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# AGGRAVATED INFRINGEMENT NEEDS FIXING

by Alan Korwin, Sentinel Editor Emeritus  
The Uninvited Ombudsman

The U.S. Constitution has weak mechanisms for correcting violations of its terms. For all its splendid strengths this lack is its Achilles heel, a tragic flaw.

Voting is the first solution that springs to mind. But a handful of problems interfere with that formerly glorious balancing tool our Founders established, especially in light of the widely promoted myth that “The 2020 election was the most secure in history.”

Wisdom often attributed to dictator Josef Stalin is familiar, the mass-murdering tyrant who was reputed to have said—It doesn't matter who votes—what matters is who counts the votes. That is certainly true in banana republics worldwide. Whether it's the case here is a matter of some dispute, along with set dates for voting, and counting, who's eligible to vote, voter verification, audit trails, and much more. It's not as secure as lockstep talking heads would have you believe.

Getting on the ballot in the first place presents a nearly insurmountable challenge to many who would seek office. The cost has become astro-

nomical, banning all but the elite ultra-rich, or someone supported by that tight-knit cabal. The cost in time, effort, family ties, and lifestyle adds to the problem of finding anyone—qualified or not—willing to experience the gauntlet. Not anyone can run for president either, but this is

...this would fix things:

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now sometimes ignored (“natural born Citizens,” defined in Art. II, Sec. 1, Cl. 5).

You don't need me to tell you our courts and Dept. of Justice have become corrupted to such an extent that confidence in them is low, and justice is as likely dispensed in the halls as in the chambers. So-called “news” media tries cases before they are even brought, and peddles or obscures the outcomes in colors of their

choosing. Even getting accurate information to cast your ballot is challenging.

But it seems like the lack of punishment in terms of our great charter may present the biggest problem—and the one most easily remedied. Today, politicians and bureaucrats,

basically, do whatever they please, regardless of conditions set on their specifically enumerated limited powers. How else could we get blatant infringements on rights to own, carry, trade, use or even openly discuss firearms? It's reprehensible—intolerable acts foisted on a docile public unwilling to revolt. (Intolerable Acts, also known as the Coercive Acts from England, in 1774, preceded and helped instigate our War for Independence after the Boston Tea Party.)

Now I'm not saying my proposal here would be easy or even possible to enact now, given the current state of affairs. Mass media and communications in general are so encumbered that even garnering sufficient public support for this idea might be a steep uphill climb. Mass media, in particular, has so badly conflated armed crime and criminals with

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## The Unelected

James Jones - Editor

Again, we, the people, are faced with yet another overreach by the unelected bureaucrats of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. A long-standing “rule” involving pistol braces has been reversed by the A.T.F. making potentially millions of law-abiding Americans, felons overnight. But this time, their belabored excuses for their unlawful behavior in rulemaking are not holding their weight in the courts. In three separate cases involving challenges to the new pistol brace rule, judges have granted preliminary injunctions to the named plaintiffs, including the member rosters of Gun Owners of America, Firearms Policy Coalition, and the Second Amendment Foundation, each having their own case.

The good news in all this tyrannical cacophony generated by the Fifth Column (a.k.a., the administrative state), is that preliminary injunc-

tions are not granted unless the judge thinks the case is likely to win on the merits.

A recent EPA case (*Sackett v. EPA*), though seemingly unrelated, has dealt a devastating blow to Chevron deference—a staple of the Fifth Column, where administrations can effectively define their own rules and apply them as law—and the power of the A.T.F. is beginning to crumble beneath its unconstitutionality.

Administrations, like the A.T.F., are part of the Executive Branch and, therefore, forbidden from making law. That duty lies solely with the Legislative Branch. The Judicial Branch, in its current wisdom (at least at the Supreme Court level), is taking notice of the Executive Branch's incessant overreach into the law-making processes of the Legislature and nudging them back into their proper place; the A.T.F. is next.

The Biden administration was quick to defend the presumptively unlawful rule-making

activities at the A.T.F. by citing public safety as a reason for their infringement. In typical fashion of ignorant, freedom-hating politicians, Biden went on national T.V. to stage yet another embarrassment for the anti-liberty, gun-hating movement by saying this: “Put a pistol on a brace, it turns into a gun — makes it more — you can have a higher-caliber weapon, higher-caliber bullet coming out of that gun!”

Stabilizing braces merely attach to a pistol, allowing the shooter to rest the brace on the arm, thus stabilizing the pistol, but we shouldn't expect that crowd to know anything about firearms and firearm accessories or to speak truthfully about either.

On the horizon, there are more cases coming before the courts dealing with Chevron deference. In the coming years, Chevron deference will continue to be challenged to the great benefit of the people and of the law. ✪

# NOTE FROM THE OUTGOING EDITOR

It has been a challenge, a delight and an honor to serve as Editor of this fine publication, created by our Founder, Aaron Zelman, for this one-of-a-kind civil-rights group. America faces daunting obstacles, with legacy media and an entire political party largely against us and the rights we hold so dear and protect. They know not what they do. In my naïvete, I presumed the political world would accept the rational positions we take here in *The Bill of Rights Sentinel*, but only those of us on the right side get it. Please show unbridled support to our new editor James Jones, the same as you so graciously showed me. Sincerely, Alan Korwin, Editor Emeritus, The Uninvited Ombudsman.

Dear JPFO, Thanks to Mr. Korwin for his many years of service. —Barry K., long time member.

Mazel Tov and thank you for years of service, Alan!! —Jan + Lou S.

Congrats on having a little more time for your other activities! —Sandy V.

The Korwin administration has moved JPFO well ahead, I doubt the group would have survived without your long and dedicated service. —Richard S. (Korwin replies: I'm not leaving, only turning over the Sentinel newsletter.)

Alan, I just read in JPFO's email that you have passed your "broadcasting" torch on. As a loyal listener, reader for so many years now... our bond has grown. You supported me with the all-lady shoots for years, you helped me grow in 2A and BOR knowledge. Anyway, I am happy for you and I wish Mr. Jones all the best. I'm just so happy that we have remained connected over the years so for me, you will always be within reach. Cheers to our next BOR Day, may your legacy spread across the land. —Kim G.

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decent gun ownership and use, the two are tightly linked in the public mind, a hopelessly bogus notion. That false equivalence does harm but is very useful for power brokers who want the population quiescent and on soma. Still, this would fix things:

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Legislators will hang extra meat on these bones as they see fit. Of course, they'll resist the concept overall. It steals their power. The arguments against it will be many, including, “Who decides what's an infringement?” and they may say the 14th Amendment already covers this (if you ignore the total lack of action).

Justice Antonin Scalia, Thomas Jefferson, and others have already given us the real answer: When in doubt first go to the relevant words of the Constitution. Next, use common sense, or paraphrase Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart: You know it when you see it. Gun bans are an infringement. Bans cannot be allowed to stand. ✧

PRESIDENT BIDEN CLAIMED: "MADE IT HARDER FOR PEOPLE BUY STABILIZED BRIEF-- BRACES. PUT A PISTOL ON A BRACE, IT TURNS INTO A GUN, MAKES IT MORE, YOU CAN HAVE A HIGHER-CALIBER WEAPON, HIGHER-CALIBER BULLET COMING OUT OF THAT GUN."





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\*So-called gun control is not a credible policy position: it does not control guns nor does it control criminal behavior. What it does is disarm the innocent, leaving them helpless in the face of petty criminals, tyrannical governments and genocide.

# The False Virtue of Hoplophobia

James Jones, Editor

## What is Hoplophobia?

Hoplophobia is a term coined by Jeff Cooper and refers to an irrational fear of weapons. Generally, it means the fear of modern weapons such as firearms. This phobia manifests in many ways and is potentially accompanied by physical symptoms such as rapid heart rate, panic attacks, dizziness, or anxiety.

## Time-tested Government Control

Former White House Chief of Staff, Rahm Emanuel, said it plainly when he stated, *"You never want a serious crisis to go to waste. And what I mean by that is an opportunity to do things that you think you could not do before"*. Inducing and leveraging fear is an age-old, tried-and-true tactic employed by every nefarious government actor who ever had the chance to do so. While that may well be rule number one for those in power who seek to control those without, rule number two is this: if there is no crisis, make one; if you can't make one, make people believe one already exists.

The legacy, propaganda networks often bemoan the infamous "gun violence epidemic". They're quick to show criminal violence committed with firearms any chance they get, yet fail to show the thousands upon thousands of defensive uses with firearms each year. They repeat nonsense phrases like, "gun violence" and "assault weapon" to promote the fear of firearms. They, along with bad actors in government, peddle this fear daily, making every effort to convince the public that there is a crisis; a "gun violence epidemic".

Then, they tell us that every crisis needs a government solution—especially crises created by government—and since the epidemic is allegedly caused by guns, the cure is to ban guns. Perhaps later they'll get to banning the other implements that cause "knife violence", "screwdriver violence", "coffee cup violence", "chair violence", "car violence", and so many other "sources" of violence. But first, the guns must go, or so they would have you believe.

## The "Gun Safety Advocates"

The very people who are either unable or unwilling to publicly define the amorphous, fabricated political term, "assault weapon", are also unable or unwilling to define, "gun safety".

Responsible firearm owners are very familiar with the four rules of gun safety and practice them religiously; however, groups like *Everytown for Gun Safety*, *Giffords*, *Moms Demand Action*, *Brady*, et al. refuse to publicly comment on those rules despite inaccurately labeling themselves as "gun safety advocates", while they simultaneously advocate for nothing more than civilian firearm restrictions and bans, while seemingly knowing nothing about actual gun safety.

In their bid to pass "gun safety laws" or "gun control laws"—which invariably exempt government actors including police and military—they spread lies about guns themselves. They often claim the "AR-15 bullet" is exceptionally lethal. Instilled in this statement is an underlying, false assumption that the AR-15 is limited to a specific cartridge/caliber. One of the most appealing things about the AR-15 is the fact that it is a very versatile platform, accepting a variety of accessories and able to be chambered in .22, 7.62 NATO, 9mm, .30-06, 300 BLK, .223, 5.56, .308, .224 Valkyrie, etc.; there is no "AR-15 bullet".

These groups have also parroted absurdities about the "AR-15 bullet" "vaporizing bone" and choose to ignore the incontrovertible fact that hands and feet are used in more murders each year than rifles of any kind. According to the F.B.I.'s U.C.R. data, even knives are used more often in murders than rifles. If these groups' motives included saving lives as they claim, why aren't they trying to ban hands & feet, and knives? If their excuse is that their focus is purely on guns, then why aren't they trying to ban handguns en masse? As with hands & feet and knives, handguns are used in more murders than all rifles combined.

They mask themselves under a thin, rotting veil of feigned virtue while pushing for the one thing that every tyrant in history has sought (and some managed) to achieve: the disarmament of the populace.

Another trick they play is calling for mandatory "safe storage". While actual safe storage is a matter involving several elements including things like, who else lives in the house with the gun owner, how old those individuals are, where the doors and windows are in the house, etc. There are many factors that go into determining the safe storage needs of an individual. But anti-liberty groups like Everytown want to make a mandatory, one-size-fits-all storage solution which includes forcing individuals to lock their guns separate from their ammo, making it very difficult, if not impossible, to access in a timely manner during an emergency. In addition to their glaring ignorance of firearm storage, they seem also to be oblivious of the Fourth Amendment and how government would need to violate it in order to enforce their unconstitutional, mandatory "safe storage" laws.

## "Gun Sense Candidates"

Along with fearmongering and spinning falsehoods, the "gun safety advocates" promote would-be oath-breaking politicians, calling them, "gun sense candidates". Anyone who's running for office and has publicly stated that they're willing to attack the Second Amendment gets these groups' support. While they offer public support for them, they refuse to hold them accountable even to their own standards.

A great example of this is President Joe Biden's son, Hunter, who allegedly lied on an ATF Form

4473 and was illegally in possession of a firearm. Despite this egregious crime, the "gun sense advocates" are pushing out dead air on the issue. They've nothing to say about this, giving further credence to the notion that these anti-freedom, anti-America groups are purely partisan and single-minded in their efforts for absolute control of your life. Neither will they deign to comment on the fact their "gun sense champion's" son is being offered a sweetheart deal to get out of being jailed for the crime that the Biden administration would be happy to charge the rest of us with, were we to commit it.

This hypocrisy highlights the moral bankruptcy that is intrinsic in any group which seeks to unjustly wrest liberty from others. The simple truth is that getting our guns is just a means to an end. As John Locke so aptly stated, *"I have no reason to suppose that he, who would take away my Liberty, would not when he had me in his Power, take away everything else"*.

## Ignoring Real Solutions

The "Gun Free Zone" signs have utterly failed to stop crimes committed with firearms where those signs are posted; however, armed staff has been a major deterrent for would-be mass murderers. Yet the anti-liberty groups and politicians keep doubling down with more ineffective policies that put the lives of our children in grave danger.

If "Gun Free Zones"—which are until they're not—work so well, why aren't they exclusively used to protect the President as they're used to purportedly protect children in schools? While rational and sane individuals advocate for protecting our children as we protect banks, politicians, actors, and other people and places we consider valuable, those opposing liberty call the protection of children with firearms, dangerous while the obvious facts are contrary to their propaganda. Ironically, some of the politicians making that claim are protected by people with guns. As with prosecution, so with protection; one rule for me, another for thee.

## Lifting the Mask

Underneath all the rhetoric, false claims and pretend outrage promulgated by anti-liberty groups and oath-breaking politicians, is a contempt for the rule of law, the Constitution, the people of this great nation, and the truth itself.

They refuse to engage in honest debate. They have little to say about crimes committed without the use of guns. They avoid, like the plague, any reference to the defensive uses of firearms. They ignore the underlying causes of crime and the cultural problems that exacerbate it. And, they ignore crimes involving firearms when it's politically inconvenient for them to acknowledge them. They are bereft of intellectual honesty or any sense of morality, making their feigned virtue nothing but a slight to those of us who value morality, truth, and the rule of law. ✨

# The Moyel's Tips

## Mandating Credibility

NPR, National Public Radio, an anti-gun-rights promoter pretending to be a so-called “news” station, now bills itself as: “informed, accurate and credible.” It’s part of a national media effort to promote the idea of honest neutrality, instead of being that. Raise your hands if you agree with the catch phrase. Huh. Look at that. No hands.

## Derangement Syndrome

It’s not just for a former president anymore. When you look at the left-wing suggestions for guns, the only way to describe it is deranged. Disarm, defang and defund the police, and at the same time disarm the public—a deranged formula for peace. Ban arm braces for pistols—not a crime problem—but release criminals when they are actually caught. It’s just a deranged display of power, and diabolical plan to bring us all under control. So-called “gun control” isn’t about guns. It’s about control.

## These Are The Good Ole Days

We’re living in the times just before full-blown Artificial Intelligence (AI) and its current chatGPT facet. Enjoy it. One of the few things out of AI’s direct purview is firearms, in a person-to-person sense. What you have, (short of recent federal filings on 4473s), your ammo and gear (short of retail purchases) are out of the reach of AI, at least until it gets more robust. That includes being put to nefarious purposes. And “more robust” would include embedded facial recognition and license-plate readers for gun stores, ranges and similar, then compiled lists. Remember: The RKBA is a private right, not subject to any sort of routine inquiry or unwarranted search.

## The British Have Returned

CNN and MSNBC, anti-gun-rights promoters pretending to be so-called “news” stations, now have an overabundance of talking heads speaking with British accents (watch for it). Someone tell them we defeated the British with force of arms, centuries ago. Bringing their influence back into our homes, even subtly, is as unwelcomed as stationing troops there (which we banned with the Third Amendment).

*“What is the most sacred duty and the greatest source of our security in a Republic? An inviolable respect for the Constitution and Laws.”*

*—Alexander Hamilton*

## Hidden in Plain Sight

The same way the blatant Russian military invasion of Ukraine has been changed by mess media from Russian incursion, to Russian intrusion, and now Russian intervention, is the same way Second Amendment violations have changed. From infringements and tyrannical usurpations, we now face reasonable commonsense (now a single word) gun safety (no longer control, control has

fallen into disfavor). It’s what they do. And how they get their way. Watch for it. Infringement is infringement, and banned.

## Law vs. Enforcement

As you probably know, laws do nothing, they’re just ink on paper. Compliance, and law enforcement are the missing elements. A deliberate lack of enforcement, not law, is why crime is skyrocketing, just like highway speed limits are now functionally 80 (at least on my local highways). Criminals know they can use guns illegally and immorally and rarely suffer consequences. This isn’t “unbelievable” as newscasters keep saying, it’s perfectly predictable—when the cat’s away the mice play. The exception is when perps caught in the act by the citizenry are shot, reports of which are routinely suppressed.

## Communism Is Dead, Right?

The commies threatened to take us over without firing a shot. Khrushchev brought that out in the open just before Christmas and Chanukah, 1956. After the Korean War, when the Reds realized armed conflict would not win the day, they began in earnest, at propagandizing (subtly), brainwashing, infiltrating, re-writing history, doing a lot of what’s now called gaslighting. They even got mess media to change the political map so “their” party would not be colored red. It not only worked—just look around you and call a spade a spade—it has weakened the effectiveness of your own guns in the battle for liberty. Who do you blame?

**NOTE TO LEGISLATORS:** Voting on bills before reading them is tyranny. The bill (HR 1808) supposedly regulating the AR-15 household rifle (what mess media likes to inaccurately name the assault-weapons ban) actually bans more than 200 rifles, shotguns and pistols. Plus, it federalizes all gun ownership and sales. You didn’t know that? Start ignoring mess media, a total mess, which claims our electeds write these bills. Start doing your job—at least read the bills.

## Guns Hurt Freedom Less than Explosives

*Mobile Passport Control* and *Global Entry* are apps to get you through long-line airport check-ins and checkouts quicker. Though screenings do detect guns—and miss many, as countless armed travelers overlook their iron and innocently try to walk through—the problem is not guns. It’s the anti-Semite death-to-Israel crowd, and explosives they’ve used to attack us. If not for these villains, air travel would be the delight you forget it used to be. And the constant clamor about your firearms would drop down a notch.

## Pretend Gun-Free City

Democrats are attempting to make the entire city of Detroit a make-believe so-called “gun-free zone,” (while leaving police, military, federal and state

agents, and criminals heavily armed). That would be Aggravated Infringement, acts banned by the Constitution. Banning guns is prohibited. Removal from office, for cause, for this dastardly attempt is the quickest solution. Fines and prison for the Oath Breakers would also help. Detroit already bans guns for crime (as does everyone).

*Don’t believe anything until it is officially denied.*

## Assigned at Birth?

You don’t “assign” a gun type when you obtain one. You recognize it. Guns come with a pedigree, a provenance. Same with people, despite a nauseating effort in the human-rights field by America’s enemies. You don’t assign sex, you recognize it. Parents know this thrill.

## Smart Thermostats and Smart Guns and...

...government control, that’s what this is really about. Once you go down either path, people you don’t know and can’t see can control these aspects of you. Your lifestyle and your very life hangs in the balance. Why shouldn’t government be able to adjust your temperature? Why indeed. Won’t it be safer when government can turn off your gun from a distance? How about if we can turn off theirs...

## Disarmament Was the Final Straw

“What finally forced the patriots into a shooting war with the British Army at Lexington and Concord on April 19, 1775 was not taxes or even warrantless searches of homes or forced occupation by soldiers, but one of many attempts by the British to disarm Americans as part of an overall gun-control program.” —Tenth Amendment Center

*A rock in bad hands killed Abel.  
A rock in good hands killed Goliath.  
It’s not about the rock.*

## Putting Incompetents in Charge

The Director of BATFE (Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives), Steven Dettelbach, was asked to define an “assault weapon” at a Congressional hearing. He said he couldn’t define it and further exclaimed, “I am not an expert on firearms.” Any doubts about incompetence in this office are now dispelled. He didn’t even have staff there to answer the question for him. Hopes for an actual gun or Second Amendment expert in BATFE are dashed. These are the people leading our country and making the rules.

## The Truth Leaks Out

Confirming what gun owners already know about so-called “news” reports, U.S. Attorney and Special Investigator John Durham, in testimony to Congress, said: “I don’t really read the newspapers or listen to the news. I don’t call that reliable.” ✨

**Moyel, n. the person who performs a circumcision.**

# How 2A Came to Be

## Efforts to Subvert its Meaning or Rewrite History are Common

by Dean Weingarten

**NOTE: Daniel B. Moskowitz penned an editorial about what the Second Amendment meant, as ratified, for JPFO's e-blast in June 2022. Unfortunately, he made several errors of omission and analysis, and these slipped by us. JPFO regrets these errors and we apologize, things do get posted on rare occasions without adequate review. We believe this article here accurately states the case.**

The Moskowitz article, by incorrectly stating the Second Amendment wasn't understood as an individual right, implied the Supreme Court had changed the meaning, which it did not. It was in the late 1960s that progressives began promoting the specious notion that the 2A was what they termed "a collective right," a fabrication that meant we the people did not have the right and only a faceless, unaccountable, collective ("we") did.

When the Second Amendment was written as a part of the Bill of Rights, it was uncontroversial. The new American Republic had just transited through a grueling revolutionary war to throw off the rule of the British crown. The British government had been violating the rights of Englishmen, including the right to keep and bear arms. The first battle of the war started as the British army marched through Lexington to Concord, Mass., to confiscate arms and ammunition the colonists owned and had stockpiled. After several instances where arms and ammunition were confiscated from individuals, British General Gage acted to disarm the entire town of Boston.

Several state governments had instituted provisions in their state constitutions to protect the right to keep and bear arms more rigorously than unwritten British common law. During the drafting of the U.S. Constitution, a Bill of Rights was deemed necessary to limit the power of the new federal government and to prevent the abuses of the British government.

The now well-known Second Amendment's meaning was crystalline at the time. There was no provision for the government to regulate the keeping and carrying of private arms. At the time, "regulated" was the equivalent of "trained" or "properly functioning". The provision in English law that people had a right to arms for their defense, subject to their position in society, was made obsolete by the Constitution's ban on titles of nobility and its presumptions of equality under law.

At the time of the ratification of the Bill of Rights, there were no government limits on the ownership or carrying of arms, openly or concealed. There had been no English bans on the carry of arms, openly or concealed, since 1686, when an English court ruled a ban on carrying arms only applied if the arms

were carried *in malo animo* (with bad intent). Every case in English law after 1686 held the statute on carry did not apply to peaceable carry.

As tensions mounted before the Civil War, the understanding that individuals had a right to keep and carry arms wherever they went was so uncontroversial that Chief Justice Taney used it as an argument in the infamous *Dred Scott* decision. [Editor's Note: In justifying a ban on guns for freed slaves, Taney wrote, "It would give to persons of the negro race, who were recognized as citizens in any one State of the Union, the right... to keep and carry arms wherever they went," as if they were the same as the rest of the people.]

In 1833, the Supreme

Court ruled the Bill of Rights only

restricted the federal government, not the states. The understanding of the Second Amendment was so uncontroversial, no federal law restricting the right to keep and bear arms was passed for over 140 years (and then it's a long, convoluted story, see Supreme Court Gun Cases, Bloomfield Press).

After the Civil War, three amendments were added to the Constitution, to free slaves and ensure former slaves had the same rights as other citizens. The Fourteenth Amendment was ratified to ensure the Bill of Rights applied to the states. While debating the Amendment, the author specifically said it was designed to ensure former slaves had the right to keep and bear arms.

The former slave states resisted—no surprise there. In a series of Supreme Court cases known as the Slaughterhouse Cases, the Court gutted the protections of the Fourteenth Amendment. In 1886, the Supreme Court ruled the Second Amendment only applied to the federal government, directly contradicting

the Fourteenth Amendment.

In the early 1900s, the Supreme Court started to enforce the Fourteenth Amendment by selectively "incorporating" (applying) some of the protections of The Bill of Rights to the states, one at a time.

It wasn't until 1932, under the progressive government of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, that the federal government enacted a statute broadly infringing on the right to keep and bear arms. That was the infamous 1934 NFA weapons tax law. In a bizarre case, without opposing views or representation, and muddying the Court's Miller decision affirmed the Second Amendment applied to individuals who had arms that would be suitable for use in a militia and sent the case back to be retried.

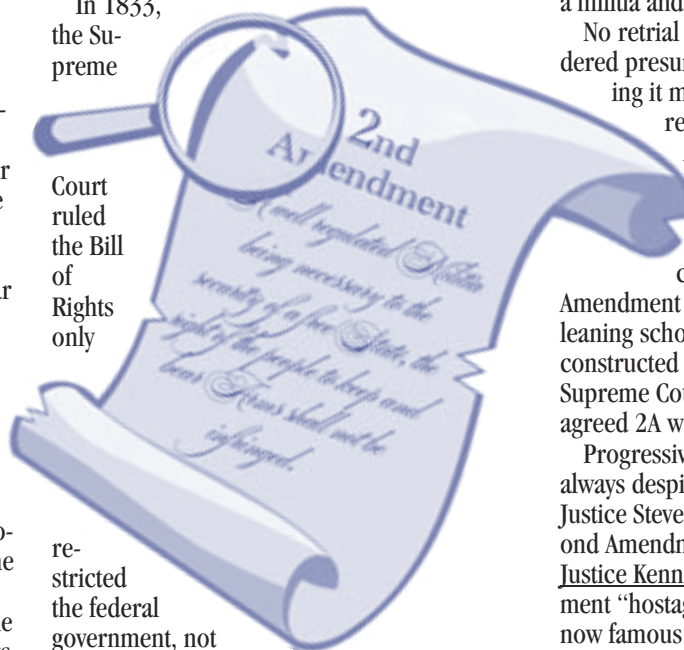
No retrial was held (Miller had been murdered presumably by criminal cohorts, making it moot). Progressive judges then refused to hear cases on Second Amendment grounds, incorrectly citing Miller, or simply refusing to apply Miller as precedent.

Stodious legal scholarship consistently found the Second Amendment applied to individuals. Even left-leaning scholars agreed. When a carefully constructed test case was brought before the Supreme Court in 2008 (*Heller*), the court agreed 2A was an individual right.

Progressive judges did not. Progressives had always despised limits on government power. Justice Stevens called for the repeal of the Second Amendment. Justice Stevens convinced Justice Kennedy to hold the Second Amendment "hostage," unless Justice Scalia included now famous wording limiting Second Amendment rights.

"*Nothing in our opinion should be taken to cast doubt on the longstanding prohibitions on the possession of firearms by felons and the mentally ill, or laws forbidding the carrying of firearms in sensitive places such as schools and government buildings...*"

The Second Amendment had been interpreted as applying to individuals throughout its history (92 High Court cases by the time *Heller* was heard). When it was written, it was conceived as applying to individuals ("the people"). It was written to guarantee individual liberty, not to guarantee state power. Only late in history, c. the 1960s, was the idea invented that the Second Amendment only applied as some vague "collective right," which meant no person had that right. This was a somewhat effective though corrupt tactic to rewrite history and gut the right of the people to keep and bear arms, which they had possessed and exercised since our founding. ✪





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# The Million Shekel Quiz

There are no right answers, except of course there are

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- T  F: There are no such things as “assault weapons”.
- T  F: There’s no such thing as “gun violence”.
- T  F: Anti-gun groups use those terms to frighten people into giving up their own rights and attacking the rights of others.
- T  F: You can legislate gun safety.
- T  F: People should follow the four rules of gun safety.
- T  F: People should secure their firearms properly.
- T  F: Securing a firearm properly requires an individually tailored approach.
- T  F: Hand-held particle weapons, once invented, will be presumptively protected under the Second Amendment.
- T  F: Hand-held directed energy weapons, once invented, will be presumptively protected under the Second Amendment.
- T  F: Automatic weapons are presumptively protected under the Second Amendment.
- T  F: I’ve read and agree with the District of Columbia v. Heller Supreme Court decision.

- T  F: I’ve read and agree with the NYSRPA v. Bruen Supreme Court decision.
- T  F: Democrats want to stack the Supreme Court in order to prevent it from defending our nation’s laws and traditions.
- T  F: Republicans do a good job of defending the Supreme Court.
- T  F: SCOTUS will overturn the “high capacity” and “assault weapon” bans.
- T  F: SCOTUS will overturn Chevron deference.
- T  F: We should be a country of laws, not men.
- T  F: We are a country of laws, not men.
- T  F: Calling for a single-party system is dangerous.
- T  F: There are oath breakers in every party.
- T  F: One, particular party attacks the Constitution more than other parties.
- T  F: We should abolish that party even though it would effectively lead to a single-party system?
- T  F: We have a democracy.
- T  F: We have a constitutional republic.
- T  F: We have a democratic, constitutional republic.
- T  F: Unfettered democracy is tyranny.

- T  F: Without some democratic processes, we’d be living in tyranny.
- T  F: Calling for political violence is un-American.
- T  F: Politicians who call for violence are breaking their oath of office.
- T  F: Politicians who break their oath of office should be removed from office permanently.
- T  F: Politicians who support “gun control” should be required to give up security details.
- T  F: We are sufficiently represented in government.
- T  F: Government agencies such the EPA should be able to make law.
- T  F: Bureaucrats represent the American people, and are in touch with the everyday person’s wants and needs.
- T  F: The ATF did right at Ruby Ridge.
- T  F: Congress should defund the ATF.
- T  F: All of the lawful things the ATF does could be done by state and local law enforcement.
- T  F: The NFA is unconstitutional.
- T  F: We should all support the ATF.
- T  F: We should support the ATF’s new, quasi-gun registry even though such a registry is illegal.



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# NewSpeak

## Leftism Rewrites Rights



**biological**, adj. A word now preceding “men” or “women” to distinguish real men and real women, from the “I-believe-I-am-what-I-am-not” depraved cult of “identifiers.” Its use would be superfluous but for leftist interference, the nouns are clear. Notably, this has not afflicted the shooting sports, where men and women’s teams are still what they say, and they compete separately, for fairness.

**gun bans** n. discontinued. “Gun control” is also out; even “Gun safety” is out (because it has a real and valuable component in the gun culture); “Commonsense gun reform” is the new woke name for gun hatred, hoplophobia and gun control.

**gun violence** n. A false equivalence. Criminals commit violence, not guns. Diverts attention from the problem of malfasants, perpetrators and psychos, while falsely blaming inanimate firearms for murder and human-caused mayhem.

**Modern Sporting Rifle (MSR):** Popular American magazine-fed long gun typically vilified by legacy media as a so-called “assault weapon,” often referring only to the AR-15 or AK-47. As JPFO always points out, “assault” is a type of behavior, not a type of hardware. Assault is strictly illegal everywhere.

**Assault weapon:** A derogatory term invented by leftists to describe and defame the most popular rifle in America, with tens of millions in public hands. The so-called “assault-weapon ban” bill actually bans hundreds of firearms (for the public only), and federalizes ownership and sales of all firearms (H.R. 1808).

**Illiberalism:** What liberalism has become. Formerly, classical liberalism was a high set of liberty-oriented ideals for limited government and a basis for The American Way. Now “liberal” is synonymous with leftist Marxist socialist communist wokeism, an anti-gun-rights philosophy.

**Anti-gun:** Not anti-gun at all, anti your gun. This political position supports heavily armed authorities, and a disarmed public.

**Sensitivity edits:** A new national journalism policy that removes from view anything that might “trigger” woke people, including guns, self-defense, values on the right side and similar.

**Surround-sound media:** Non-stop propagandizing from the Fifth Estate, denigrating guns, gun owners, and all the good they do. “If media would report accurately about guns the debate would end.” -Alan Gottlieb

# Liberty is Taxing

James Jones, Editor

The ATF is tasked with using a “tax stamp” system to avoid being rightfully accused of regulating firearms. All National Firearms Act (NFA) items require a tax stamp from the ATF if they are to be owned legally by a civilian. But why? The original intent of the \$200 tax stamp in the Nation Firearms Act of 1934, was to make the ownership of the items listed in that Act so cost-prohibitive that people would be unable to afford them.

Understanding that basic principle is key to understanding the Act itself. It was designed to infringe on your right to keep and bear arms. Now that \$200 isn’t prohibitive like it used to be, the ATF has performed legal trickery to keep people jumping through “rule” hoops and brutally punishing people who fail to—even when trying their utmost to operate within the law—make that jump, fining and imprisoning them for even the slightest infraction or technicality.

This begs the question, what’s the real pur-

pose of the ATF? If it’s not to simply enforce the NFA, why do they exist at all? And, do they really enforce the NFA? Hunter Biden lied on an ATF Form 4473 and, as of the date of this writing, was offered a sweetheart deal by the prosecutor (though the judge rejected it), while many other civilians who were charged with the same crime have had the book thrown at them. One might wonder if the ATF exists solely as an impairment to the citizen and a service for the “elite”.

When we are required to pay a “tax” in order to exercise a fundamental liberty, it becomes, in the eyes of our overreaching government, a privilege. The NFA is an unconstitutional document, rooted in the notion that government knows best what liberties we should have, which ones we should be able to exercise, and at what cost. The Supreme Court will, likely, soon hear a case regarding one or more NFA items. Should that occur, at that point, we’ll see the hammer of justice come down against those who would turn our rights into taxable commodities. ✧

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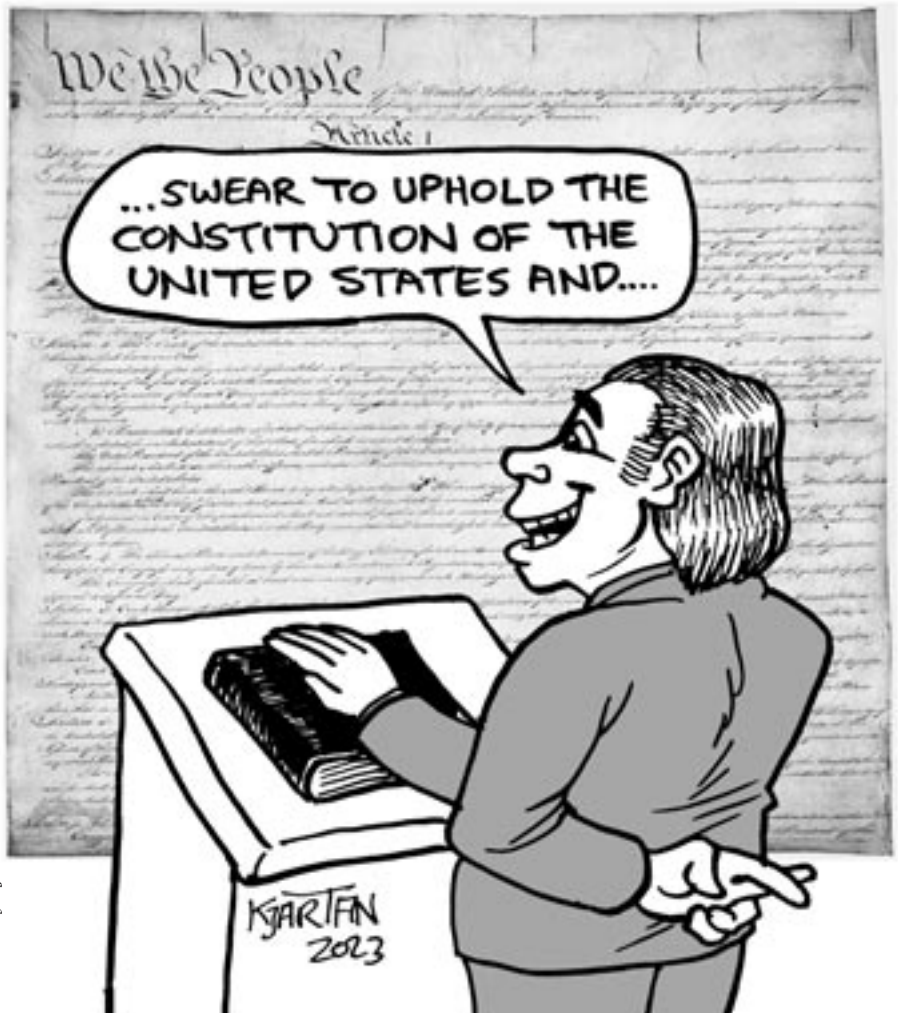


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## A MOMENT IN HISTORY

# Emergency Powers Are Useful, But for Whom?

James Jones, Editor

According to John Merriman's "A History of Modern Europe", Franz von Papen (1879 - 1969) schemed to overthrow the Weimar Republic by using the Nazi party as a lever to remove it from power. Once he had finished with them, he planned to remove *them* from power so that he could establish his military authoritarian government, placing himself as the supreme leader. To his great dismay, Hitler was not so easily pushed aside, and, starting in 1933, the Nazi party began systematic attacks on their political enemies. These attacks were blamed on the Communists and were used to create a state of emergency by which the government suspended individual rights.

In the wake of this government overreach, all other political parties were banned, and the state parliaments disbanded. Despite getting less than 45% of the votes, Hitler managed to wrest power through means of these 'emergency powers' and establish a system of fiat and injustice.

After this, what can only be described as a coup, all worker strikes became illegal. Anyone violating the new laws would be dealt with by the newly-founded S.A., a vicious paramilitary police force. Incidentally, the S.A. was violently removed from power by the S.S. and Gestapo during the "night of the long knives". The Gestapo quickly became instrumental in the rounding up of Socialists, Communists, and Jewish citizens, being aided immensely in their efforts by the other German citizens.

Censorship, coupled with propaganda, became the means of control of the narrative.

The Nazis burned books and flooded the airwaves and papers with pro-Nazi messaging which inherently opposed Socialism, Communism, and Jews. But Nazi antisemitic notions didn't stop at political associations and propaganda, but reached into music, banking, and even the business world where Jews were prevented from making their living and working in their chosen occupations.

To aid them in their tyranny, Nazis pushed more and more "gun control", eventually disarming everyone but the "right people". The efforts to disarm the citizenry paid off for them and they were able to exterminate their political opponents and other "undesirables", not only in the figurative sense but, sadly, in the literal sense as well. Without the means to defend itself, the populace quickly became terrorized, coerced, and finally subdued.

The Third Reich was a short-lived, excessively evil, violent, and deadly regime. Aiding considerably in the establishment of that vile institution, were the small compromises of the common man and woman, each and every day. Each time they refused to speak the truth, each time they submitted to violent pressure or their own desire for control and power. Each time they censored someone or allowed themselves to be censored. Each time they compromised their moral integrity for some small, perceived gain elsewhere. It is a universal truth that we either aid or oppose evil in this fight; there is no neutrality in matters of the infringement of individual liberty. Never give up your guns. ☆



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