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1860 all over again

By Tom Reynolds

This coming election is comparable to the 1860 election, when Lincoln won for the first time. Not since then have the two sides been so very widely divided, with no apparent reconciliation being possible, and with the election result possibly leading to violence.

The division is certainly wide. This election will result in one of two different Americas: one believes in the Constitution and one believes the Constitution has outlived its purpose; one believes in the rule of law and one caters to mob rule; one believes that you do not negotiate with terrorists, foreign or domestic, and one believes you kneel with domestic terrorists; one believes in American greatness and one believes America is fundamentally racist; one believes the 2nd Amendment should stand unaltered and one wants it abolished.

There is no likely reconciliation. The far-left does not compromise; it's a strategy that has served them well in the past. Republicans have caved on so many issues - under the pretext of bipartisanship - that the far-left understands that fact.

Why change a winning strategy? But two things have changed: there is a President who does not follow historical norms and has stiffened the backbones of many Republican politicians (these stiffened backbones may be one of the reasons that the left wants Trump out by any means); and Democrats let their party move so far to the left that it may have gone over a cliff. (American voters are not suicidal and jumping off a cliff is not an attractive alternative.)

The mobs will continue rioting right up to the election unless those funding them see it working against them in the polls and cut off the funding. (You can't riot for three months and hold down a job, unless your job is rioting.)

A Republican won in 1860 and that led to shooting as Democrats would not accept the result of the election. That could happen in 2020, too. If Trump wins, the mob will probably be back to continue what CNN laughingly describes as "mostly peaceful protests". Or will they? If voters turn out in record numbers to reject the rioters, they may realize that they have overplayed their hand.

This may cause the Democrat Party leadership to reconsider just how far left they can go without a backlash, unless they have a political death wish. And since politicians want power and have little desire for political martyrdom, most will probably look for a new path to power.

Democrat political strategists are trying to convince America that electing Biden is the only way to stop the riots. Not likely. If Biden wins, the mob will be confident that they can gain more power simply by rioting and gaining power is the basic reason behind all this.

Americans hold dear their rights under the Constitution and the right "peaceably to assemble" is one of them. But rioting is not peaceful assembly, no matter what the left-wing media says. What the mobs and their patrons are overlooking is that there are 80 million Americans with 250 million guns, most of whom do not live in Seattle, Portland, New York City and Minneapolis, who will take exception to mob rule coming to a town near them. We do not want that confrontation as it will be moving us

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Ann Coulter

"Foolish liberals who are trying to read the Second Amendment out of the Constitution by claiming it's not an individual right or that it's too much of a public safety hazard, don't see the danger in the big picture. They're courting disaster by encouraging others to use the same means to eliminate portions of the Constitution *they* don't like."

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Effectively defending the 2nd Amendment requires us to go on the offensive. We cannot wait, unprepared, for the next assault from the radical left. Although we may have a friend in the White House, Cuomo and the radical left still reside in Albany.

SCOPE Inc. works to educate the public and influence legislation while SCOPE-PAC is a separate, all volunteer organization and can provide direct financial support to candidates and promote legislation safeguarding the 2nd Amendment. Money is the "Mother's Milk" of politics.

Politicians and candidates look at each individual and organization in terms of can they help, can they hurt me or do they matter at all. We can help candidates in a number of ways but the most effective is with money, that's where SCOPE PAC comes in and where each individual gun owner can help. There is estimated to be about 4 million gun owners in New York and if all those gun owners just donated a dollar each month we would have millions to work with. All we are asking is that you, our members and other gun owners donate at least that much to SCOPE PAC. It's not a lot to ask, so please help.

The time to begin building up cash reserves for that election cycle is now, when smaller donations given over time can mount up into a significant amount and will make a difference. Please consider making a donation now, no matter how small, to SCOPE-PAC and again whenever you can afford to support the 2nd Amendment



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The Electoral College Matters

By Henry Kramer

Very soon the American people will participate in the most important of our elections, the selection of presidential electors. Behind the ballot lines that put forth the names of the Republican and Democrat candidates for president is the reality that we are really voting for a slate of presidential electors chosen by our political parties and pledged to specific presidential candidates.

Historically, our founders did not envision direct election of a president nor did they create a single, national, popular vote election. Initially, it was an indirect election as citizens elected state legislatures and the legislatures chose presidential electors who reflected the politicians' and not necessarily the citizens' priorities. Only later was the legislature bypassed and there was a direct popular vote election for the presidential electors in each state.

In reality, there currently are fifty-one separate state elections for president (fifty states plus the District of Columbia). Each state regardless of population gets two electors (as each state has two senators) plus one elector for each seat the state holds in the federal House of Representatives (which is based on population). D.C. has been awarded three electoral votes which is the minimum a state could have.

The key factor is that, to win the presidency, a candidate must win a majority of the *electoral votes*, not the popular votes.

If no one wins a majority in the Electoral College, instead of it choosing the President, the race is sent to the House of Representatives to decide. Voting is confined to the three top electoral vote getters. But wait, each representative does not have a separate vote for president in the House. Voting is by state and each state has one vote, which is determined by each state's respective House delegation. Citizens should not want an election to be decided in the legislature where political ambitions can override the citizen's priorities.

The Electoral College system helps protect minorities from the

"tyranny of the majority". The popular vote in each state matters only in that state. Hillary Clinton won the nationwide popular vote in 2016 by running up huge popular vote majorities in California and New York; Donald Trump won in the combined total of the other forty-eight. All states (except Maine and Nebraska) follow a rule that the winner of the state's popular vote, even if he or she is the winner by less than a majority, gets all of the electors from that state. It matters not if the winner wins the state popular vote by one vote or by millions of votes. The extra popular votes, above the one that gave them the majority in a state, cannot be transferred to any other state. Since Democrat voters tend to be concentrated in states with huge cities (on the coasts and in parts of the Midwest), this aspect of the Electoral College disfavors them but it serves as some protection for heartland states and rural areas.

Many presidents have been elected with less than a majority of the popular vote, while winning the majority of the Electoral College. Donald Trump and Abraham Lincoln are examples. In short, the national popular vote is not part of our constitutional system.

Why keep the Electoral College?

In parliamentary countries, there are multiple parties and no electoral college. Legislators are elected by the citizens. Then, the party leaders, not the citizens, select the national leader. If no party gets a legislative majority, parties get together to form coalitions that may not reflect the voters' preferences. And if no party coalition can get a majority, a small minority party may hold the balance of power and gain disproportionate political authority as a result. Let's assume there was a parliamentary system (and no electoral college) and five parties had presidential nominees with the popular votes split about evenly. A person could become president with only a bit over 20% of the popular vote and have little in the way of a mandate of popular support from the citizens.

The Electoral College system protects citizens from the "Tyranny of the minority and politicians". In an Electoral College system, each state stands alone and, to win each state's Electoral College

votes, a political candidate must put together a broad coalition that appeals to a broad spectrum of that state's citizens. This prevents a minority third party from gaining a disproportionate amount of influence, as they could in a parliamentary system. Third parties have tried and failed to win electoral votes because they appealed to a limited number of each state's citizens; Ross Perot got 18% of the popular vote and not a single elector.

The Electoral College also protects from the tyranny of the majority by giving small states a voice. If we used the national popular vote, no major party presidential candidate would likely take the time and effort to campaign in small states. The big cities alone could pretty much elect a president. But under an electoral college, a small state may have the electoral votes needed for a winning coalition. The Electoral College partially protects rural and suburban areas and their interests. This is important for SCOPE members because gun ownership is easier and more prevalent in rural and suburban areas where laws protecting gun ownership are more likely to be less restrictive than in the big politically correct cities.

The Electoral College magnifies most wins. If the national popular vote decided the outcome and the election was very close, a national recount would be needed (1960 and 2000 for example). That is an immense task. (Remember the problems with the election recount in just one state, Florida.) Using the national popular vote should mean using the same very detailed election rules -but subject to local interpretation of course - for the presidential race in every state (remember hanging chads and such).

The Electoral College does protect a two-party system. Despite the rhetoric about abolishing the Electoral College, both the Republican and Democrat parties need to keep the electoral college system to avoid minor party challenges. Many people consider it a "wasted vote" to vote for a third, fourth, or fifth party that has no chance of winning. Of course, in states that routinely go red or blue, if you are in the minority party (for example - the Republican

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The Last Stand?

By David Sutfin
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This country is at war! Strangely, there is just one side fighting. We, as patriotic, gun-owning, conservative Americans are being attacked on so many fronts that it's hard to comprehend. On one front we are attacked by identity politics; they disparage "privileged whites", Christians, Jews or anyone who won't bow before BLM and Antifa. Conservative blacks are maligned worse than whites. Apparently, black lives only matter on the left. On another front, new identity groups are popping up so we can be labeled as racists: B.I.P.O.C. (Black, Indigenous, and other People Of Color), N.F.A.C. (No F***ing Around Coalition) and A.F.A.B. (Assigned Female At Birth). Who knows what else is lurking around the corner?

You can't go to church in some states; if you do, you can't sing! But Antifa and BLM are peaceful protesters (aka "Rioters") and, apparently,

they are immune to COVID-19.

The Left doesn't want us to vote in person, too dangerous! On the other hand, violent riots, marches and even funerals that push the left's agenda are perfectly acceptable. If they can riot in person, we should be able to vote in person.

Cuomo thinks tearing down statues and rioting are a great way for the violent minority to express their opinions. Virus, what virus? There's no virus amongst rioters. Is "social distancing" observed during riots? The irony is sickening!

Checkpoints are set up in places to enforce their hypocrisy. Non-compliance could cost you ten-thousand dollars. The sheep must be contained. Mayors and governors across the country and Congress (in both houses) are encouraging the destruction of our country and our history.

We're told to shut up, toe the line and turn in our guns. We won't need guns, high capacity magazines, semi-automatics or scopes on rifles, anymore. At the same time, they want to defund police, the very people

who are supposed to be protecting an unarmed populace.

The politicians on the Left are all in lockstep to tear the USA down, while, with some exceptions, the Republicans are eerily quiet. How much longer can the country remain whole? The world is watching and some of it is helping to speed our destruction. All of this is clearly "Marxist" / "Communist" / "Socialist". Whatever label you put on it, it is anti-American.

Some believe that a revolution or "civil war" could never happen here. I've got news for you, this revolution started with the "quiet coup"; the attempt to remove the President from office. The Russian hoax, impeachment, lawsuits aimed at undermining President Trump, the non-stop and absolute non-partisanship are all aimed at overturning the Constitution.

Criminals have been emboldened by all of the rhetoric against President Trump, aided and abetted by the releasing of prisoners, bail reform, etc. We now live in a country that is more willing to prosecute police and

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Party, statewide, in NY) your presidential vote also has little chance of winning since the outcome in that state is almost inevitable. If you live in a "swing state" your vote is much more valuable when electing presidents.

People both outside the USA - and even here in the USA - simply do not understand the Electoral College, its state by state process and how our system works to elect a president. It's the most powerful office in the world and they wonder why we do it in this complicated and difficult to understand way. The next time someone proposes to go to a national popular vote system, push back and help them understand why we still use the Electoral College and why we should not give it up.

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down a path to violence that no sane person should want! But we can only react since we aren't making the decision to riot.

The rioters will also find that defunding the police is a double-edged sword. The far-left rioters believe it is a path to power, where they can run wild without fear of reprisal. But if there are no effective police, who will protect the rioters from an aroused, angry and armed citizenry? (Remember those 250 million guns.) The rioters may come to wish for the good old days when the police were ordered to stand down. An aroused citizenry will not be so placid!

Nothing is inevitable. The rioters may make the decision whether or not to riot, but the American voter makes the decision as to who will lead the country and, there-

fore, how the government will react to the riots. More than a few citizens of major cities must be regretting their previous votes. Turning the decision about who will lead them over to the American voter has turned out pretty well in the past. And when there are 80 million potential voters who also chose to own a gun, all they have to do is actually vote in order to bring back order to their country.

Voting! What an interesting idea as to how to run a country. Not as easy as just sitting around and complaining but much more effective in remedying the problems. If you know someone who just complains, you might try pointing that out to them.

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citizens who defend themselves than violent criminals.

Our tax dollars are being foolishly squandered on partisan favors, buying votes and turning illegal's into paid political pawns of the left. How much do you pay for healthcare, housing, and education? How long did you contribute into your own social security? All of these things - that you worked your whole life for - are doled out to illegal's! Do you believe non-citizens are entitled to the same things you worked for?

Just how far we let this go is clearly the question. It's high time to shed the normalcy bias - the belief that everything will go back to the way it was.

We need every man, woman, and capable child to stand in defense of the greatest nation in the history of the world. I don't have all the answers, but we have to start somewhere. And the first step is registering and voting. Voting politicians out is a lot easier than a revolution.

I've been prepping for a long time (often ridiculed for it). I take comfort in knowing my family is safer than most. We can't wait until the horse is out of the barn to shut the door. With the November elections looming, we need to make sure that our barn door is closed! We need to be ready for the left's reaction when President Trump is re-elected because they will react and, based on our current experience, it will not be peaceful.

Get together with likeminded neighbors and assemble some loose form of militia. (I thought about not referring to it as a militia, but I've come to the conclusion that, like so many other words and activities, this has been demonized and changed to fit the left's agenda.) The Constitution of the United States, and specifically the 2nd Amendment, allows us to form militias. I swore an oath to the United States to "protect and defend against all enemies foreign and domestic" and I never rescinded that

oath.

I'm asking anyone who feels this way, to pledge yourself to others and to respond as fast as possible to aid in quelling any violent outbreaks against the United States. This means being able to take up arms against others who wish to destroy us and our way of life. Self-protection is a divine right".

Socialism is on the ballot

By Richard Rossi
Delaware County SCOPE

In the year 2021, will our Democratic Republic still be around? My fellow citizens, the answer to this question will be determined on November 3rd 2020. The United States of America's survival depends on the outcome of this pivotal election.

Let me make it even clearer: this election is NOT about electing either a Democratic President or re-electing President Trump to a second term; it is not about keeping the Senate "RED" or maintain the HOUSE "BLUE"; it has nothing to do with Republicans versus Democrats; it has everything to do with the USA's slow movement towards Socialism in America.

We have for the past generations been in a mode of 'creeping Socialism'. Unfortunately, or fortunately, the rhetoric has become evidently clear for the 2020 election. Are we going to continue to be a capitalist country and remain a Democratic Republic or take the path towards Socialism? Have we as a people gone blind to what is taking place in this great citadel of freedom that we call America?

Socialism/Marxism divides a nation to conquer it. Just look around at today's environment in our country. Identity politics divides us. COVID-19 isolated us. Civil unrest is erupting in many cities all across America. Law and Order is being questioned. Tensions between our citizens are pushed to the limits. However, these are not the 'root cause'.

The seeds were already planted and now growing fruit. Our Second Amendment Rights and Free-

doms are being violated more and more each and every day. It was never about 'common sense Gun Control', it was about the elimination of guns, period. An armed citizenry cannot be oppressed into become subjects of the state. A disarmed citizenry are subjects, not citizens, as they are easy to control.

The Socialist/Marxist progressives will give us more suffering, less freedom and increase our decline. Winston Churchill said: "*The virtue of Socialism is equal sharing of misery*". Don't we hear the distant, troubling drum-beat? Stop and listen!

Socialists want to replace the 'family unit' by preaching that the 'state' can do a better job raising our children. But they cannot give us any evidence to prove that the state can do better. Hillary Clinton wrote that it "Takes a village" to raise our children but I doubt if anyone wants a village based on Bill and Hillary's example. Their goal is to make us dependent on our government for all our needs and wants and, thus, easier to control. They will keep telling us they know better - until we all walk around as mindless subjects of the state.

The choice has never been this clear; more and more creeping Socialism, and eventually Communism or the freedom that has blessed America because of limited government and a free market system.

It is up to each and every one of us to make a sincere effort to go to the polls on November 3rd and vote as informed citizens - as if your life and the lives of your children and grandchildren dependent on it. They do!

Remember, again, that you are not voting for a political party candidate; you are voting for the survival of our country and for the men and women who gave their lives and sacrificed for us. You are voting to keep us a free nation.

See you at the polls. God Bless America and may she continue to be free in the year 2021 and beyond.

VOTE

Vote Like Your Life Depends Upon It

By Attilio A. Contini

We are at a crossroads in this Country that rivals, in my opinion, the battle of Lexington and Concord. Elections come and go but we cannot afford to lose this election. The consequences of leftist control of the House and Senate will be catastrophic. We must step up to get every one of our friends and relatives out to vote as if our lives depend on it. They do! Everything we cherish and hold dear is at stake! Everyone must accept the fact that the very future of our country, our Constitution, our Bill of Rights, our way-of-life, and our individual freedom is on the line.

The left has been trying to take our country away from us, using everything but the ballot box, and now they are attacking even that, through mail-in-voting. Since the election of Trump in 2016, they've pulled out all stops and are changing the rules so that they can control the outcome of the November 3rd election. Mail in voting is very susceptible to voter fraud and tampering. Mail in ballots of any and all kinds are subject to tampering. Even with the so called "two party system" of verification, people can be bought for the right price. Recounting isn't always foolproof. With the replacement of all the old mechanical counter machines, the accuracy of voting results is increasingly subject to fraud. As long as we have criminally corrupt people in the political process, it will be subject to fraud.

I truly believe this election is our very last chance to preserve our way of life. The left will stop at nothing to steal the election and are put-

ting plans in place to rig the election so that Donald Trump and almost all pro 2nd Amendment candidates will be unable to win. We can stop them, but there is a lot of work to do. Every one of us must chip in and do more than our fair share if we expect to just hold the line.

Yes, we can make a donation to the NRA, S.C.O.P.E., other pro 2nd Amendment groups and friendly candidates, but that is not enough. We need workers. We need an army of faithful people to spread the word, get the truth to every voter and convince everyone they must vote for freedom and liberty; otherwise we will lose them forever.

The left has also resorted to violent intimidation to scare us into throwing-in-the-towel. Look at what has transpired since May; insurrection, revolt and civil war all sanctioned by extremist politicians. Can you imagine what will happen if they take back the Presidency and both Houses? What happens when the people behind the riots control our towns and counties? We have no choice but to do everything possible to get-out-the-vote and reject every extremist left wing candidate from President all the way down to town councilman. No exceptions! We must totally reject their craziness and take back our government. We cannot continue to allow enemies of our country to govern us. We must show them that we want a complete stop to this criminal, radical extremism before it degenerates into a shooting revolution.

The flag has been flying at half-mast for the last couple months. With what has been going on, we should have been flying it upside down - a sign of danger. If we don't get serious about voting to take back our country, they will take both our flag and country from us.

The issue is no longer Republican vs. Democrat. It has become Patriotism vs Revolution and Constitution versus Communism.

In January, three of us from Ulster County SCOPE went to the rally in Richmond Virginia. The evening before, we attended a dinner meeting. One of the topics they talked about was the need to establish local county militias to assist the county sheriff and local police. With today's attacks on our police and law enforcement, the need for that support is necessary, now more than ever.

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It's not just the Presidency

By Steven J. Getman, Esq.

Editors note: With the passing of Justice Bader-Ginzburg the points made in this article go from theoretical to real. Her vacant seat on the Supreme Court is of immediate interest and concern to us. Both for who will fill it and the fight to confirm that person.

The next President may transform the U.S. Supreme Court from what some consider a slight conservative majority (four confirmed liberals, four confirmed conservatives and one “swing vote”) into either a strong conservative or strong liberal majority.

Two liberal members of the Court, Justices Ruth Bader Ginsberg and Stephen Breyer, are in their eighties. Two conservative members, Justices Clarence Thomas and Samuel Alito, are in their seventies. Any of them could elect to retire or, worse, they could pass away in office, giving the next President several possible opportunities to appoint a successor.

Justice Antonin Scalia, the last member of the Court to die in office, was seventy-nine at the time of his death. His death set off a battle between the executive and legislative branches of the federal government, with Democrat President Barack Obama attempting to replace conservative Scalia with liberal Merrick Garland and the Senate, held by Republicans, refusing to confirm him. Eventually, President Donald Trump was able to fill the vacancy, replacing Scalia with another conservative, Neil Gorsuch. Later, Trump replaced retiring moderate Justice Anthony Kennedy with conservative Brett Kavanaugh.

The Kavanaugh confirmation fight was especially brutal, with many Democrats in Congress, includ-

ing current Vice-Presidential Candidate Kamala Harris, attacking Kavanaugh on multiple fronts, including his support for the Second Amendment's right to keep and bear arms. Recently, President Trump, recalling that fight, criticized Harris for being “extraordinarily nasty” to Kavanaugh during the confirmation hearings.

The ferocity with which these judicial appointments are debated between the parties stems from several factors.

One is that Supreme Court Justices are appointed for life. Therefore, any change in the composition of the Court, from conservative to liberal or vice versa, has the potential to change the judicial philosophy of the Court for decades. In turn, the Court's decisions during those decades will serve as binding precedent for lower courts, transforming them as well.

Another is the expanded power of the federal government over the years, through the Fourteenth Amendment and the incorporation of the protections of the Bill of Rights against the states. As a result, the Supreme Court now has many opportunities to exercise judicial review over state laws. This has expanded its

power over many aspects of our political, economic and cultural affairs.

Accordingly, when making judicial appointments, Presidents tend to seek justices who share their vision of proper judicial philosophy. Democrat Presidents pick liberal justices. Republican Presidents attempt to pick conservative ones.

In the case of the Second Amendment, this means Republican Presidents will typically seek judicial candidates who support the right to bear arms, while Democrat Presidents will look for justices who are more hostile towards gun rights.

Many experts thought 2020 would be the year that the Supreme Court revisited the Second Amend-

ment, years after the decisions in *District of Columbia v Heller* (2008) and *McDonald v Chicago* (2010). In *Heller*, the Court ruled that the Second Amendment protects the individual right to own a gun for private use, not simply in connection with service in a militia. In *McDonald*, the majority held that the right applies against state and local governments as well as the federal government. In each case, the decisions showed a conservative-liberal split among the justices.

Unfortunately, both decisions left open unanswered questions and, in the ensuing years, some lower courts used this to allow for continued gun regulation. Furthermore, different circuit appellate courts have applied these decisions differently. As a result, a patchwork approach to the Second Amendment continued, such as conflicting decisions in different parts of the country regarding bans on “high-capacity” ammunition magazines.

This conflict left gun rights advocates hoping that the Supreme Court would this year take up various gun control cases that have been decided in the lower courts since *Heller* and *McDonald*. Typically, where the Supreme Court is presented with cases that show a clear conflict between two or more courts of appeals as to how to decide a similar issue, the Court is more likely to hear a case. And, in fact, earlier this year there were ten potential gun control cases that showed a clear conflict and that the Court could have decided to hear. Therefore, many observers assumed 2020 was the year the Supreme Court would again rule on the Second Amendment.

However, in June, the Supreme Court declined to review any of the pending gun rights cases on its docket. No formal explanation was given. Some legal experts believe neither the conservative justices nor the liberal justices were confident

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enough in Chief Justice John Roberts siding with them to risk granting review in any of those cases. This speculation stems from the fact that, since taking office, Roberts has increasingly become what is known as a “swing vote,” a conservative justice who will side with his more liberal colleagues on certain issues, including Obamacare, abortion and the 2020 census, and with conservatives on others.

If Roberts is a swing vote, this underscores the importance of electing a President who supports, and will seek out justices who also support, the right to keep and bear arms. As noted recently by the National Shooting Sports Foundation:

“Only one vote stands between keeping those rights and a Supreme Court reversing Heller and McDonald and stripping American’s of their God-given fundamental right to self-defense. The next President and Senate will decide whether we continue to enjoy those rights or they are taken from us permanently.”

With this in mind, looking at the records of the two Presidential candidates, their running mates and the differences in party philosophies may be instructive. In doing so, sharp contrasts emerge between the Republicans and Democrats.

President Donald Trump, a Republican, has been endorsed by the National Rifle Association (NRA), with that group saying he delivered on his promise to protect Second Amendment rights. Among the President’s accomplishments:

Trump appeared at the NRA-ILA Annual Leadership Forum to announce his “unsigning” of the anti-gun United Nations Arms Trade Treaty;

He designated gun businesses to be “critical infrastructure” during the COVID-19 pandemic, allowing them to remain open in many areas;

Trump loosened regulations on the export of firearms and the online publication of technical information

about guns;

He supported right-to-carry reciprocity;

Trump has worked to expand millions of acres of public access to law-biding gun owners and to reverse bans on traditional ammunition;

After Democrats introduced federal legislation in 2018 to expand background checks and more tightly regulate gun sales and transfers, he threatened to veto the measures;

Perhaps, most importantly, the President has appointed a large number of conservative federal judges. By the end of July 2020, the President had appointed 201 federal judges, putting him on track to exceed the number of first-term judicial appointments by any President in at least forty years. These appointments, some analysts say, have already given a boost to legal challenges to gun control laws.

Vice President Pence has also been seen as strong supporter of the Second Amendment. In Congress, Pence was rated “A” by the NRA, indicating a pro-gun rights voting record. Among the positions he took:

Pence publicly stated that gun ownership increases public safety;

He supported legislation to authorize a person who has a valid permit to carry a concealed firearm in one state to carry a concealed firearm in another state;

Pence voted to prohibit suing gun makers and sellers for gun misuse;

Pence co-sponsored the Firearms Interstate Commerce Reform Act to loosen restrictions on interstate gun purchases;

He co-sponsored the Veterans’ Heritage Firearms Act to allow veterans to register guns acquired abroad;

Pence co-sponsored banning gun registration in Washington DC.

Their Democrat challengers, on the other hand, have demonstrated apparent disdain for the Second Amendment.

While Joe Biden will often acknowledge the right to bear arms, the former Vice President refers to

that right as “limited.” He has publicly stated the right is related to “hunting,” and, as explained in *Reason* magazine:

“He notably omit(s) any mention of the right to self-defense, which the Supreme Court has recognized as the Second Amendment’s ‘central component,’ or of handguns, which the justices described as the ‘quintessential self-defense weapon.’”

Biden’s record on gun control, as a Presidential candidate, as Vice President and as a member of the U.S. Senate, has been replete with anti-gun measures, earning him an “F” from NRA:

Biden pushed the Brady Bill and brags he was the person who got it passed;

He supported (and supports) the so-called “assault weapons ban;”

Biden supported (and supports) closing the so-called “gun show loophole;”

He voted against prohibiting frivolous lawsuits against gun manufacturers for gun violence;

Biden was asked by President Obama to head up the Gun Violence Prevention Task Force;

Biden has endorsed federal handgun bans and gun-owner licensing;

He supports banning online sales of weapons and ammunition and requiring background checks for people buying gun kits or 3D printer codes for guns;

Biden has referred to 9 mm pistols as “military style weapons;”

During a 2019 interview with CNN, Biden explicitly said his administration would support gun confiscation.

Biden’s running mate, Kamala Harris, may be even more hostile to Second Amendment rights.

Harris, who will be a heartbeat away from the presidency in a Biden administration, has supported most of the same proposals as Biden, as well as even more draconian measures:

Harris has called for gun control by unilateral executive action;

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Tossups in NY Senate races

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Of those 63 seats, about 50 of them are in districts that are safely Democrat or safely Republican. The remaining "tossup" races will decide who controls the Senate. Of course, even in "safe" districts, the voters have to show up and vote. The following is some background on the "tossup" districts.

Note: Long Island is heavily Republican on its farthest eastern tip (District 1) but becomes more Democrat as you move westward towards NY City (District numbers get higher as you approach NY City).

Senate District 3 (South Shore of Long Island).

Incumbent Democrat Senator Monica Martinez versus Republican Alexis Weik.

Republican Tom Croci was a two-term incumbent when he abruptly left the Senate in 2018. He had won the 2014 election by 9,000 votes and reelection in 2016 by 19,000 votes. His replacement lost the 2018 election by 3,000 votes to Democrat Monica Martinez; Democrat votes went up in this non presidential year while Republican turnout cratered. This district voted for Trump in 2016

but Obama in 2012.

Senate District 5 (North Shore of Long Island).

Incumbent Democrat Senator James Gaughran versus Republican Edmund Smyth.

Republican Carl Marcellino was a twelve term Senator. In 2016 he defeated Democrat James Gaughran by 1,761 vote but lost to Gaughran in 2018 by less than 12,000 votes; Republican votes dropped significantly in this non presidential year while Democrat turnout only dropped slightly. Marcellino had voted for the Safe Act in 2013. This district voted for Trump in 2016 but Obama in 2012.

Senate District 6 (Long Island, Hempstead and Levittown).

Incumbent Democrat Senator Kevin Thomas versus Republican Dennie Dunne.

Republican Kemp Hannon was a fourteen term Senator who won by 17,000 votes in 2014 and 11,000 votes in 2016 but lost by less than 2,000 votes in 2018 to Kevin Thomas; Republican votes cratered in 2018 while Democrat turnout dropped not nearly as much. Hannon voted for the Safe Act in 2013.

Senate District 7 (North Shore Long Island bordering Queens).

Incumbent Democrat Senator Anna Kaplan versus Republican David Franklin

In 2014, Republican incumbent Jack Martin won by 9,000 votes and did not run in 2016. Republican Elaine Phillips won by 3,000 votes in 2016 but lost by 9,000 in 2018; Democrat votes dropped slightly and Republican turnout dropped significantly.

Senate District 22 (South Brooklyn).

Incumbent Democrat Andrew Gounardes versus Republican Vito Bruno

Eight term incumbent Republican Martin Golden won by 13,000 votes in 2014 and ran unopposed in 2016. Golden lost by 271 votes in 2018. This district voted for

Trump in 2016 but Obama in 2012.

Senate District 39 (Orange, Rockland, Ulster Counties).

Incumbent Democrat James Skoufis versus Steve Brescia

Thirteen term incumbent Republican William Larkin won by 27,000 votes in 2014 and 7,000 votes in 2016 and then retired. Democrat James Skoufis won by 7,000 votes in 2018; Democrat votes were almost unchanged while Republican turnout dropped dramatically. This district voted for Trump in 2016 but Obama in 2012.

Senate District 40 (Westchester, Putnam, Dutchess Counties)

Incumbent Democrat Senator Peter Harckham versus Rob Astorino

Republican Terrence Murphy won by 9,000 votes in 2014 and 21,000 in 2016 but lost by less than 4,000 votes in 2018; Democrat votes went up in 2018, a non- presidential year, while Republican votes cratered. Astorino was the Republican Governor candidate in 2014. The district voted for Clinton in 2016 and Obama in 2012.

Senate District 41 (Putnam, Dutchess Counties)

Incumbent Republican Senator Susan Serino versus Democrat Karen Smythe.

Serino won the 2014 race by 4,000 votes and the 2016 by 14,000 and defeated Smythe by less than 700 votes in 2018. In 2018, the Democrat votes increased slightly while Republican vote decreased significantly over 2016. The district voted for Clinton in 2016 and Obama in 2012, so Republican Serino won big in 2016 even when the district voted for Clinton.

Senate District 42 (Sullivan, Orange, Ulster, Delaware Counties)

Incumbent Democrat Jan Metzger versus Republican Mike Martucci.

John Bonacic was a 9 term Republican Senator who ran unopposed in 2014 and won by 25,000 votes in 2016 and then retired. Democrat Jan Metzger won by less than

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4,000 votes in 2018 but Republican votes dropped by 19,000 while Democrat votes went up by 9,000 from the previous election. This district voted for Trump in 2016 but Obama in 2012.

Senate District 50 (Western Syracuse Suburbs)

Democrat John Manion versus Republican Angi Renna

Neither candidate is an incumbent. Long term incumbent Republican DeFrancisco ran unopposed in 2014 and 2016 and then retired. Republican Antonucci won by 2,000 votes in 2018 and then took a judgeship. The district voted for Clinton in 2016 and Obama in 2012.

Senate District 53 (Eastern Syracuse Suburbs)

Incumbent Democrat Senator Rachel Ray versus Republican Sam Rogers.

Democrat David Valesky ran unopposed in 2014 and 2016 but lost the Democrat primary by 600 votes in 2018. Democrat Rachel Ray won in 2018 by 13,000. The district voted for Clinton in 2016 and Obama in 2012.

Senate District 55 (East Rochester, Monroe, Ontario Counties)

Democrat Samra Brouk versus Republican Christopher Missick

Neither candidate is an incumbent. Republican Rich Funke won by 16,000 votes in 2014 and ran unopposed in 2016 and won by 5,000 votes in 2018 and is not running for reelection. The district voted for Clinton in 2016 and Obama in 2012, so Republican Funke ran unopposed even though the district voted for Clinton.

Besides tossups, there is one other district which could bear heavily on who gets the majority. **Senate district 17 (Brooklyn)**

Simcha Felder is a four term

Democrat Senator from the heavily Jewish, 17th District, located in Brooklyn. He has run on both Republican and Democrat lines in the past but is technically a Democrat. Whenever Republicans had the majority or there was a tie, Felder caucused with Republicans, which gave them the majority. After 2018, with Democrats having the majority, Felder Caucused with Democrats. With a large Democrat majority, Felder does not have the influence with Democrats that he had with Republicans. Felder's district voted for Trump In 2016 and Romney in 2012.



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Harris supports confiscation ("mandatory buyback") of five million firearms she considers "assault weapons;"

Harris has supported the view that a total handgun ban does not violate the Second Amendment;

She has also endorsed the view that the Second Amendment secures only a "collective" or "militia-related" right, and not the individual right that the Court ultimately recognized in *Heller*;

She wants background checks for every firearm sale;

Harris has called for a limit on the number of firearms an individual could privately transact in a year.

These stark differences, far

from anomalies, are consistent with the general positions of the two major political parties. As reported in the *Los Angeles Times*:

"The Democrats inevitably favor tighter restrictions on gun purchases and ownership... The Republicans inevitably prefer greater liberty for gun owners and users, arguing that even modest restrictions infringe on a fundamental right ... guaranteed by the Second Amendment. Rarely in the twain do the parties meet."

With these divergent party positions, and the potential ability for the next President to shape the federal judiciary for decades, the differences appear to be clear. A vote for the Republican ticket is a

vote that may finally cement the Second Amendment's individual right to keep and bear arms into American law. Conversely, a Democrat victory could lead to a virtual repeal of the Second Amendment, as well as gun bans and even confiscation of commonly-owned firearms.



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The Importance of School Votes

By Tracy Marisa

As we gear up for the November election, there is another election that is not being decided in November and is often overlooked but it has great long-term importance. During this election season, when people's attention is focused, it's a good thing to remind voters about as School Votes, which generally have a low turnout. You have time to learn more about important school related issues - if you start now.

I often hear people who bemoan the political thinking of younger Americans and ascribe their disregard for the Constitution and Bill of Rights to their college education. While many colleges and universities certainly share in the blame for this, they're not the sole source of the problem (and there are plenty of people who haven't been to college and are quite left-leaning). Find out what's going on in your local K-12 schools especially when it comes to teaching about the United States and our history.

An example from the Buffalo NPR station: "*Starting Feb. 1, The 1619 Project—a special edition of The New York Times Magazine published in August 2019—is set to become a mandated part of Buffalo's curriculum for seventh through 12th graders. The 1619 Project argues, through a series of journalistic articles, that American history should be reframed around the beginning of American slavery, which dates to 1619.*"

They haven't had much time to get this program going so far in the Buffalo schools—or much of anywhere else—thanks to the corona virus. But a July press release from Medill News Service at Northwestern University notes that the 1619 Project is a curriculum that's now taught in more than 4,500 schools nationwide.

Shouldn't American history be framed around when the Constitution took effect in 1789? No.

How about 1787 when the Constitutional Convention was held? No.

1791 when the Bill of Rights was approved. Nope.

Surely 1776 then? No way.

According to the New York Times and their lead essayist, Nikole Hannah-Jones, who was awarded a Pulitzer Prize for her efforts, American history should be reframed around 1619 and the idea that the country was founded for the purpose of enabling slavery. She ably follows in the footsteps of the reprehensible Walter Duranty in the 1930s. (Duranty wrote articles defending Stalin's atrocities in the Soviet Union and there are calls to revoke his Pulitzer.)

This sort of thing has been going on in schools for a long time. Some readers may remember Howard Zinn's *A People's History of the United States*, couched in the language of Marxist class warfare, first published in 1980. It sold more than 2.5 million copies and is found in virtually every school district, university, and local library.

Zinn's book was the American history textbook of choice in many schools for many years, so it's hardly surprising that so many Americans have a very low opinion of the USA and our history. You may say, surely this is an urban, or at worst a suburban phenomenon. We don't see these things in rural school districts... do we? That may still be true to some degree—if we're lucky. But if people are not vigilant, I'm not sure how long even rural school districts will hang on.

While our main concern as SCOPE members is probably what is being taught in history instruction, particularly American and constitutional history, there are plenty of other things to be concerned about as well. What are the kids reading as part of English language arts? Are

even math and science being turned inside out and upside down?

So, ask questions. You have time if you start now. Find out what is actually going on in your local schools. Maybe you'll be pleasantly surprised. But no matter what, make sure you vote in your local school elections in the spring, generally in May. Those elections aren't just about tax rates and tax levies, although those are important, but also about how the money is being spent and, perhaps most important of all, who sits on the school board. I can personally attest that having even one like-minded person on the school board (especially if he or she is the president of the board) is invaluable.

You can have a direct impact on what's going on in your local schools and help ensure that American history, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights are being taught to students fairly and accurately. But one thing you have to do is vote.

Congressional Races of interest

New York's congressional delegation is strongly skewed to Democrat because of New York City. But each seat is important because it stands on its own when calculating the overall majority party in the House and, thus, the Speaker of the House position. Of the 27 seats in New York State, most are not really contestable as they are in heavily Democrat or Republican areas. Of course, turnout is important even in safe districts. *Incumbents are italicized.*

After the narrative are the ratings (A through F) for each candidate by SCOPE and the NRA PVF.

Below are those "unsafe" seats of interest.

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Congressional District 1 (Central and Eastern Long Island)

Incumbent Republican Lee Zeldin versus Democrat Nancy Goroff.

Zeldin has won the last 3 races with 53.2% in 2014, 55.2% in 2016 and 51.5% in 2018. This district voted for Obama in 2012 and Trump in 2016. This is generally rated as safe Republican but Zeldin's drop in winning percentage and the Obama vote are troubling for Republicans.

Zeldin: SCOPE A, NRA A-.

Goroff: SCOPE F, NRA F.

Congressional District 2 (Central and South Long Island)

Republican Andrew Garbarino versus Democrat Jackie Gordon.

Republican Peter King won the last four elections and has announced he is retiring. King's winning percentage had been around 60% but dropped to 53% in 2018. This district voted for Obama in 2012 and Trump in 2016. This district is Republican but without King on the ballot probably not safe Republican.

Garbarino: SCOPE B, NRA C.

Gordon: SCOPE F, NRA F.

Congressional District 11 (Staten Island and South Brooklyn)

Incumbent Democrat Max Rose versus Republican Nicole Malliotakis.

After redistricting in 2012, Republicans then won three elections in a row. The Republican incumbent won with 62.2% in 2016 but got only 46.8% in losing to Max Rose in 2018. As an Assemblywoman, Malliotakis voted for the SAFE Act. This district voted for Obama in 2012 and Trump in 2016. This district tends Republican and could be a pickup for Republicans.

Rose: SCOPE: F, NRA F.

Malliotakis: SCOPE D, NRA C-

Congressional District 18 (Orange, Putnam, Dutchess and Westchester Counties)

Incumbent Democrat Sean Maloney versus Republican Chele Farley.

Republicans were competitive in 2012 and 2014 but only took 44% in 2016 and 2018. This district voted for Obama in 2012 and Trump in 2016. Farley lost a US Senate race to Gillibrand in 2016. Probably remain Democrat unless Trump has coattails here.

Maloney: SCOPE F, NRA F.

Farley: SCOPE ?, NRA ?

Congressional District 19 (Catskills and Mid Hudson Valley)

Incumbent Democrat Anthony Delgado versus Republican Kyle VanDeWater.

Republican John Faso won by 25,000 votes (54.1%) in 2016 but lost by 10,000 votes (46.2%) in 2018. Democrat votes went up in 2018 while Republican votes cratered in that non presidential year. This district voted for Obama in 2012 and Trump in 2016. If Republicans turn out, this is a good chance for them to pick up a seat.

Delgado: SCOPE F, NRA F.

VanDeWater: SCOPE A, NRA ?

Congressional District 22 (East Central New York)

Incumbent Democrat Anthony Brindisi versus Republican Claudia Tenney.

Republicans won this district in 2012, after redistricting, and won three consecutive races. Tenney won in 2016 by 15,000 votes (46.5% - there was a significant 3rd party candidate) but lost in 2018 by 4,000 votes (49.1%). Democrat votes went up in 2018 while Republican votes dropped in that non presidential year. This district voted for McCain, Romney and Trump. This race is generally viewed as a tossup.

Brindisi: SCOPE F, NRA D.

Tenney: SCOPE A, NRA A.

Congressional District 24 (Cayuga, Onondaga, Wayne and Oswego Counties)

Incumbent Republican John Katko versus Democrat Dana Balter.

Katko won in 2016 by

63,000 votes (60.6%) and by 14,000 votes (52.6%) against Balter in 2018. Democrat votes went up in 2018 while Republican votes cratered in that non presidential year, but Katko still won. This district voted for Clinton in 2016 and Obama in 2012. Katko is favored but the Democrat presidential voting raises questions and turnout will be important.

Katko: SCOPE A, NRA A-.

Balter: SCOPE F, NRA F.

Congressional District 27 (8 Counties in Northwest NY)

Incumbent Republican Chris Jacobs versus Democrat Nate McMurray.

Former Republican Representative Chris Collins won by 113,000 votes in 2016 but by only 1,000 in 2018 when he was under investigation and later pleaded guilty to crimes. Republican Chris Jacobs won a special election in 2018 by 8,000 votes against McMurray. This district voted for Trump, Romney and McCain. This district should go Republican but because of its unusual circumstances, it is included here.

Jacobs: SCOPE A, NRA A-.

McMurray: SCOPE F, NRA F.

Note: After the 2020 election, districts will be rearranged on the basis of the 2020 census. It is likely that New York State will lose at least one seat. The outmigration from New York probably increased after the China Virus lockdown and the riots but it mostly happened after the census so the loss of seats could have been worse.



The Civil Society: 2020

By Harold Moskowitz

This coming election will decide whether or not the Bill of Rights is alive in America. Most people assume that the Bill of Rights still fully protects their God given, unalienable rights. There is also an assumption that public officials will act in the best interests of both the public and the nation. Recent years have revealed these basic assumptions to be as outdated as coal delivery dump trucks.

The First Amendment protects free speech from government restriction. However, social media platforms take down, demonetize, and “shadow ban” individuals presenting “unacceptable” information and opinions. (Unacceptable to the platform owners.) Where is the concern that social media platforms such as Google, Twitter, and Facebook can, and often do, limit the availability of information not in line with their political agenda? They fully intend to shape public opinion by controlling the availability of information.

Are social media titans less of a threat to our constitutional republic’s elections than Chinese or Russian manipulators? Why are such powerful digital “monopolies” of the “Information Age” still protected from effective government oversight, regulation, and from being split up as was A.T.&T. in the 1980’s? Could it be because of significant campaign contributions given to key Senators by these companies?

This coming election will determine if these “platforms” will be allowed to continue brainwashing the public or if politicians will stop this slide which will eventually lead into far-left domination. “Big tech” must go the way of monopolies in past years.

The Second Amendment has been severely limited by several

states. Leftist billionaires donate millions each election cycle to elect anti-gun state legislators and district attorneys. One billionaire has announced his intent to dispense seventy million dollars in campaign funding this election cycle. Another has given his anti-gun group one million dollars for the purpose of “flipping” the Iowa House from Republican to Democrat control. He successfully “flipped” the Virginia House in the last election cycle.

Recently, two district attorneys, to whom such financial help had been given, used their power against law-abiding gun owners involved in personal self-defense. In New Mexico, Steven Baca was threatened and attacked by a mob of statue-destroying protestors for exercising his right to free speech in defense of the statue. The D.A. filed charges against him for discharging his legally-carried weapon in self-defense. More publicized was the charging of Mark and Patricia McCloskey. They stood outside their gated, private community home with visible firearms to dissuade a destructive mob. They did this after the group had broken down the locked iron entry gate and threatened to kill them, kill their dog, and burn their home. Despite Missouri’s strong “Castle Doctrine,” they were charged with unlawful brandishing of a weapon against peaceful protestors. Their weapons were confiscated.

Many elected leaders have failed the citizenry. They have shown neither inclination nor willingness to uphold law and order. Their obligation to protect the civil society and personal property has been ignored. The officials who have shirked their responsibility have not only placed their constituents in economic and physical peril but have done great damage to the nation by demonstrating internal national weakness and discord for the world to see. This will embolden our international enemies, especially China and Russia who constantly work to destabilize our nation.

It isn’t just the presidency that is im-

portant in this coming election, down ballot races for Congress, D.A.’s, mayors and councilpersons will have a direct impact on your future and the 2nd Amendment.

The COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated the extent to which our “guaranteed” rights are vulnerable. Governors and mayors, particularly of east and west coastal states, were granted dictatorial powers which violated those rights. “Winners” and “losers” were chosen. Cannabis shops and liquor stores were “essential” but not gun shops or houses of worship. Protests for reopening businesses were “bad” while protests involving statue-toppling, looting and burning were “acceptable.” Businesses, careers, and livelihoods have been destroyed. We are well past the initial “two-week” lockdown for “flattening the curve” and still the restrictions continue. Are the resulting economic implosion and societal dislocation part of an attempt to influence the November election results?

The unconstitutional edicts, the destruction of our economy, the abetting of attacks upon our national historic monuments, the allowing of burning and looting of private property, the burdens placed upon families from the unwarranted extended school shutdowns, the release of hardened, violent criminals, the defunding of police, and the determined effort to undermine the Second Amendment right to personal self-defense are all threats to our society and our ability to remain a free nation.

The United States was never intended to have petty dictators who trample on our rights and implement policies that an informed electorate would never approve. On November 3rd 2020, you will have a chance to show approval or disapproval of what has been going on across this nation. Vote in person to make sure your vote will be heard, not by mail. Your vote will determine what sort of nation the United States will be in the future.

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