Does BLM Support RKBA?
Where Should BLM Stand On Gun Rights?

by Felicity Bower
First you must clarify which BLM you’re speaking of—is it the philosophical concept that of course, Black lives matter as do all lives? In which case, again, of course, the right to keep and bear arms matters—and in fact the RKBA supports them, not the other way around. The natural order of things is that all G-d’s creatures have an innate and natural right to protect their gift of life and freedom from enslavement.

But are you thinking of one of the two main political factions that claim to be BLM? The one comprised of thugs and villagers, wreaking havoc, protesting violently, filled with anger and hostility, claiming “people of privilege” oppress them and the world owes them, well, everything?

This is nowhere near as clear, for the world has always recognized that evil doers and miscreants can be disarmed by force, shot during commission of crimes, such action is righteous, morally justified, and no right to keep and bear arms exists inside a prison where, after due process, criminals are confined, away from civil society. No, this element of BLM has no RKBA.

The self-proclaimed founders of BLM, self-declared Marxists, determined to overthrow liberty and the existing order by force, execute police, defy police, eliminate the sanctity of national sovereign borders, confiscate or destroy private property, these people may declare and by their actions claim a right to arms, but in doing so they subject themselves to countervailing force. And in the tired and worrisome annals of history, bring upon us the tragedy of politics by iron and bloodshed.

And then there are the righteous elements of the Black community, motivated and mobilized by media, both mass and social, and by actions of those fringe BLM elements, to seek improvements in their station in life, through the means and tools of civil society. People who, like the numerous Black billionaires, millionaires, and icons in sports, entertainment, business and enterprise have made something of themselves (instead of wallowing in pity), and strive for more—all they can get. For them, the right to keep and bear arms is everything every other American has and dreams of: the balance of power between the people and the government established for all legitimate delegated purposes. And a sweet arsenal filled with goodies.

BLM, to the extent it represents mere people like the rest of us, of course they should support the right to keep and bear arms. Unfortunately, the democrat’s party, to no one’s benefit, has denigrated, demeaned and misrepresented the value of RKBA and stands four square against the individualism, self-reliance and independence that a freely armed public represents. To the extent that the Black community still resides on the “democrat’s plantation,” tempted by handouts and welfare, in the shadow of big-government control, the full liberty of RKBA has difficulty piercing that darkness. Some pockets of resistance exist, and grow, to the abject fear of democrat politicians who see their lockstep control slipping away.

The Jewish people, knowing full well what slavery and oppression can do to otherwise decent people, can find enormous value in going to the range with the gun wary, of all stripes, and breaking the constraints that hold so many back in darkness ignorance. There is little more satisfying than having someone new to guns asking, “Oooh, can I try that gun? Have you got any more ammo?” And you know you have lit the light of freedom for another soul, brother.

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Books Matter

Little you can name catches on as solidly or cuts as deeply and permanently into humanity as books do. Usually fast too. So many major turning points in history and the major movements that shape us have books as their seeds. Books matter, are pillars and abysses that set humankind off in a direction: Origin of the Species, Silent Spring, Das Capital, and abysses that set humankind off in a direction:

Rare individuals and the movements they spawn can have a similar effect, and our nation is a prime example of how a handful of individuals, and their thoughts, can spread far and wide to literally change the face of humanity. An armed public to balance government power? Library shelves bristle with tomes detailing the efficacy of this plan. When deep-government power? Library shelves bristle with tomes detailing the efficacy of this plan. When deep-government power? Library shelves bristle with tomes detailing the efficacy of this plan. When deep-government power? Library shelves bristle with tomes detailing the efficacy of this plan.

Adam Guillette, the new president of Accuracy in Media, a group that holds many views coordinate with those of JPFO, has made telling observations about one such movement that just burst onto the scene with surprising vigor and reach, one with racist and anti-Semitic tendrils JPFO is watching.

He writes: Never before has a movement gained such sudden acclaim, attention and affection from both the media and the pop culture. In the span of just a few weeks, Black Lives Matter became a devout religion in our country. You couldn’t dare criticize or question it. To do so would result in you immediately being labeled a heretic. I mean, a racist.

But eventually the truth began to catch up with Black Lives Matter. As did the violence. After an 8-year-old girl was shot near the infamous Atlanta Wendy’s over the weekend, her parents were understandably outraged.

“They say Black Lives Matter—you killed your own!” her father said. “You killed your own this time.”

The subsequent city council meeting, council members offered quotes like, “Black on Black killing, any killing, is tragic,” and, “if Black Lives Matter, they have to matter all the time.”

Previously, it was heresy to mention the tragic rate of black on black crime.

Thank you Adam for having the guts to bring this to the public eye. But, as he points out, it wasn’t until

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Landslides Describe Geography, Not Elections
Your Gun Rights May Depend on Election Outcome, “Voting Matters”

Final results are still pending as we go to press. We have been saying for a long time: elections in the U.S. are supposed to happen on a single day. We are supposed to rise up as a nation, E Pluribus Unum, “From Many, One” and select our leaders all at once. The first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. Think about all the grief, posturing and argument this would resolve. “Shut up we’re in the middle of an election!” would simply not exist. It’s not supposed to.

The insane buckets of money would get spent at once, not stretch out for months, and destroy the peaceful enjoyment of our neighborhoods (and TV!) seemingly endlessly. We would also likely learn who the winner is quickly. The communists figured out in the 1950s that one way to undermine our rights, since they figured they could not disarm us very easily, was to undermine our institutions, and voting was near the top of that list. Endless election cycles were a good start, and here we are.

It’s amazing when you think about it, campaigns have been running for so long, and specific proposals for gun rights have not been clearly established for half the candidates. How do they do that? And perhaps that’s minor, when you think about the totals (as far as we know them), and you look at how tiny the spreads are—we are truly a nation divided, even now, after the election (well, it’s almost after). “He’s not my president” the leftist war cry that has not much gone away for four years, will be with us for another four. With a few point spread in the population that voted, it may be with us for a long while.

In Millions, so far: 11/15/2020
78.6 BIDEN, 73.1 Trump, 2.9 Other, 4.1 Uncounted, N.N Fraudulent (unknown)
158.7 Total 330 U.S. Population 171.3 Non-voting people
23.8% Biden, 22.2% Trump
1.6% difference, 0.8% split (not a landslide or wave, virtually nothing)
52% of Americans did not vote
Under age, unregistered, ineligible, in prison, lazy, other
One estimate puts the voting age population at 257 million, and eligibles at 240 million, but no one knows for sure.

The 0.8% spread is not a landslide even by public school math, which is “new” math, which is barely math at all. In local races, some splits were smaller—Arizona went 49.39% for shoot-their-legs Joe and 49.09% for get-a-permit Donald (three one-hundreds of a percent difference), with 1.52 for the unknown Libertarian, who in effect elected the democrat, if these numbers remain.

You cannot tell a one percent difference in anything by eye, you just can’t. Lying to you outright is standard for so-called “news” media all the time now (“there were no riots” as they stand in front of burning buildings, “there is no evidence!” as video tape of fraud and vote manipulation mount up, and sworn affidavits under penalty of perjury—a serious felony crime—pile up in federal and state courts. Fractions of a percent are not a “blue wave, or a red wave,” or your aunt Bertha waving you goodbye. For comparison, the second Obama election was, in round numbers—Obama: 61 million votes, 50.5%; Romney: 58 million votes, 48%; 2.5% difference. 1.25% spread. 19.4% of the public voted for the winner (26% of adults), 8 million fewer votes for the winner than last time. That was my math a few days later, not widely published publicly, though it was called a mandate, I wouldn’t know, I don’t date men. We know what their gun policies were like. ✡

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The Million Shekel Quiz

There are no right answers, except of course there are

Nikita Khrushchev said the communists won’t have to impose socialism or the communist flag on America, “the American people will hoist it themselves.” President Trump said, “America will never be a socialist country.” The truth of these statements is about to be seen, in what some pundits say may be the last gasps of the greatest gift to governance and freedom the world has ever known.

Answer correctly for One Million Shekels:

Why would free people vote for the tyranny of socialism or communism?

[T] ☐ [F] • Because free speech is actually a bad thing.
[T] ☐ [F] • Because America was never really great, that’s a myth.
[T] ☐ [F] • Because “The Science” is truth personified and cannot be questioned.
[T] ☐ [F] • Because religion is for losers and suckers, and socialism is for secularism.
[T] ☐ [F] • Because communism is for atheism so we’re for socialism.
[T] ☐ [F] • Because “they” would take all the guns and then we’d be safer.
[T] ☐ [F] • Because police are capitalist pigs and we should be rid of them.
[T] ☐ [F] • Because we already have so much socialism anyway (start list).
[T] ☐ [F] • Because wealth here is not evenly distributed, and we have so much, too much.
[T] ☐ [F] • Because under socialism wealth would be equitably distributed.
[T] ☐ [F] • Because life here is demonstrably unfair, even if that claim is only made here.
[T] ☐ [F] • Because if the country went socialist, and we’re finally equal, we could finally pay reparations to all the people of color to help make us even again, including native Americans and the ancient Spanish tribes and Mexicans who fought over this land with the early settlers and the U.S. government.
[T] ☐ [F] • Because a socialist society is a classless society and everyone would be treated equally.
[T] ☐ [F] • Because education would be free if we were socialist and educators would be free to just teach.
[T] ☐ [F] • Because all the way through college, higher education and law or medical school.
[T] ☐ [F] • Because medicine would be free if we were socialist.
[T] ☐ [F] • Because the state would have all the guns and so they could catch all the criminals.
[T] ☐ [F] • But there wouldn’t be many offenders, because food, education and housing would be subsidized.
[T] ☐ [F] • Because the guaranteed minimum wage would finally become a reality if we were socialist.
[T] ☐ [F] • Because we would join at least one third of the civilized world that is already socialist (start list), stop all the fighting amongst ourselves and be closer to world peace.
[T] ☐ [F] • Because capitalism is corrupt and only benefits the few at the top, everyone knows that.
[T] ☐ [F] • Because it never was capitalism anyway, it was always cronyy or anarco- or social-welfare capitalism, or laissez-faire state-monopoly-capitalism… pure socialism would fix all that, when we finally get it done.

Illustration by Kjartan Arnorsson
The Moyel’s Tips

WISDOM: “I am not worried about the media destroying our society by telling the truth. I am worried about their doing so by telling lies, distorting the truth, suppressing vital information and eroding our values.” –Reed Irvine, Founder and Chairman, Accuracy In Media (1922-2004)

Is it time for the mock trial of Anderson Cooper? People keep asking if anything can be done about the bald-faced lies and deceptions perpetrated by CNN and its talking heads? The opposites of truth that spew from these self-anointed purveyors of narrative are causing inestimable harm to the nation, yet free speech allows them to do it. The harm caused is a separate issue. While you are free to shout fire in a crowded theater—no law stops you—you remain liable for any harm the ensuing stampede causes, especially if you shouted falsely.

Surely, the harms caused by the incessant falsehoods about politicians, overseas battles, industry, tax reforms, policies, Congressional machinations, candidates’ histories, the endless list of gun lies and distortions, a trial for torts (harms) committed is surely in order. And who is a greater villain than the talking white man of privilege on CNN?

HATE CRIME REPORT: In October 2020 the FBI released its annual report on hate crimes, which showed that in 2019, 65 percent of the total reported religion-based crimes were directed at Jews and Jewish institutions. The other categories of bias include race, ethnicity, ancestry, religion, sexual orientation, disability, gender, and gender identity. Anyone who suggests disarming the public, if that includes disarming Jews (which it always does, since discriminating otherwise would be illegal) is promoting anti-Semitism and putting Jewish lives in danger. JPFO questions the entire notion of “hate crime,” an Orwellian concept, which requires authorities to determine a criminal’s mental state. To determine punishment based on thought, instead of actual harm, is just wrong. Damage is not mitigated or aggravated based on pleasant thoughts or evil ones.

Reporters lie. Not all of them do, but a lot of them do, and you can’t tell which are and which aren’t, so you have to assume the one you’re following might be. It’s not illegal, though it is unethical, but that no longer bothers them (it used to). They lie for several reasons, the worst of which is to support the agenda they believe in, which these days means supporting leftist (socialist) causes. I know, it sounds awful, and it is, but it’s true. Entire books have been written about this. Accuracy In Media, and the Media Resource Center have extensive documentation on this, you needn’t take our word on it.

Are Gun Stories ALL wrong? We’ve said it before: if it’s about guns, and it’s in the news, it’s probably 100% wrong. Even the language is a deception—there is no so-called “gun violence,” a recently invented term of the anti-rights movement. There is crime, completely outlawed. Try swapping the terms in your mind when you read or hear, and see what happens. When was the last time you saw anything positive about guns, or about armed self-defense? That’s a 100% error of omission, in balance of every other story you’ve seen. That’s why they’re called stories.

Confucious says: If you make a mistake and do not correct it, you are making two mistakes. Does mess media distort the truth? Time Magazine, an honored and revered “news” source reported, “Raucous, happy crowds of all ages and backgrounds filled downtown Washington, D.C.” in the wake of Joe Biden’s assumed victory. Informed sources however reported that more than 70 million Americans of other backgrounds—Trump’s supporters—did not attend the raucous happy crowds of all ages and backgrounds. Casting one-sided, non inclusive undiverse crowds as all inclusive is typical of biased reporting. Don’t tell the reporters or editors, or they may go to safe spaces and weep.

We’re not telling. “You have to elect us if you want to know our gun policies.” That, unfortunately, is the campaign democrats ran for the 2020 elections. They avoided specifics on their own, or when asked by constituents, or when asked by the so-called “news” media—which as it turns out failed to ask. But you don’t have to look far to take a well educated guess. For more than a decade JPFO has been cataloging and describing the bills democrats craft, and the policies they adopt. “Guns for we and not for thee,” sums it up. The hypocrisy of this with demands to defund the police is stark.

While the reins of power may shift in this nation, it is hardly a mandate. “Official figures, if they can be believed and only a marginal number of ballots were frauds, 79 million people voted for Mr. Biden, 73 million for Mr. Trump. America has 330 million people, so do the math. That’s 79 divide by 330, or 24% of the population voting for Biden, 22% for Trump, about 2% between them, a 1% spread. Very little. And don’t you forget it. Without the fraudulent votes, well, we’ll never know.

All three cable networks, National Public Radio and the three broadcast news networks have all said, on air, “There is no evidence.” Translation: They are lying to your face. How much else can you count on from them?

Good Gun Laws Plans are afoot for new, rights-affirming and protective gun laws in legislative sessions nationwide, including at the local, state and federal level, but we can’t reveal what they are yet, just keep the faith. They’re secret, in the planning and scheming stages. The wisdom behind this is solid. “Three people can keep a secret, if two of them are dead.” You’re well aware Joe “shoot their legs” Biden has draconian ideas about gun rights, also buried deep in secrecy for now (except for last year’s early release in HR5717). The new laws are intended to countermand some of that. More on Day One, some total surprises to be sure. You already know about the Sanctuary Movement, springing up nationwide. Civil disobedience seems to be on the horizon as well, depending on how out of control democrats get with their unconstitutional infringement plans.

Population capitulation Houses of Worship closed by edict, no one does anything. Well, who do you point a gun at and demand they open the church? They have no delegated authority with which to do that. Police should refuse to enforce such an order, the faithful should refuse to obey it. Ahhh, but they got you with fear for your life... even though you can go to the store or take a plane. Himm.

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The Left Has a Problem with Anti-Semitism
And it’s Not Getting Better

Abe Greenwald, speaking in Commentary-
Magazine.com, pointed out that House democrats are embracing the “poisonous ideology.” With Ilhan Omar on the House Foreign Affairs Commit-
tee, supporting the boycott-divestment-sanctions policy against Israel, and Rashida Tlaib dining with Hezbollah supporters, we note this growing threat is not improving with their reelection. The Women’s March, which refused to disavow their support for Louis Farrakhan, an “outspoken anti-Semitic, who refers to “Satanic Jews,” has jettisoned the controversial old leadership, and has adopted in its place various gender norms, black lives mat-
ter racism and other “standards” you might not recognize. The new Left, Greenwald says, believe, “Jews are too powerful and too white,” and despite their calls for the destruction of Israel, have not been called out by the democrat party, the party of gun control. Second Amendment freedoms are ap-
parently not part of the independence and inclu-
sion of the NewThink taking place.

The Boston Globe sums up 14 months of sus-
tained attacks on Judaism and its institutions, in-
cluding synagogues, cemeteries and even homes. They refer to the Pittsburgh synagogue massacre, the Poway event, the Jersey City grocery-store as-
sault, the Rockland County stabbing in a rabbit’s home, and at least 10 incidents over Hanukah in the New York area alone. Attempting to blame it on white nationalism is false, the three authors say, as no specific ideology has been found, but a rise in extremism in general is noticed, and the flourish-
ing of an ancient conspiracy theory that “secretive Jewish power” controls the world. “We’d better take the problem seriously,” according to Frida Ghitis, in CNN.com, for “throughout history, anti-Semitism has been the canary in the coal mine for societies that are unraveling.”

CONSPIRACY EVENTS (not “Theories”)

Labeling everything “theories” is a way to hide con-
spiracies in plain sight.

America is awash in conspiracies. Both political parties conspire for all sorts of purposes, both honorable and dishonorable, to achieve good and evil purposes. Some things must be kept under wraps until they are ripe and ready to be revealed. Even new statutes, while in development, must be kept close to the vest, to protect them from unwar-
anted attack and defeat.

These are what people sometimes incorrectly call conspiracy theories, except these are real. Conspiracies, pernicious ones, are afoot in America. Every-
one can see that. The Deep State isn’t a piddling, or a phony theory. Aside from the Dark State— spies and such—it used to be called the bureau-
cracy, until it gained unfathomable power. Those actors used to gloat about the “electeds,” saying, “You’re just the temporary help. We’re the real power,” and it rings true, because apparatchiks can serve for decades. And they’re almost impossible to spot, or fire, unless they fire each other.

Conspiracies are as real as any black ops pro-
gram that’s been revealed just prior to revelation, then conspiracy no longer applies. Fast and Furi-
ous (a real conspiracy, and crime, covered up and revealed), Solyndra (a huge failure, some say scam, big financial loss, covered up). Obama-
phones (secret plan to distribute free phones, went public, still running, it’s on your phone bill). Cash for Clunkers—a “conspiracy” to give tax money to the public for junk, under the triple rubric of helping the poor, stimulating the economy, and improving car emissions and mileage (the first billion slated for five months was sucked up in less than 50 days). They all call them conspiracy theories because the evidence isn’t fully in the light, or the live witnesses get discredited by the people they have revealed. Militias, martial law plans, the Deep State, human trafficking and sex rings and their ties, organized rioters, scheduled immigration waves, just waiting for exposure, not theoretical.

Mass murder in Waco or Ruby Ridge... conspiracy events. Jeffrey Epstein’s sexcapades, with known sex predator Bill Clinton on his jet, his island and with so many other elites, wasn’t a conspiracy the-
ory, that was a conspiracy event. Injecting some truly specious frauds to put everyone off the scent is clever (weather balloons, flat Earth, pizzagate) but does not change the truth. Russian collusion was indeed a years-long unapologized fraud with countless co-conspirators, the Steele Dossier was a spiel on Amazon Prime. It turns out to be a bait-n-
switch emotional appeal to dump what we have and flounder around with nothing. What the enduring one-woman show host misses (she does have a top-pi

Abolish the Constitution
Theater Review

The growing movement to eliminate the U.S. Constitution, and replace it with, well, the abolitionists don’t say exactly, because they don’t know, has some adherents. What the Constitution Means to Me, a seemingly gung ho Constitutional-support Broadway hit featuring Heidi Schreck, is now available on Amazon Prime. It turns out to be a bait-n-switch emotional appeal to dump what we have and flounder around with nothing. What the enduring one-woman show host misses (she does have a top

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action taken yet. They seem empowered by the presidential election, though significant losses in the House have chilled their ardor, and defunding the police has taken a lot of wind from their sails. The rash of gun purchases by five million first-
time gun buyers, many of them left-leaning Ameri-
cans, constitutes push back against the democrat’s blatant disarmament plans. It’s too early to move the clock any further, since actual plans and bills have not been made public.

The announced infringement plans, grossly uncon-
stitutional on their face, pose additional imped-
iments to movement toward midight—forced confiscations and the civil disturbances that im-
plies. Statewide actions and Sanctuary efforts rep-
resent serious pushback to federal infringement plans, likely preventing more drastic loss of time. The Sanctuary movement coupled with new gun owners undoubtedly amounts to a contraindication for federalized infringements, which Big Brother leftists have not sufficiently anticipated, according to knowledgeable observers. Civil disobedience is already raising its head in law-enforcement commu-

ities unwilling to enforce draconian limits on assembly being demanded by democrat governors fearful of Thanksgiving Day dinners.

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MEET THE JPFO AMBASSADORS

Check out The JPFO Volunteer Menu, our smorgasbord of activities dedicated members take upon themselves to promote the values and ideals of the most dedicated civil rights group in America, like the Ambassadors. With uncertain times ahead, it is time for JPFO to grow—and you can be part of that! “But I’m only one person” you grouse, like so many others who might know better: Hey, friend, everyone is only one person! Judah Maccabee was only one person. Abraham Lincoln was only one person. Make your mark. Make a stand. Stand up. Ask for The JPFO Volunteer Menu, and make a choice. You can make a difference in the struggle (look up that word!) to influence liberty and preserve the right to keep and bear arms, for all citizens.

Orthodox Rabbi
Raziel Cohen,
“The Tactical Rabbi”

Raziel Cohen, an ordained Orthodox Rabbi, who is a certified NRA and DOJ firearms instructor approved by Homeland Security, leads NDF Training, which offers everything from basic firearm fundamentals to active-shooter response courses. He schedules classes for devout followers, with breaks for Kosher meals, as well as private courses to military personnel, law-enforcement officers, and security details. In 2018, Instructor Cohen was one of only seven people hand selected in the state of California to join a Special Forces training class, led by an active-duty Navy Seal and member of Australian Special Forces, which he completed top of class. He has also trained with Israeli Special Forces. He is an occasional guest on radio and TV broadcasts, and authors material for JPFO, as do all our Ambassadors.

J.D. “Duke” Schechter

Duke has been politically involved since high school, when he worked to elect John F. Kennedy and later switched parties when Barry Goldwater ran. In the employment world Duke has 30 years of management experience in international banking, commercial aviation and retail. He served for four years in the U.S. Marine Corp, with one year of combat duty in Vietnam, and is a Life Member and Service Officer of the Disabled American Veterans. He has been an advocate of the right to keep and bear arms for more than four decades, starting in New York, then Tennessee and now Arizona. Duke is the person you’re most likely to see at the JPFO table at events like the Gun Rights Policy Conference and other national or regional Second Amendment gatherings.

Grant Schmidt

Grant Schmidt launched Shot Tec, LLC, in October, 2019, fusing his life-long studies and lifestyle of personal defensive tactics along with his professional communication skills. Since its inception, Shot Tec, LLC has taught nearly 3,000 people responsible use of firearms, defensive tactics and shooting sports, with special outreach efforts to Jews and other minorities. Shot Tec, LLC applies advanced firearms simulations technology available in mobile format to police departments, security companies and civilians, in homes or businesses. Grant was the ghost writer behind Secret-Service Officer Gary Byrne’s New York Times 2016 election-year blockbuster Crisis of Character about the Clinton White House. He followed that with Secrets of the Secret Service, helping bring transparency to the U.S. Secret Service. He holds multiple firearms instructor certifications and created a successful Kickstarter campaign for a series of Holocaust liberators and survivors.

Richard Busch

Richard Busch is a retired Ericksonian clinical hypnotherapist. He was a technical consultant to the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal (CSICOP) whose members have included the late Carl Sagan, B. F. Skinner and Isaac Asimov. Busch was also involved with James “The Amazing” Randi’s famous $1.1 Million Dollar Challenge to any “psychic” who could prove actual powers (none did). He specialized in habit control and medical issues (by Rx) like pain, insomnia and hypertension, leading to the development of his A.I.M. Technique that promotes ease, readiness and access to your self-defense skills, including the IPAC-IPOP Principle. Life Member USCCA, NRA, FOAC, JPFO.
by Neland Nobel

One of the most bizarre elements of the ongoing Wuhan virus crisis and subsequent lockdown is the fundamental abuse of power we have endured. In reality, the government has on a very basic level, ignored the structural protections of our constitutional system. It has curtailed the rights to assemble, to worship, to engage in free enterprise. It has participated in unconstitutional takings, restricted the movement of individuals and inflated the currency. Each one of these factors is both important to liberty and the future of the country.

It happened so quickly, amidst such fear, it is astounding to see how easily this crisis has been allowed to slip through the institutional protections of liberty. With hardly a notice, we now have a new form of government. Without much prodding, many people gave up their liberty and resented those who were not willing to submit.

The Founders of this nation were greatly concerned about controlling power, since the abuse of power is the hallmark of tyrannical government. They were great students of history and philosophy. As such, they set up legal and institutional procedures to both limit power, and to see that those who exercised power would be accountable for their actions.

For example, they designed an intricate separation of powers, wanting legislative powers separate from executive powers, and still separate again from judicial power. They wanted various loci of power to compete with each other, to check and to balance each other in order to limit the exercise of power. As part of this, they created many sublevels of government in the federal system, which also competed with each other, and which also functioned with each unit having an internal separation of power.

Uniquely, we have a written Constitution with a specific Bill of Rights (not a bill of privileges) and an independent judiciary.

All of this structural protection rests on the notion that government only exits to protect the rights of individuals granted by G-d, and that government operates legitimately only upon the informed consent of those being governed.

There was no class of people who were born to rule others, and there was no class of people born to be ruled—the only system the world had previously known.

Government was to protect the natural rights of the people, and for the most part, to otherwise leave them alone. The people could, and would organize many private voluntary organizations to undertake tasks that required large social cooperation.

How did this system work in the current crisis?

It would appear that an administrative agency, the CDC (Centers for Disease Control, a medical apparatus founded in 1946 as an extension of post- WWII malaria control), took actions and assumed powers beyond anything originally imagined. The CDC is subject to hardly any consent by those governed, not subject to much in the way of internal checks and balances, and it determined that a particular new strain of mysterious virus from China was an imminent health hazard. Let’s not argue the merits of their medical determination here, although that is an argument worth having.

Administrative agencies themselves present a problem when it comes to the exercise of power, since they often flex executive, legislative, and judicial powers all under the same roof. In this case, a very narrow sliver of the medical community made a determination with huge consequences to everyone. It was not with the consent of the governed for sure—even the consent of elected officials. How many of our citizens, or our elected officials, even knew of Dr. Anthony Fauci before this crisis? Only a select few, for his controversial work in the early 1980s with HIV/AIDS.

This agency, without review by other scientific bodies, promulgated regulations and edicts. It made recommendations for certain actions, and the machinery of government swung into action converting incomplete and contradictory medical opinion into coercive edicts. Don’t wear a mask! Wear a mask! Stay away from each other. Wash.

That’s it? All that is needed is their opinion on something and you must comply?

Every other societal factor from the health of the economy, the preservation of private wealth, personal freedom, to adherence to the Constitution, just gave way on the basis of whipped up fear with thanks to a compliant media and an administrative pronounce ment. As the governor of New Jersey so breezily put it, “The Bill of Rights is above my paygrade.”

Using the skeletal form, but not the spirit of federalism, governors and mayors across the country violated—in the name of public health and safety—most of the cherished freedoms of this country. Almost all these “laws” were in fact mere proclamations. Based loosely on statutes granting emergency powers (sometimes), usually for civil unrest, or on nothing, the public obeyed. The media failed to question or challenge the usurpations. There was never much mention of pan demics except a 1905 Supreme Court Case. https://tinyurl.com/rogjzlw

But asking citizens to “stay off the street” or even quarantine, is different than shutting down someone’s business, a taking without compensation for “public health and safety,” a phrase it would seem has no limit. The case law seems to be as Chinese communist as the virus itself. And we quarantined the healthy, instead of the sick.

In the process, our leaders destroyed the wealth and economic lives of countless individuals and have left the nation deeper in debt than its already deep dark pit. We will be lucky if we can avoid a depression.

Many governors took their instructions from the unelected malaria-derived agency, and proceeded to enforce rules while ignoring their respective legislatures or state judiciaries, which remained inert. Light lockdowns, heavy lockdowns, long and short terms, arbitrary lists of what got locked down—food stores vs. gyms vs. churches a bewildering variety of choices, with no self-limiting characteristics. The rules clearly need to be re-written. Even for short-term emergencies, this kind of discretionary power should not be given to anyone—and resistance to arbitrary rule was quickly squelched by a press that screamed “believe the scientists,” whose actions were undelegated, beyond belief and self-contradictory.

Where are the limits to their power? Apparently, there are none. You’re armed? So what.

You would think that like a declaration of war that can suspend liberties, the state legislators should at least vote on granting extraordinary powers to a governor, or the city council to a mayor.

We learned no consent was needed, no check, no balance, no limitation on their arbitrary and capricious use of power. Just a recommendation from the unelected folks at the CDC, and local officials are good to make up things on their own. When they are good and ready, that might “let” us have some of our rights back. And we willingly comply, against our best self-interest.

What we have is a new form of government that has infected us with greater risk than the virus. It is ugly, and it is dangerous to our liberty. It is government without checks and balances and without a Constitution. We are not a nation to be ruled by proclamation. We need to be inoculated against the abuse of power. When should we be wielding the power that comes from the barrel of a gun, en masse, against the power that comes from the barrel of their pens corruptly against the masses? *

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“A NEW FORM OF GOVERNMENT
One we did not consciously select

You will not recognize
The Red Flagged States of America

“Red flag your neighbors for safety!”

JPFO says: Are You Too Dangerous For a Gun?—
Then You Are Too Dangerous To Be Out In Public.

Red-flag laws are designed to disarm you based on hearsay.

Stop the left-wing political movement to void our rights, under their irrational rubric of stopping psychotic schoolkids and other psychos who seek to commit mass murder for glory.

Call out mess media for giving killers publicity and encouragement.

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The results of the election do not change this discovered truth: Mike Bloomberg, George Soros, the Brady Bunch, the Giffords and many like them put tens of millions of dollars into Biden’s campaign, which features the expressed goal of defeating the U.S. Constitution’s guarantee of a right to arms to every citizen.

This fundamental underpinning of our way of life and tool for preserving a balance of power between government employees and the people they serve has been with us and working properly since our founding. These politicians and their backers have made clear, and put up all that cold hard cash, to say that if they cannot get their way, they are prepared to amend the Constitution and remove the Second Amendment (their proposals are blatant infringements). They will bias the Supreme Court by adding politically motivated Justices to do their bidding instead of neutral umpires of the law, and even admit new States to gain extra Senate seats in their favor. The architecture of America is not seen as an impediment to their desired revisions.

The lowest hanging fruit for incremental destruction of the right to arms might start with arm braces for large semi-auto pistols, which BATFE has wanted to reclassify as short-barreled rifles for some time. Declaring all semi-autos as machine guns and subject to a total ban could happen, though it’s bogus. The bump-stock ban invented a new definition that could conceivably include semis as “easily convertible.” It was pointed out at the time, but key gun-rights groups ignored that, gave in on the ban to stop further legal backlash, “and get eaten last,” as they say.

Limiting imports would be a target, especially ammo, plus ammo-type bans based on dangerousness, (remember “Green Tip” M855, and of course, ammo is supposed to be dangerous). The bully pulpit will be on non-stop against the righteousness of 2A. The UN Arms Trade Treaty is only on hold, running an omnibus bill like HR5717 is almost de rigueur, and let’s don’t forget non-existent asks such as micro-stamping, smart guns or ballistic-DNA registries (a federal jobs program).

The next 4 years are probably going to be tough if “the other side” has too much control, and the new boss can’t figure out how to “heal” our divisions. We can weather the storm, and hopefully gain ground back when the democrats overplay their hand, as they show every indication of doing. That may be the real saving grace. Just how difficult a Biden presidency will be for the Constitution and Second Amendment depends largely as we go to press on the Senate, but regardless, the funding cabal and its allies are the real nemesis, the Deep-Pocket State.

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