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## Ban Assault Weapons Now!

So cry the anti-gun zealots and simping acolytes of the gun prohibition lobby. Their emotionally-scintillating show of feigned empathy and false victimhood is a ruse designed to make you afraid. "Ban assault weapons now!" they scream, but in all their rabid, frothing cacophony of tyrannical rhetoric masquerading as virtue, they've yet to explain exactly what an "assault weapon" is.

Some even interchange the term "assault weapon" with assault rifle, calling them "weapons of war". The term, assault rifle, is legitimate and refers to a specific class of small arms. These weapons are known for being select-fire, having the ability to literally switch from safe to semi-auto to full-auto and/or burst-fire mode. They are regulated under the National Firearms Act (NFA) of 1934 and are used widely in warfare around the world. They are available for civilians to purchase only if they were manufactured before the Firearm Owners Protection

Act (FOPA) of 1986 and only after a person has been approved by and received a tax stamp from the ATF for a given item.

The ambiguous term "assault weapon", on the other hand, refers to nothing and everything at once. In many "laws" and proposed "laws", the exemplified definition varies widely based on the firearms they want to ban that day, while, in the flowery, sermonical speeches of the anti-gun tyrants with political power, it can mean anything from a semi-auto rifle to a shotgun with more than three rounds.

Firearms aren't the only objects within the sights of those intent on destroying the Constitution and liberty at large. Certain accessories such as magazines capable of holding more than ten rounds, foregrips, thumbhole stocks, folding and telescoping stocks, suppressors, muzzle breaks, threaded barrels, flare launchers, and even unfinished part kits magically fit into the amor-

phous definition of "assault weapon". The true purpose of this shape-shifting term is hidden in its ambiguity; to make everything related to firearms illegal. But they can't always hide what they really desire and, in order to get to the endgame, they are occasionally forced to show part of their hand. Inevitably, when they do, the righteous anger of Second Amendment proponents unmercifully reigns down on them, for we see clearly what it is they want for us; they want us compliant or dead and, for many of them, either state will do. We correctly rebel against such evil notions and call out those who hold them.

NM Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham is finding out the hard way that tyrants are not welcome in our country, as her unconstitutional, executive order to ban the carrying of *all* firearms under the guise of public safety comes under fire, not just from pro-2A advocates, but even from anti-gunners and Democrats. Her wanton tyranny *Continued on Page 2*

## Stop Ignoring the "Well Regulated" Part **Summoning the Inferno**

If you've ever had the dubious pleasure of conversing with someone who opposes freedom—specifically rights the Second Amendment protects—you may have been falsely accused of ignoring or forgetting "the well regulated part". The primary claim is that the "Second Amendment applies to the militia. The apparent jovial manner in which such people throw out this frivolous accusation and attached, illogical claim, implies that they think they've made a point.

The English revision to the famous Christmas song, *Deck the Halls*, by the *Pennsylvania School Journal* was published in 1877 and is still sung, verbatim, even today. Does anyone sincerely and intelligently make the ar-

gument that the line, "Don we now our gay apparel", means that at Christmas we are to put on homosexual clothing? Of course, we correctly understand the words as they were written. In context of the song, it means having many or showy colors, fine or bright; not the new, general meaning the word has adopted.

So why is "well regulated" confusing for so many people? At the time of the writing of the Second Amendment, something that was "well regulated" was functional, in proper, working order, like a well regulated clock. Over time, the semantic shift of this word has been cleverly weaponized by the left to become a semantic *Continued on Page 3*

The power-hungry, oath-breaking governor of California, Gavin Newsom, has proposed a Twenty-eighth Amendment to the Constitution. Perverting the Convention of States, he hopes to effectively repeal the protections of the Second Amendment, infringing on your natural right by claiming it to be a state-owned and delegated privilege, reserved for only the most deserving and useful subjects of his would-be empire.

His first proposal is to raise the minimum age required to purchase any firearm, from the age of majority (eighteen) to twenty-one. 18–20-year-olds can, among other things, vote, enter into contracts, get married, enlist in the military & *Continued on Page 3*

has left her vulnerable and alone as the NM Attorney General refuses to defend the overstepping Governor from the barrage of lawsuits filed against her. She has become radioactive and even members of her own political party are publicly distancing themselves from her and her blatantly illegal attempts to infringe on the right to bear arms.

The gun prohibition lobby is strategically slinking away from her, being careful to rebuke her obvious, bumbling and heavy-handed tyranny. She has untactfully revealed the final, dark secret of their agenda and has done it too soon. Those who want you and your children enslaved understand that theirs is a long game, taking generations to win. They have deceptively shifted from “gun control” to “gun safety” and desperately need people to believe that they care about their safety and not about absolute hegemony.

As they’ve shifted rhetorically,

they’ve expanded their anti-gun model to include all guns. By supporting legislation that bans “assault weapons”, they’ve verbally covered any object that can be used to commit assault, which is every object in existence. Now, all they need to do is create the illusion that all guns with [INSERT ATTRIBUTE HERE] are “assault weapons”. Then, they need only systematically insert specific attributes (which apply to all guns) into various bills to achieve a nation-wide, civilian ban on all firearms in existence. The purpose; to make you defenseless, helpless, and reliant on government. But, Governor Grisham wasn’t supposed to reveal that fact yet, so the gun prohibition lobby is in panic mode. They don’t want you to know that the term “assault weapon” actually means anything you could use to defend yourself, and they’re trying their dead level best to convince you that they’re not exactly who they are. ☆

## The Spirit of Slavery

Whether you believe in demons or dybbuks and whether they are real has little bearing on the fact that certain people seem to exhibit some of the symptoms of spiritual possession. The Spirit of Slavery has skillfully wrapped its crushing clutch around the minds of millions of Americans, who appear not only powerless to free themselves from it, but who defend it vehemently. As more and more people succumb to its luring deception filled with promises of safety and security, our very government grows its reach and empowers it. The warnings to the possessed from the onlookers go unheeded as the Spirit’s toxic propaganda corrupts their minds and its caustic rhetoric floods from their mouths.

One certain sign of this possession is the inability for a person to speak outside of the confines of the script they’ve been taught to repeat. In the case of firearms and the right to keep and bear arms, the Sprit has taught them to use terms like “kids over guns”, “it’s the guns”, “gun deaths”, “assault weapons” and an array of other meaningless, logically fallacious terms. When a person tries to engage with such possessed

people, they often encounter nothing but scripted platitudes, logical fallacies, sardonic vitriol, and hatred. Their words, being merely an amalgamation of disjointed, pre-packaged proto thoughts, are the reflection of nascent ideas left undisturbed by the searing forces of truth and critical thinking. Those words serve only to tighten the shackles that bind them and show their underlying contempt for truth and justice, unrecognized by them and obfuscated by the vapid, rhetorical rites that pour from their mouths.

Those who wear the chains of that Spirit cannot seem to even explain the nature of what they claim to believe. They repeat the script, the phrases, the incantations without the ability or willingness to describe precisely what they mean by them. They propose vague ‘solutions’ to crime without being able to explain why these supposed solutions will affect only the law-abiding and will do nothing to stop criminals. They fail to explain why the innocent should be punished for the crimes of the guilty and what moral justification they hold which could allow such an atrocity.

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## Hunter Biden and the Second Amendment

Biden’s U.S. Department of Justice has its hands full as it takes legal action against Joe Biden’s son, Hunter Biden. Special counsel David Weiss has brought three charges against Hunter, but those charges may be dropped thanks, in large part, to the *District of Columbia v. Heller* and *NYSRPA v. Bruen* Supreme Court cases.

The first charge, among other things, alleges that Hunter violated 18 U.S. Code § 922(g)(3) which, basically, makes it a crime to lie to the government about anything ‘material’ in reference to obtaining a firearm. In charge three, the purported ‘material’ item is listed as Hunter being an unlawful user of a controlled substance; however, under the Bruen test, a firearm-related law is constitutional only if there is an enforced, historically analogous law, rooted in history and tradition.

The good news for Hunter is that there were no such laws during the Founding Era (1776-1826) therefore the third charge would *Continued on Page 7*



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JPFO’s Mission Statement: 1. Destroy “gun control” (code words for disarming innocent people)\*. 2. Expose the misguided notions that lead people to seek out “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.

\*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.

die for their country and they benefit from all other rights protected under the Constitution which apply at the age of majority; however, they would now be forbidden from exercising their natural rights protected under the Second Amendment.

Next, he wants to require background checks for all transfers, including individuals' transactions. Of course, he'll need to get a press release out to all the robbers and murderers, so they know to comply with this new requirement in their black-market dealings.

He then proposes a "reasonable waiting period" which has no maximum time cap and would effectively make it possible for government to delay firearm transfers indefinitely. This alone would be a very powerful weapon that *would* be used to prevent someone from ever obtaining arms in the first place. After all, there exists no need to disarm someone who has no weapons.

Lastly, he wants to nationally ban "assault weapons" despite refusing to clearly define what that term means in any real sense other than firearms he doesn't want you to have. Given the varying legislative attempts at defining

this amorphous term, it would literally come to mean all modern firearms. This would be another very effective tool used to remove all firearms in circulation. While some people have the notion that such a confiscation would involve jack-booted thugs risking their lives, kicking down each person's door to get to their firearms, the actual method of confiscation would be much more insidious and effective while being less risky for state actors.

Even though the government never owned your guns in the first place (since it couldn't pass its own background check) and would be forcing you on pain of imprisonment and death to "sell" your guns to them, they'll soften the blow by giving their tyrannical act a nice, cushy name, calling it a "mandatory buyback". Ironically, they'll "pay" you a fraction of the value of each firearm they "buy", using money they stole from you through "taxes" (collected and enforced by state agents with guns) which fund the program.

For those refusing to comply, the government could search records to determine at least most of the non-self-made guns you own, then send you a citation. If

you refuse to surrender them, they'll just get you at a traffic stop or in some similar situation where you least expect it.

One true test of a law to determine whether it be of liberty or of tyranny, is to ask one simple question. Does this law make us freer from or more enslaved to our government? What, dear reader, do you suppose this one would do?

Herein lies the fundamental error with this proposed Amendment. The right to keep and bear arms is a natural right, given to us by the force which created us, not by Man. Man cannot grant rights, Man cannot revoke them. All the government will accomplish by undutifully dissolving the constitutional protection of our right to keep and bear arms, is to make itself instantly illegitimate.

Governor Newson seems to be under the mistaken impression that he can burn down the Second Amendment and still preserve the rest of the Bill of Rights; that the scorching of our protections won't grow into a conflagration which consumes his too. In the words of the Hunger Games's Mockingjay, "fire is catching. And if we burn, you burn with us!" ✧

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distortion, polluting the minds of millions with a false message. This flagrant and shameless promotion of illegal government control is enabled by the very simple concept that words change over time and, generally, people don't notice since it's often a very slow process, transcending generations.

The Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) has made it very clear that the prefatory clause of the Second Amendment—"a well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State"—neither constrains nor expands the operative clause which says, "the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed".

Who is the militia to which the Second Amendment refers anyway? It is none other than us; we, the people. When the Second Amendment was written, the militia was all men between the ages of sixteen and sixty

(excepting certain trades such as the clergy). A group is nothing, completely meaningless, without being comprised of its constituent individuals; there is no militia (a group of people) without people.

The argument that the Second Amendment applies to the militia is absurd on its face. It's an *unqualified command* to the government, not to the militia, not to the people, not to anyone else. It tells government actors very plainly that our right to keep and bear arms **shall not be infringed**. In addition, it clearly states that the right belongs to the people. It obviously can't be reserved solely for the militia—merely a subset of the people—if it's already, as stated, "the right of the people" (which includes the subset of the militia). The Second Amendment presumes a preexisting, natural right, it doesn't grant one; it does nothing but tell tyrants to back off! ✧

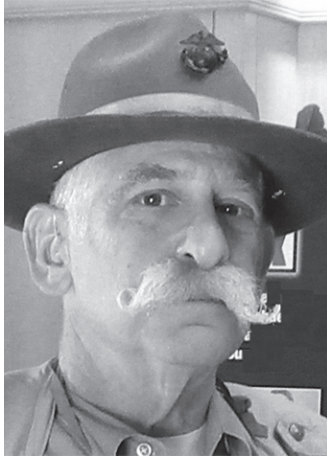
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# THE AMBASSADOR

## MY FIRST GUN



**Ambassador J.D. "Duke" Schechter**  
In 1973-74 I managed Pearson's Sports in Auburn, NY. If you read gun magazines in the 1960s and

early 1970s, you'd know the name—some of the finest custom blue jobs of the era came out of that shop.

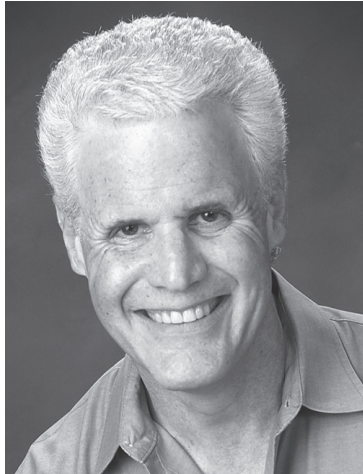
As the manager, I got to do the ordering—Colts, Smith & Wessons, Brownings... the finest examples of the gunmaker's art of the era—and while the original, hand-fitted Colt Python was the .357 star, the majority of law enforcement patronizing the shop overwhelmingly swore by S&W, so I ordered my very own Model 27 6-inch barreled "dream gun."

It was only the second revolver (and third handgun) I'd handled, my only prior experience being the vintage 1911 that I spent 10 hours with for USMC pistol qualification, and the Colt .38 I carried (but never fired) as a helicopter crewman in 'Nam. Still, as a member of the Central New York Police League, I mastered it well enough to qualify as Expert in that summer's competition, outshooting the majority of local police, state troopers, prison guards and the local FBI office. I miss that wheelgun.

### **Rabbi Cary Kozberg, aka "Jewish Sheepdog"**

My first gun was a Taurus PT-111. I was already in my 50s when I first got it. (I'm in my early 70s now). I bought it when I started to become concerned about synagogue security and anti-Semitic violence. I bought it at a gun store. I chose an inexpensive gun because I didn't want to spend a lot of money on my first gun,

knowing that if I trained consistently, I would eventually upgrade (which I have, many times over). I got several negative comments about Taurus, but that brand has really improved its product quality in the last several years.



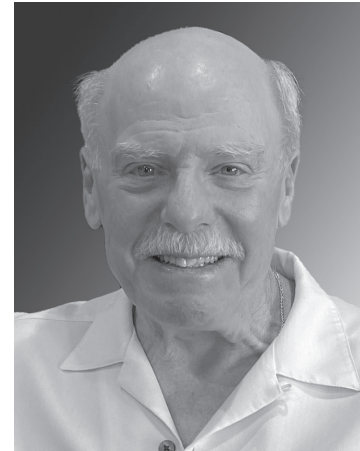
I remember feeling quite empowered and a sense of "life-and-death" reality. The first time I used it at the range I was surprised at the kickback. But that was because I had not yet realized that the smaller the gun, the more pronounced the kickback. I eventually learned how to properly grip it so that the kickback was more manageable.

I don't have that PT-111 anymore, but I do have two of its successors—the Taurus G3c and G3x. My EDC is the Masada 9s, made by IWI.

### **Ambassador Sandy Venitt**

I grew up in a summer resort community on Long Island, complete with boardwalk and rides, a mini Coney Island. The first gun I ever fired was at Faber's shooting Gallery on the boardwalk in Long Beach, on Long Island. Since we lived year-round in a summer resort town, my family would spend part of the summer farther out on Long Island, sharing a home with my grandparents and their youngest child, my Uncle Larry.

Larry, being three years older had his driver's license and was my transportation for the summer. He worked at the Billy Blake Discount Department Store and helped me get a job working with him in the Automotive Department. I became friends with the manager of the Sporting Goods Department and bought my first gun, on layaway, a Ruger 10/22. After paying it off, I took delivery of the



gun and a brick of ammo, spending much of my spare time with Larry shooting my new gun in the woods around our

shared summer home.

I no longer have that gun, but two very similar Rugers are in my safe and taken out occasionally as training tools for new shooters. Some of the shared experiences with my first gun led to Larry becoming a member of the Army Marksmanship Team as well as my new position as Ambassador for JPFO.

### **Ambassador Grant Schmidt, Shot Tec, LLC**

My first gun was a "borrowed" (legally) Mossberg 12-gauge 535 pump-action bird gun from my father when I bought my first home in Philadelphia at 19. After seeing my drug-dealing neighbor a few houses down kill a dog on the street, and the cops did nothing but tell him I was the one who called, I counted down the days until turning 21 and getting my first handgun and carry permit. I walked into Dunkelberger's in the Poconos with \$300 cash. It was all I had to spare and said to the clerk, "I need a handgun, a holster, a box of ammo, and if you ring me up with sales tax and it's over \$300, I don't have it."

After 3-hours of indecisiveness and a long sweaty 4473 and background check, I had a Smith & Wesson SD40VE, a box of Full Metal Jacket practice ammunition, a terrible nylon holster and legal paperwork too. I didn't even have the money for a safe so when I left the gun unattended at home, I took it apart and took the barrel with me so it would be unusable while I was gone.

I started carrying immediately and a month later took my first NRA Basic

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Pistol class as soon as I could afford it from a recently discharged GWOT veteran and was both stunned and enamored by how much I had to learn.

Soon after, I became an instructor and was hooked on teaching and setting people up for success as they pursued their dreams and ensured their safety. Now I pursue my dreams and career as a full-time instructor and gun-store owner at Shot Tec, LLC in Bala Cynwyd, Penn., as well as a part time EMT and armed security officer.

### Ambassador Richard Busch

My first gun was actually a matching pair of Smith & Wesson revolvers. The two wheelguns were a .38 and .357. Beautiful. Heavy, but typical for the time. I still have them. I keep them clean and ready, but honestly haven't shot either in years. For my EDC, to be fully dressed I prefer a couple of Glock semis, a blade or two and pepper gel.

My very first gun as a young teenager was a BB gun, followed soon thereafter by a pellet gun. It was these two guns that first introduced me to the worlds of safety, responsibility, and what we

today refer to as Cooper's Rules.

Looking back as an adult, I can't stress enough the importance of those early learnings, a lifetime commit-



ment to firearm safety, and the assumption of a great many types of personal, legal, and moral responsibilities.

Nothing related to firearms is ever more important! And that importance must be understood from the very beginning of every gun owner's life... and never be forgotten!

### Ambassador Gideon Rapaport

My first firearm was a mint condition, original bluing, all matching Russian SKS from the Tula arsenal dressed in a deep red birch hardwood stock. I was 18 and recently licensed. The purchase money, approximately \$150, must have come from an accumulation of birthday gifts over the years. I was so excited to own my first firearm and couldn't wait to detail strip the rifle and remove the thick layer of cosmoline it had been packaged in for almost

70 years.

It was a tough and utilitarian tool, but also a piece of history, and had not been mangled like so many of the rifles that had been refurbished. For some unknown reason, this specimen had gone directly into storage in 1951 and remained untouched.

Shooting it for the first time, with surplus ammunition from the early 1960s, was picture perfect. Deep in the forested mountains at an elevation of about a thousand feet, surrounded by a majestic view of snow-caps and lakes flowing into the ocean, I had my first and last-ever malfunction, on the third round since the rifle fired proofing rounds in the time of Stalin. A few hundred rounds later, I realized that I had not removed the cosmoline as well as I thought, and the hot sticky wax flowed out from the recess of the under-folding knife bayonet. A rookie mistake, but after all, it was my first time. I took the rifle home and cleaned it with Ballistol diluted in hot water on account of the corrosive primers used by the Warsaw Pact, this helped further dissolve some of the cosmoline while protecting the forged steel and nourishing the hardwood.

Between the delicate scent of cosmoline and the suffocating pungency of Ballistol, I will always be reminded of that time of youth and freedom when I encounter either again, and, I will always be grateful for the sacrifices made by those who fought for the degree of freedom that I enjoy. ☆

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## Armed and Dangerous—Anti-Gun Bigots

Leland Yee (Calif. state senator, gun trafficker), Hector “Big Weasel” Marroquin (founder of Los Angeles “No Guns,” trafficker), Barbara Graham (MMM Founder, murderer), Annette “Flirty” Stevens (MMM chapter organizer, murderer) Sheila Eccleston (Mothers Against Violence, UK, possession of illegal gun), James Kelley (Seattle Urban League), Ashley Auzenne (social media influencer, familicide and suicide), Peter Manfredonia (Sandy Hook fundraiser, homicide, home invasion, gun theft), Tyree Moorehead (creator of Baltimore’s “no-shoot zones,” shot and killed while threatening police with knife). Partial list. (Thank you longtime supporter C.D Tavares)

## Arrest the Perps

Although JPFO’s founder Aaron Zelman was not fond of all of NRA’s policies (too moderate for him), they remain an ally in the fight for freedom and the RKBA. So, when the Federal Elections Commission agreed to pay NRA \$25,000 for hiding documents critical to NRA’s defense in anti-gun lawsuits, we applauded this—but it’s not enough. Someone belongs in prison.

## Per Student Spending Skyrockets, Gun Education Near Zero

The Dept. of Education, started in 1979 under President Carter, has increased per-pupil spending 300% (inflation adjusted), and results are awful. Our international ranking has sunk (we’re 38th of 71 in math, 24th in science, PEW Research). Spending on Second Amendment issues and training is not tallied, anecdotally it’s near zero. Mr. Biden wished to reduce that to defund schools with *any* marksmanship or archery programs. Teach your children well, the government’s fixed to just avoid that.

## Why I quit reading *The NY Times*

“What goes unmentioned, including on crimes committed with guns, are the deleterious consequences of social policies endorsed by *The Times* and kindred publications, especially policies causing broken marriages, absent fathers, promiscuity, government depen-

dency, homelessness, poor test scores, etc. These problems have become so entrenched and widespread, and have created such a large constituency and audience, that even many conservative publications and outlets have shied away from discussing them.” —Craig Cantoni

*“If the press isn’t saying something bad about you, you’re not doing anything good, so understand that’s the way it works... if you come from a conservative perspective and you’re fighting for the things that make America the best country ever, you’re going to be attacked.”*

—Congressman Jim Jordan

## A Lower Profile

Obstetricians backed off ever since they came out loud and strong to ban guns, “for safety.” The ferocious blowback gave them pause. Rightly so—with no thought or understanding of how guns *provide* safety—backing off was proper. They know little about the subject, but why let that get in the way of “boundary violations” from a medical industry now going full-on woke. We can learn a lesson from this for other interlopers fiddling with our right to keep and bear arms. Express yourself.

## Hoplophobes and Anti-Rights Bigots

The Moyel would like to remind you that “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.” —James Jones, Editor

## Gun Control by Chinese Police Stations—in America

Those Chinese communists are trickier than you think. They have established literal police stations on our land, within our borders. So-called “Overseas Chinese Service Centers,” OSCSs, are now located in at least San Francisco, Houston, Omaha, St. Paul, Salt Lake City, St. Louis, and Charlotte, according to a report in Arizona-based *The Prickly Pear*, from a *Daily Caller* report. The Pear’s editor Neil Noble is a

JPFO Salon.

The FBI has raided and closed one of these clandestine Chinese police stations in Manhattan’s Chinatown. If you still believe your gun rights are only threatened by our own government, think again. FBI Director Christopher Wray said, in testimony to Congress, “The Chinese communist party is, ‘the defining threat to us in this day and age.’” Read the concise report here: <https://tinyurl.com/24xps7z9>.

## Slapping the Bad Guys

The rogue BATFE under Mr. Biden had decided, on its own, that gun parts are guns, subject to bewildering rules governing firearms. U.S. District Judge O’Connor decided that, “A part that has yet to be completed or converted to function as frame or receiver is not a frame or receiver.” The judge went on to note that BATFE, “exceeded the lawful bounds of its statutory jurisdiction.” The Moyel notes that “*bat fe*” is Yiddish for bat poop.

*“The ultimate authority resides in the people alone. The advantage of being armed, which the Americans possess over the people of almost every other nation forms a barrier against the enterprises of ambition, more insurmountable than any...”*

—James Madison (1788)

## Approaching 100%

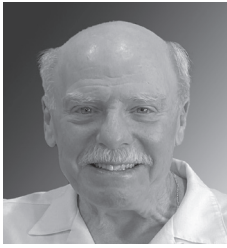
If it’s in mass media, and it’s about guns, it’s probably 100% wrong. What? Experience bears this out. Pick a story, send it to us, we’ll dissect it for you (clever journalists can hide their real agendas pretty well). A story about four people dead from shootings in Philadelphia? First of all, those are *murders*, shooting is a sport. You live in Phoenix? Four murders, 1,500 miles away, are not news where you are. This is anti-gun-rights propaganda of the category—“See how bad guns are?” The required balance of all the lives *saved* that day (more than a million a year) is censored. And nothing about the murderers still roaming free gets ink.

Moyel, n. the person who performs a circumcision.

## JPFO WELCOMES NEW AMBASSADOR

*Sanford "Sandy" Venitt joins our 34-year-old civil-rights group.*

*He will focus on recruitment and firearms proficiency.*



"We're thrilled to see our ranks expand in this way," —Alan Gottlieb, CEO

Born in Brooklyn, New York, Mr. Venitt worked as a chartered financial consultant with CHFC credentials, a Fellow of the Life Underwriting Training Council. Sandy is a long-time shooting enthusiast and hunter who has frequently traveled internationally and domestically to pursue his hunting interests. A regular attendee at gun shows, he has personally trained hundreds of people, including many youngsters, when he was an NRA-certified firearms instructor, and as a private citizen concerned with public safety and the Jewish community of which he is a part.

Sandy believes, "All people, not just the Jewish community, should learn gun safety, marksmanship, self-defense techniques and rules, especially considering outspoken detractors we face for our

sport and our rights." He firmly supports gun ownership for all responsible adults. Deeply concerned with the state of affairs in the nation's politics, he is becoming more active in JPFO, and AzCDL—the Arizona Citizens Defense League—and more, to address these concerns.

He ran a financial services firm from 1982 to 2022, responsible for investing approximately \$100 million in assets for clients. His wife Betsey joined the firm in 1991. His interests include dogs, gun collecting, shooting sports, and good tequila, "but not at the range," he quickly adds. ☆

### *Hunter Biden • Continued from Page 2*

not apply, nor likely would the first since there was nothing 'material' lied about on the ATF Form 4473. This is good news for the Second Amendment as this case will, hopefully, strip away one more unconstitutional law from the books.

The irony is that Joe Biden will likely find himself, once again, attacking the Second Amendment—to the detriment of his son—or protecting his son by sticking up for the Second Amendment. We'll just have to wait and see what happens. ☆

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truth of humans' odious submissiveness escapes their understanding; while some of us prefer freedom, others welcome the Spirit of Slavery, gleefully inviting it in along with the accompanying government tyranny and the vacancy of the responsibility tethered to freedom. It is with a heavy heart that many of us view these poor souls who have given themselves over to false promises in exchange for their liberty. They demand we join them in their slavery and promote the will of the Spirit without so much as a single, actual, critical thought for their physical and spiritual survival. We resist as they stive to enslave the rest of us, and, to no avail, warn them of the impending doom that awaits all who surrender themselves to that vile, seething Spirit. Whether this Spirit be real, or it be a mere philosophical representation of the tenacious, insidious infection in the minds of millions of Americans, the result is the same. ☆

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## Waiting Periods

Anti-freedom zealots like those at Everytown seem to think that mandatory waiting periods "provide a 'cooling off' period for the people who might reconsider their intentions in the interim" (Tfarnsworth 2020). In typical, hoplophobic style, they imply by this statement that all gun buyers have nefarious intentions while they, simultaneously, choose to ignore some very basic and obvious facts.

Many of these freedom haters claim that a 10-day waiting period is sufficient to help prevent crimes. With no clear evidence to support this claim, they continue to propagate it while refusing to promote things like minimum sentencing for crimes involving firearms, and no early release for violent felons.

What about the person who already owns two guns and five hundred rounds of ammunition? How, if at all, does this "cooling off period" affect them in terms

of potential crime prevention?

Desperate people, who need to buy a firearm for self-defense to prevent an attack from a stalker or other such villain, are put in danger during this "cooling off period" while the criminals, who ignore laws entirely, roam freely with their unlawfully-posessed firearms. There are notable cases where people have been killed while waiting for their firearm in such scenarios.

When exercising your freedom of speech, do you have to wait ten days? Of course you don't, but why not? If they can make you wait ten days for one right, they can make you wait ten days for all of your rights. And, if they can justify making you wait ten days, they can justify making you wait ten thousand days. Our liberties are not subject to the whims and schedules of oath-breaking tyrants. ☆

WHAT EXACTLY IS THE POINT OF A "COOLING OFF PERIOD" FOR A GUN SHOP CUSTOMER WHO'S ALREADY ARMED?



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# State-Sponsored Violence at Wounded Knee

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Though thought by some other Native American tribes to be interlopers in the Dakotas and surrounding areas, the Lakota tribe, originating along the Mississippi, had migrated, due primarily to war with another tribe, and claimed territory in what is now Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, Montana, Illinois, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Canada.

During the nineteenth century, as more and more settlers moved into Lakota territory, and skirmishes with both settlers and U.S. troops escalated, the government attempted to ease relations by forming a treaty with the tribe; however, the treaty was not honored by the settlers whose violations were not only tolerated by the government but, in some cases, encouraged or supported. In time, the U.S. Government even legislated away much of the Lakota land.

The frustrated Lakota tribe was rightly of the mind, after several treaty breaches by the U.S. government and settlers, that the government would continue to break its word and take more of the Lakota land through legislation and by supporting encroaching settlers.

On January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1889, a Paiute shaman by the name of Wovoka is said to have had a vision during an eclipse wherein he claimed to have seen the Creator who told him to teach the Ghost Dance to the People. All who did the Ghost Dance would be spared the impending destruction the

following spring as new soil buried the living. After this event, those living who performed the dance would be returned (having been taken into the air during the event) along with their dead ancestors to the newly-created land, ripe with plants, water and herds.

A Lakota named Kicking Bear, who was very impressed with Wovoka and his teachings, visited Sitting Bull at Standing Rock where he told Sitting Bull of the vision, the prophecy, the Ghost Dance and of Wovoka.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs became concerned about the dance, citing the “ghost shirts”—which were thought by the Natives to protect them from bullets—as evidence that this dance was militaristic in nature. This was in stark opposition to Wovoka’s teachings which stated that, for the Ghost Dance to work, the People and settlers must live together peacefully.

On December 15<sup>th</sup>, 1890, the tribal police were sent to arrest Sitting Bull where a struggle ensued, and Sitting Bull was killed along with several police. Following the death of Sitting Bull, the U.S. Government sent the U.S. Army, on December 29<sup>th</sup>, to demand the surrender of a group of Ghost Dancers near Wounded Knee Creek. The U.S. Army troops—who were of the 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, the same regiment that lost at the Battle of Little Bighorn in 1876—surrounded the group of practitioners. Initially, the situation remained peaceful, the majority of the Lakota having surrendered and been disarmed. One

account states that a conflict broke out between a deaf Lakota man named Black Coyote—who refused to surrender his weapon—and a soldier. A shot was fired though it is still disputed as to whether it was an intentional shot and who fired it.

Once that shot was discharged, the soldiers began firing into the crowd of mostly-disarmed people. While some few Lakota still had their rifles, they fought back but to no avail. Those who escaped were fired on by soldiers who had taken distant, high ground. Those who escaped from those they were run down by soldiers on horses.

The total number of Lakota massacred, having died at the scene or from wounds thereafter, is estimated to be between 150-300, about half of which were women and children. The fact that the exact number of killed is in dispute, may be because many of the victims were unceremoniously dumped into a mass grave as if they were merely refuse. While the dead Lakota practitioners went unmourned by the U.S. Government, many of the soldiers responsible for the massacre were given medals for their cowardly, unheroic deeds of tyrannical violence.

What began as an unwarranted attack on the religious liberty of the Lakota tribe by the U.S. Government, ended in many more rights violations including the right to be free from unlawful searches and seizures, the right to keep and bear arms and, ultimately, the right to life.

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