely by those who already support us—but by those who may never have heard of JPFO.

We need your help to expand and to grow. We need your help to keep the lights from going out—to maintain our impassioned voice. That is why we ask again for your support,

even though you've done so much for us over the years.

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A JPFO Life Member Writes

The JewishPress.com reported on Feb. 4, 2017, “Anti-Semitic Attack Shatters Glass at Chicago Loop Synagogue on Sabbath.” Writer Hana Levi Julian reported, “Police in Chicago have labeled the attack as a hate crime.” Hate crime indeed!

Not only did this 90-year-old shul lose its big glass window (think Kristallnacht) but big black swastikas were stuck all over the front as well. The vicious intent of these Jew haters couldn't be clearer or more reminiscent of our his-

tory from WWII. Do you know who tops the target list of hate crimes in America? Is it Blacks, or Muslims? It's Jews! Anti-Semitism is on the rise.

I wish more Jews would become aware of what clearly is happening, exercise their right to arms, and sign up for a firearms class. Get trained! Practice! Carry wherever you legally can! G-d forbid, should the need arise; it might be up to *you* to protect yourself and your loved ones. If not you, who? What higher mitzvah is there than saving a life? So sign up for a firearms course today. If not now, when?

—Richard Busch, DCH, Pittsburgh, Pa.

PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT

JPFO Breaks New Legal Ground

**Amicus brief confirms
the private right
to sell firearms**

***Teixeira* case at
9th Circuit compares
gun stores to
bookstores**

**The right to bear arms
includes the right
to buy arms**

**Alameda zoning scheme
attempts to block good
gun store**

San Francisco, Calif. — The noted civil-rights group Jews for the Preservation of Firearms Ownership, jpfo.org, has filed an *amicus* brief supporting a gun-store owner who has been blocked in California from opening an important new shop.

To get started, the new owners, three partners, navigated a bewildering maze of red tape and an Alameda County zoning ordinance that required their gun store to be 500 feet from certain other properties. Then the County changed the way it measures distances, after the owners started up. Door-to-door footage had suddenly become from wall to property line. Other obstacles sprang up—that were insurmountable—eliminating any place to put the new facility. Their perfectly legal business and constitutionally protected property were redlined.

The 9th Circuit Court, in a lengthy three-judge-panel ruling properly overturned the lower district court. “The Court recognized that taking away the means of exercising a fundamental right takes away the right itself,” said Rabbi Dovid Bendory, the group’s Rabbinic Director, commenting on the decision, “but now the full 9th Circuit is going to review the case, and that could spell trouble for those who support the rights protected by the Second Amendment.” The County petitioned and was granted a full *en banc* review, in an effort to overturn the three-judge panel’s pro-civil-rights decision.

JPFO’s brief presents important new historical information in a compelling, fast-moving way, that has never ap-

peared in any Second Amendment brief. This includes the arms commerce rights expressly guaranteed in the 1606 Virginia Charter and the 1620 New England Charter. The brief describes British attempts to prohibit arms commerce in Colonial times from 1774–83 in great detail, all of it thoroughly documented.

“The JPFO brief makes it clear that commercial activity in firearms and gunpowder was routinely practiced in the Colonies, right down to foreign trade,” added Alan Korwin, a gun-law expert and consultant to JPFO. “The British Crown’s attempt to ban this activity by law and by force aroused the Colonists and was a key factor in precipitating the American Revolution,” he notes.

JPFO supports the historical record and current liberty to buy and sell guns as a routine part of American life.

Copies of JPFO’s *amicus* brief and the *Teixeira* panel decision are available on the JPFO website, jpfo.org. The *amicus* brief was written for JPFO by David B. Kopel and Joseph G.S. Greenlee.

JPFO’s main mission has always included education, shining light where some let fear paralyze their sensibilities, speaking truth to power, and ensuring Never Again is not just a catch phrase.

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tive laws can be rolled back. Momentum for more reforms increases.

The HPA creates a vast, unregulated, free-market universe of manufacturers and tinkerers. Half of them already exist and proudly display their prowess on YouTube, web it. There is a reason BATFE is willing to remove mufflers from the olden NFA. They are of so little criminal consequence and so easy to make they’re unworthy and impossible to effectively regulate. The Internet has made that fact plain.

Informal shooting ranges become difficult to stop—and why bother, it’s

America’s #2 participant sport, and good for character and the country; established shooting ranges can operate with less difficulty. Complaints during hunting season decrease.

Second Amendment supporters won’t get tired of winning anytime soon. Pass the HPA and let’s get on with a real Culture of Marksmanship. *Dean Weingarten is a firearms instructor, competitive shooter, peace officer, military officer, prolific writer and can be reached at*

<http://gunwatch.blogspot.com>

**“If OSHA was doing
its job, mufflers
would be available
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One of Arizona's firearms lobbyists, Dave Kopp, recently noted, "I will continue my personal policy of not patronizing businesses that clearly don't want 'my kind' on their premises," referring to no-guns-allowed signs and the make-believe gun-free zones they create. His "kind" indeed. "We don't allow your kind in here."

Gun-Free-Zones Are *Gunist*: Racist – But for Guns

"Discrimination against civil rights cannot stand."

by Alan Korwin, JPFO Consultant

I have found if you try to stop patronizing such businesses consistently—the ones with the "no guns allowed" signs—it becomes nearly impossible to eat, drive, entertain, dress, watch TV or films, read a newspaper... you get the point. You need an RKBA version of the Green Book for Negro Travel from the Jim Crow era of the 1950s. There actually are such things online for gun owners who travel armed.

It seems to me it's time to take a new approach to this problem.

No-guns-allowed policies are flat-out denial of civil rights. No-guns-allowed signs are *gunist*, disgraceful and discriminatory.

The Supreme Court in *D.C. v. Heller* described the right to arms as a "specific, enumerated right" (*District of Columbia v. Heller*, 554 U.S. 570, 628 n.27 (2008)). This point must be pressed at every opportunity. It means *denial of this fundamental human and civil right is discrimination*. It is bias, bigotry, the worst kind of offensive behavior—behavior the mainstream rightfully condemns whenever it occurs. They do not accept discrimination for a second. Neither should we. They cannot get a pass to accept it here.

It is time to call them on it. This no-Negroes-at-the-lunch-counter type of behavior must be called out for what it is: Unacceptable prejudice against fundamental human rights. It is an outrageous affront to the rights of humanity.

***Gunism*—discrimination against firearms—is detestable unacceptable bigotry against fundamental human rights.**

On top of the violation of our dignity as human beings, with one group of elitist people claiming superiority over another, it is against the law.

Denial of civil rights under color of law is a federal offense (18 USC §242 et seq.). Some crafty lawyers may argue the law was never intended to protect your right to arms—but the language is crystalline (below). They'll tell you it's only meant to protect blacks. Tell them it's time to start using the good laws we have on the books. What do they call it? "A novel legal theory." This is not about some arcane point buried in a text somewhere, it's about *a specific enumerated right—in the Bill of Rights*. In plain English the statute says:

Anyone who, under color of any law, statute, ordinance, custom or regulation, willfully deprives any person of any rights, privileges, or immunities secured or protected by the Constitution or laws of the United States, shall be fined, or imprisoned for up to one year, or both.

If bodily injury results, or if the violation includes the use or attempted or threatened use of a dangerous weapon, explosive or fire, the prison term rises to up to ten years. If death results, or if such acts include kidnapping, attempted kidnapping, aggravated sexual assault, attempted aggravated sexual assault, or an attempt to kill, the violator may be fined, imprisoned for any term of years up to life, or put to death. This applies also to anyone subjecting a person to different penalties than a citizen would face, because of color, race or being an alien.

Based on the plain language of this statute, it appears that these federal offenses occur with respect to the right to keep and bear arms, guaranteed by the Second Amendment, every time someone bars your entry into a public place. See also §§18-241, 18-1001 and 42-1983. I presume folks reading this publication know how to look up federal statutes, or go here <http://www.gunlaws.com/links>.

Are there exceptions? Perhaps. Can anyone simply deny your entry because they're biased, or afraid you might rub off? That sure spells discrimination for any other civil right. Will we get the needed laws enforced, the courts aligned, the perps charged, what do we have to do to get the despised signs down?

"Public sentiment is everything. With public sentiment nothing can fail; without it nothing can succeed. He who molds public sentiment goes deeper than he who enacts statutes or decisions possible or impossible to execute."

—Abraham Lincoln

The second graf of 18-242 above points out that gun-free zones are known to be enormously dangerous, reckless and negligent, and those responsible should be held accountable for any damage they cause. For more on that point, <http://www.gunlaws.com/GFZ/index.htm>.

As a devout private property advocate I believe you should be able to create a gun-free zone on your own property if you wish, but seeing how dangerous that is, you should be held liable for any harm it causes.

Modern civil-rights law has compromised your right to do what you will with your own property, but that's another matter. As long as you are forced to allow every special interest group to enter and use your public establishment, singling out the Second Amendment for special treatment is untenable. Either you decide who can enter, or you have to take all comers. You can't have it both ways. Equal treatment under the law.

Alan Korwin, a nationally recognized gun-law expert, is the author of 14 books, runs GunLaws.com and is an advisor to JPFO.

The Confiscation Clock



15 MINUTES TO MIDNIGHT

The hands remain precariously in place as forces struggle to move them forward and back. The election of Donald Trump was a definite relief from the threats posed by Hillary's virulently anti-rights rhetoric and promises to bring on Australian-style confiscations and destruction. Trump also bears watching with thoughts of making state laws uniform, a diminution of valuable federalism and the crucible it serves for experimentation and variety.

The well written national reciprocity and recognition bill HR 38 is a welcomed relief for carry nationwide and the Hearing Protection Act may finally

remove suppressors from the NFA and the oppressive taxes, paperwork, delays, registration and bureaucracy that slows the distribution of these valuable environmentally friendly safety devices.

This is balanced by the insinuation of Bloomberg's Mom's Demand Action into the women's demonstrations that followed the 2017 inauguration, and legitimate concerns from the gun lobby of complacency after the relief people felt, post election. For now, we remain poised with our rights intact at the federal level, and mounting threats on the state and local stages. The level of optimism remains about constant.

From The "Wayback Machine"

JPFO Founder Aaron Zelman had written to NRA board member Ted Nugent:



"Ted, I'll join the NRA... When the NRA quits kowtowing to authoritarian police bureaucrats and takes a no-compromise stand against the increasing paramilitarization of our local and State law enforcement agencies.

It's time to quit building a standing army in America, masquerading as local SWAT teams and hooded "tactical units." Federal money is lavishly splashed at these local law enforcement agencies. And, as we all know, payback day cannot be far away.

When push comes to shove, can we depend on local cops who have been suckling at the federal teat, and attending federal brainwashing seminars?

The NRA has to get in the face of all local police and ask them, point blank: "Will you ever assist in the disarming of the American citizenry?" Any cop who answers in the affirmative must be drummed out of the ranks. "To Protect and Serve" does not mean "To Disarm and Enslave."

My how the fortunes of war can change in a heartbeat—now it is the left wing that stands terrified of the potential of tyrannical government—in addition to JPFO members

who have been awake all along. Defeat of their beloved tyrant and election of a "law-and-order" newcomer is giving them palpitations!

Quaking with imagined fear and loathing, they see a Gestapo on the horizon, the rise of brutal repression, gulags they used to think of as rehab centers, and they are actually looking into arming themselves—a whole new market?! Gun control just won't be the same—they fear the police.

How happy are they now that Officer Friendly looks like a robot in impenetrable armor coming to help keep them pacified and obedient. Do they want to be disarmed for their own good? And what of Aaron's warning—would police act if a "legal" order to take "only the really bad weapons" from only certain people was issued? On what grounds would the police possibly refuse (and go to prison themselves)? And forfeit their pensions?

Our new law-and-order top gun in the White House, proud of his carry permit in an arena where no normal person can possibly get one, may not be the savior (a mixed metaphor, but bear with us) some people hope he will be. Touting his NRA credentials, and subject to their influence, you must work diligently to ensure all their moral compasses are set to true north. They are not.

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