



# Firing Lines

Fighting for your Second Amendment Rights since 1965

*A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.*

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## The Fight to Remain Free

By Don Smith

Do you recall being told that “We the People’ means the Government?” No? You may have missed it! President Biden said in his inaugural address that, “we the people” is actually “the government.”

A statement like that should have raised plenty of eyebrows when spoken by a leader in this great nation. We should not appreciate hearing it nor look forward to how it may be applied to affect our freedom.

Does it imply that we should expect to be subservient to our governments?

Should we assume that we are only a means to whatever end is determined by those elected to serve us?

Perhaps he was referring to the joining of individuals into a union in which they share the same ideals?

Recent events lead me to believe otherwise. It appears he is advocating for political authority over the actions, affairs, etc. of the American people. His administration’s interference with the social media giants recently is a good example.

We celebrated the 247<sup>th</sup> anniversary of America’s independence from England on July Fourth. Independence! Doesn’t that term refer to the capacity of each of us to manage our own affairs, make our own judgments and provide for ourselves. Certainly, a statement by Evelyn Beatrice Hill in 1906 is still valid in this free country: “I may disapprove of what you say, but I would defend to the death your right to say it.”

Coincidentally on that same day, 07/04/23, Judge Terry A. Doughty of the U. S. District Court in the Western District of Louisiana and Missouri granted an injunction

against the federal government which was accused of violating the Free Speech Clause in the First Amendment to the United States Constitution. The federal government’s actions carried the strong odor of an attempt to control our personal liberties.

The suit alleged that the Defendants (the federal government) suppressed speech on social media regarding ‘masking’ and COVID-19 lockdowns. The integrity of the 2020 presidential election was also brought into question. Previously, would you ever have believed that your federal government might ‘strong arm’ social media giants in an effort to regulate free speech?

If the allegations are true, this case may “arguably involve the most massive attack against free speech in United States’ history”. The federal government may likely have deliberately ignored the First Amendment’s right to free speech. Perhaps not a surprise since both federal and state governments have been going after our 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment rights for years, so why not muzzle our 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment rights while they are at it.

The following quotes reveal the Founding Fathers’ thoughts on freedom of speech:

*“For if men are to be precluded from offering their sentiments on a matter, which may involve the most serious and alarming consequences...the freedom of speech may be taken away, and dumb and silent we may be led, like sheep, to the slaughter.”*

*“Whoever would overthrow the liberty of a nation must begin by subduing the Free acts of speech.”*

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**Ann Coulter**

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Articles should be emailed as a file. Text or basic Word document formats are preferred. Please pictures in JPG format. NO PDF files. Thank You

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## Preparing to Fight the Culture Wars

By Tom Reynolds

2024 is a major election year and we need to begin preparing.

Why?

Because we have a huge task that has been building up for decades.

Here's the background.

SCOPE was formed (1<sup>st</sup>) to defend the U S Constitution as a whole and (2<sup>nd</sup>) to defend the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment. It is important that we remember the first part of that purpose, since the attacks on the second part, our Second Amendment rights, are part of a bigger picture; the drive to take down the entire U S Constitution.

Several articles in this current Firing Lines talk about issues other than the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment: Supreme Court decisions that take us back to the Founding Father's values; voting issues in NY State; the states as laboratories for political efforts; protecting freedom of speech. Don't ignore them because they are not about the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment.

These articles highlight only a few of the attacks on our Constitution, which is the main obstacle to a leftist, socialist takeover of our country; the left must obliterate

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Taking and consolidating absolute power from a free people is never easy. Thankfully we live in a Constitutional Republic where we were created to be free and protected by the "Bill of Rights". This may not be contained in the playbook of an autocrat in Washington, D.C. but it definitely was the belief of our Founding Fathers.

The founders provided us with a constitution containing our "natural" rights, which William Blackstone, the Oxford attorney, referred to as "absolute". They came to us from God through nature. Not the least of which is the Second Amendment that protects our right to self-preservation and our right to live freely. Thus, it is also a means to protect our life and a means to keep a tyrannical government in check.

any traces of the founders' principles in order to succeed.

Woodrow Wilson may have been the founding grandfather of the '*U S Constitution isn't relevant anymore*' movement but its real founding father was Franklin Roosevelt. The reason why Wilson did not succeed was that he was followed by conservative presidents who negated many of his policies. Roosevelt was followed, with the exception of Reagan and Trump, by presidents who all leaned to the left on domestic issues; some like Lyndon Johnson, Barack Obama and Joe Biden leaned more than others.

But it wasn't just presidents.

The Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) took a sharp left turn when Earl Warren became Chief Justice and even Republican presidents made some ill-advised appointments. Thankfully, the current SCOTUS is returning us to some level of sanity which, hopefully, will entail overturning more Warren court precedents. But leftist presidents appointed leftist judges and the lower federal courts abound with judges who believe the constitution is a contract that is open to changing without following the rules laid out in the contract. SCOTUS only hears about 70 cases a year so leftist judges believe they can ignore SCOTUS, since the odds are in their favor of not being overturned.

While the presidency and SCOTUS were turning left, children were being indoctrinated by public schools into socialist propaganda. Probably since the Viet Nam War. We now face generations of people who have only heard the left's drumbeat and think it's music.

And of course, there is the media. In one sense, it is difficult to understand how the media could fall so completely under the influence of the left since any real study of history shows that tyrants shut down all media voices except those that agree with the tyrant. Whether it was Stalin's Russia or the current fad of shutting down 'misinformation' that doesn't follow the government's lead, 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment freedoms are one of a tyrannical government's first victims. But then, we must remember that today's media is populated by the generations who were indoctrinated in our public schools. Reading the dark side of socialism's history was not a priority.

And let's not forget Hollywood. They have been spreading misinformation for generations. Doubt it? Read

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## Yearly Banquet Cancellation and Formation of 2024 Planning Committee

By Rich Chapman

S.C.O.P.E. apologizes for any inconvenience caused by this announcement.

It is unfortunate to inform you that, due to unforeseen circumstances, the 2023 yearly banquet has been cancelled. We understand the anticipation and excitement surrounding this event, and we share in the disappointment of its cancellation.

Looking ahead, we are committed to ensuring a successful State S.C.O.P.E. 2024 banquet, which will be held in late September or early October, just before the 2024 elections. We are excited to announce the formation of a dedicated banquet committee that will play a crucial role in organizing and ensuring the success of this important event.

The 2024 banquet presents us with a unique opportunity to generate tremendous energy as well as educate and engage supporters, particularly during the heart of the 2024 election season. Our rights are at stake, and by coming together, we can make a significant impact.

The banquet committee will be responsible for various tasks, including determining the territory and selecting a suitable venue, securing compelling guest

speakers, planning an informative program, and collaborating on the menu.

We invite SCOPE members who are passionate about defending our rights and are willing to contribute their time and expertise to join the banquet committee. By volunteering, you will have the opportunity to shape an event that amplifies our message, energizes attendees, and empowers us to protect our 2nd Amendment rights during this critical time.

If you are interested in volunteering for the banquet committee or have any questions, please reach out to Rich Chapman at rich@2a4ny.com. Rich will coordinate the committee's efforts and provide further details regarding the planning process.

While we understand the disappointment of the cancelled 2023 banquet, we remain dedicated to our shared mission and look forward to creating an unforgettable experience at the State S.C.O.P.E. 2024 banquet. Your dedication and support are essential in making a difference.

Once again, we apologize for any inconvenience caused, and we appreciate your understanding as we focus on planning for the future.



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this edition's article on suppressors / silencers; they don't just go poof, as in the movies. SCOPE has previously written about the many misconceptions Hollywood has spread about guns. Funny thing, the Biden administration doesn't single Hollywood out for misinformation and Biden loves to use the term "Gun Violence" but he never condemns the more serious glamorization done by 'Hollywood Violence'.

So, why this history lesson?

To emphasize that our culture has been leaning left for a long time and it's not going to change until it collapses of its own rotten, dead weight... or...we stand up against it.

In early July, SCOPE sent two e mails to members that highlight the battle we face. 'Philadelphia' and 'Journalism' dealt with how media reporting / journalism constantly emphasizes the left's talking points while ignoring facts that would present the left in a negative fashion. Today's media absolutely reeks with this one-sided propaganda.

The next fifteen months will swamp us with left

wing biased stories and we must do everything we can to call it out for what it is, propaganda, and present the true story. Our goal must be more than providing support to those already with us (preaching to the choir) but educating those in the middle as to the real facts. If we are successful with those in the middle, we can take back America.

Unfortunately, there are those on the far left who will never be convinced. After all, in a recent poll, 32% thought Kamala Harris was doing a good job as Vice President. While we may wonder what cave that 32% are living in, we must not spend any time on them; they have gulped the Kool Aid and are probably beyond hope or reason. On the bright side, they provide full employment for psychiatrists.

SCOPE will keep sending e mails and the Firing Lines to keep you informed. But we are dependent on you to spread the word. Forwarding an email or passing around Firing Lines would seem to be an easy way to help save your country.

## Is There Really Fraud In The NYS Election System?

By Joe Atkinson

Before I answer that question, let me reiterate what I wrote in a previous e-mail blast article before I answer.

### Does My Vote Really Count?

In simple terms, YES! There are an estimated 5 million gun owners in NY and we estimate only 1.3 million of us voted at all. (3.7 million did not vote.) Just think what the outcome would've been if we all just voted our rights to own a firearm. Zeldin lost by about 378,000 votes.

In more complicated terms, there are major problems with the election system in New York State.

New York Citizens Audit (NYCA) sent Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) requests to the New York State Board of Elections (NYSBOE) and the 62 county boards of election in NY state asking for voter and election records from 2020. They received a complete record from the NYSBOE and 7 counties but 42 counties only gave them part of what they asked for. The remainder did not respond at all.

There are 3 basic tenets of an election:

Voter rolls must be accurate.

Votes counted must be from qualified voters.

The number of votes must equal the number of voters.

When processing the data from the NYSBOE, NY Citizens Audit researchers found the following anomalies:

2,427,827 New York State Voter ID numbers were attached to 1,170,790 registrants. Under NYS Election Law each registrant is only supposed to have one NYS Voter ID number. That means there are 1,257,037 excess voter ID numbers in the system. We call these people "Clones".

"Clones" are registrants with multiple New York State Voter ID numbers. They have the same First and Last Name and Date of Birth. These persons probably don't know that they have multiple numbers. Somewhere between the County Boards of Election and the NYS Board of Elections, these multiple state voter ID numbers are created.

Between 1900 to 2021 a total of 987,490 voters registered on January 1<sup>st</sup>, which is a Federal Holiday and government offices are closed.

1.9 million more registrations on the state voter rolls than on the county voter rolls.

625,359 more registrations than voting-age citi-

zens in just 6 counties.

740,396 ineligible votes statewide in 2020.

338,356 more votes cast than voters who voted in 2020. (Combined Federal and NYS elections)

195,271 votes cast in New York City that were missing in the NYSVoter database in Albany. This means that these votes show up in the New York City voter records, but do not show up in the NYSVoter database in Albany.

Some of these clones have voted! Some may have even unknowingly double voted. How could it happen? Somewhere between the County Boards of Election and the NYS Board of Elections, these multiple votes are created in the system.

In my county there are 735 clones and 16 have double voted. The worst case is a clone that double voted 8 times between 2010 and 2020.

No one is immune! 7% of our NYS Assemblyman are clones. It doesn't matter what party they're in. The worst case I know of is an assemblyperson who is high ranking in their party and has 4 numbers; 2 registered in their party and 2 registered in another party.

There are other reasons that voters' registrations can be ineligible to vote. Here are some of those reasons:

No residential address in the registration data.

Votes recorded before the registration date. That is, they voted before they were registered. Is it a clerical error, or database manipulation? All we know is that these voters are ineligible because of the NYS Election Laws.

Votes recorded after the purge date; they voted after their registration was purged.

Voter records purged with no purge date. If there's no purge date, votes can be created using a voter's ID and we don't know if they were created before or after they were purged. It leaves a huge window for fraud.

Voters who voted before their date of birth shows them to be 18 years old.

Voters who registered after the registration cut-off date but still voted.

Does my vote count? The complicated answer to the question is still YES. But there are issues in the system that dilute the value of our votes. Until these and other issues are fixed, it is imperative on each one of us to make sure that we all vote to help overcome the dilution of the value of each individual's vote.

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As a lawful gun owner, I'm scared to see that my right to self-defense is being eroded away by an election system that can be easily rigged because my vote's value is diluted by ineligible votes being cast in opposition to my own vote.

I want to state an important point before I move on. There is no such thing as Election Integrity. Elections have no integrity. They are an inanimate object that has no brain or emotion, it can only be accurate or inaccurate. It's the people who run the election are who either have or don't have integrity.

Now for the real question at hand. Is there provable fraud in our NYS Election System? The answer is YES. What I haven't mentioned yet is that the research team at New York Citizens Audit has found mathematical manipulation of the New York State Voter Roll Database (NYSVoter). When investigating this manipulation, it was found that there was a possibility of algorithms embedded in the database. After many thousands of hours of work our people were able to reverse engineer the algorithms found in NYSVoter.

Once the algorithms were found much effort was put into gaining credibility for this research and to push back on criticism of the research team's work. Finally, on May 17, 2023, a peer-reviewed article was published in The Journal of Information Warfare by our chief researcher, Andrew Paquette. This article was triple blind peer reviewed. It is now scientifically proven that there is mathematical manipulation of NYSVoter! This makes every election that relies on this database untrustworthy and uncertifiable.

Our voter rolls are considered part of our national security infrastructure by CISA (Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency). Cybersecurity experts tell us that NYSVoter should have the lowest possible CISA rating, which is "Total Loss of Control". This renders NYSVoter totally untrustworthy under both New York and Federal election Laws. This makes elections that depended on NYSVoter uncertifiable.

To sum it up, here is what we know in simple terms:

The Algorithm is very complex and extremely well hidden.

The manipulation is illegal.

Extensive unauthorized changes are being made.

Implementing this was very expensive.

Data is forged and destroyed.

The law says NYSVoter is completely untrustworthy.

Basically, we are in an information war and the more informed you are, the better our chances that we will win.

So, now that you know this new information, what can you as a legal gun owner do about it? VOTE!!! If

all gun owners voted to preserve their 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Right, it would be hard to ignore any manipulation of the voter rolls and the manipulation would become much more blatant. You can also join us at New York Citizens Audit in our efforts at [www.AuditNY.com](http://www.AuditNY.com). You can help us present our local governments with The Resolution For An Audit Of The NYS 2022 General Election. The combination of SCOPE members fighting for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Rights and volunteering at New York Citizens Audit can only strengthen our resolve and help get us back to the United States of America that we all love.

*Note: I am a strike team leader for New York Citizens Audit in Chemung County along with being a member of SCOPE. New York Citizens Audit is an all-volunteer grassroots organization whose mission is to fight for honest and provable elections. Our goal is to have an end-to-end audit of the entire election system conducted by a bonded and insured independent auditor. If you would like either a summary of our findings or a more detailed report called "New York's 2020 General Election: A Study in Deficits", I can be reached at [Taskforce@stny.rr.com](mailto:Taskforce@stny.rr.com). Or you can go to our website at [www.auditny.com](http://www.auditny.com).*

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Grand Island Rod & Gun Club  
Greenway Verona Mills Fish & Game Club  
Hamburg Rod & Gun Club  
Harder O'Donnell Post 734 American Legion  
Hidden Lake Conservation Association  
Hidden Valley Lodge  
Hoisingtons NY Ranging Co. 1776  
Holley Rod & Gun Club  
Honeoye Fish & Game Club  
Hornell Sportsman Club  
Ilion Fish & Game Club  
Indian Lake/Blue Mtn. Fish & Game Assoc  
Iroquois Rod & Gun Club  
Junior Wilson Sportsmen Club  
Lackawanna Conservation  
Lima Gun Club  
Lime Lake Sportsman's Club  
Lodi Rod & Gun Club  
Long Lake Fish & Game Club  
Mendon Conservation League  
Middleburgh Rod & Gun Club  
Middlesex Conservation Club  
Millgrove Sportsmen's Club  
Millport Hunting & Fishing Club  
Morgan Hill Game Association  
Neighbors Gun Club  
New Paltz Rod & Gun Club  
Newark Rod & Gun Club  
Newfield Rod & Gun Club  
North Star Sportsman's Club  
Northern Chautauqua Rifle & Pistol Club  
Northern Dutchess Rod & Gun Club  
Northwoods Sportsmen Association  
NY Houndsmen Conservation Association  
Oakfield Rod & Gun Club  
Oatka Fish & Game Club  
Olean Rod & Gun Club  
Ontario Rod & Gun Club  
Painted Post Field & Stream Club  
Point Rock Fish & Game Club  
Pulaski Police Association  
Red Creek Conservation Club

Richfield Sportsmen's Club  
Ripley Rod & Gun Club  
Rochester Brooks Gun Club  
Rochester Rifle Club  
Roslyn Rifle & Revolver Club  
SaraSpa Rod & Gun Club  
Schroon Lake Fish & Game Club  
Scio Rod & Gun Club  
Second Amendment For EVER  
Seneca Co. Fed of Sportsmen's Clubs  
Shortsville Rod & Gun Club  
Sodus Bay Sportsman's Club  
Sons of American Legion Squadron 734  
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Sportsmans Coon Hunters Association  
Sportsmen's Club of Clifton Park  
Springville Field & Stream Club  
Sprout Brook Rod & Gun Club  
Square Deal Sportsmen  
Stamford Rod & Gun Club  
Steuben Co. Federation of Conservation Clubs  
Syracuse Pistol Club  
Tonawandas Sportsmens Club  
Trumansburg Rifle & Pistol Club  
Tupper Lake Sportsmens Club  
Twin City Shooting Club  
Vernon Rod & Gun Club  
Veterans of America Gun Club  
Waterloo Rifle & Pistol Club  
Westfield Fish & Game Club  
Williamson Conservation & Sporting Club  
Wolcottsville Sportsman's Club  
Wyoming County Conservation  
Wyoming County Wildlife Federation  
Yates County Federation of Conservation Clubs  
Yates County Sportsmens Association



## SCOPE Chapter Activities

By Susan Maressa

To find your county's meeting information go to [SCOPEny2a.org/calendar](https://SCOPEny2a.org/calendar) or go to your chapter's page of the website [SCOPEny2a.org/chapters](https://SCOPEny2a.org/chapters).

SCOPE is a 'boots on the ground' organization and we need your boots! We want a chapter in every county to work with our elected officials. If your county does not have an active SCOPE chapter and you are willing to help form a County Committee and subsequently an active Chapter, please contact Don Smith at [don6027@gmail.com](mailto:don6027@gmail.com).

The following is an update of the activities of some of our chapters.

### Allegany County:

Held its meeting on May 16th at the Angelica Conservation Club.

Chairman Krywalski gave a brief summary of the state SCOPE member meeting for those who did not attend.

*Right Thinkers* – Chairman Krywalski has been asked to be on the June 19th panel; the topic that night is the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment, crime and school safety. He has agreed and indicated that, while nervous, he's going to give it his best shot. The question was asked about the Allegany County Sheriff attending that meeting, and it was stated that the *Right Thinkers* Secretary has been trying to get him to attend, but hasn't received a response.

Nick Massal indicated that he would attempt to contact the Sheriff to see if he could encourage him to attend.

The June 20<sup>th</sup> meeting started with a discussion of the Allegany County Fair; July 17-22. Raffle tickets are still available for the Puma 12 gauge Over/Under Shotgun and will be sold at the fair. Because of the fair, the Allegany July meeting will be held on July 11<sup>th</sup>.

A big thank you went out to the chapter; for the 4<sup>th</sup> time, the chapter sold the most tickets for the state SCOPE raffle. Congratulations and thank you for all of your work!

Chairman Krywalski read a flyer from the Andover Wetlands Kids Fishing Contest. They have again asked for a donation from Allegany County S.C.O.P.E. A motion was made to send them a \$100 donation, seconded and carried unanimously.

David DiPietro said that cannabis is still illegal at the federal level. If you attempt to purchase firearms or ammunition and admit to using "illicit drugs" on the form, your right to own firearms will be revoked. If you say that you DON'T use cannabis, you have committed a felony.

*Gun owners must get out to vote.* Only 14% of gun owners are active voters.

The possibility of holding chapter meetings at the Angelica Hotel was brought up. A motion was made to hold 2 meetings per year there, motion carried unanimously. The first meeting will be held in August at 6:00 PM.

**Capital District/Saratoga County:** Met on June 14<sup>th</sup> at the Sportsmen's Club of Clifton Park.

Chairman Rich Chapman discussed how a new ammo and gun NICs system is being set up by the state. There are a lot of unknowns on how it will be implemented between the federal background checks and state background checks. Reportedly it will be set up in July or August. There will be a fee for the background checks.

Also, for pistol permits, NRA certified instructors are going to need an additional DCJS teaching certification starting in 2027.

*Blue Line United* invited the chapter to have a table at their 4th annual steel shoot shooting event in September. A member of Blue Line spoke of the event. It's an all day event for first responders. There will be prizes and raffles, food and beverages. 30 teams will compete. It will be held at the SWAT range in Galway on the 24th of September. It is open to the public to watch. Volunteers are needed for the SCOPE table.

Proposed upcoming events were discussed; - Summer/Fall 2024 a Capital District SCOPE Freedom Fest - a training event for firearms owners. The events would include a professional training class and also a possible training event by SCOPE members (or local experts) to help out new gun owners. The professional trainer contacted is Keith Hansen of Critical Dynamics. They will be able to teach a pistol course and rifle course. Handouts regarding Critical Dynamics were made available

July's speaker will be Attorney Peter Tilem; speaking about NYS Article 35 – Use of Force

**Cattaraugus County:** Met on May 11th.

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer, and a moment of silence for Michael Wesley, Cattaraugus County Chairman, who passed away on April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Sign-up sheets for volunteers were passed around: the Cattaraugus County Fair is July 30-August 5, and the Cattaraugus Co. Trapper Rendezvous Weekend is August 11-13.

Tonight's guest speaker is Brian Stedman, owner of S&S Taxidermy in Springville and Chris Brown from S&S Taxidermy. They described what it is like to be an FFL at this time. They noted that they tend to spend more time explaining the current gun laws than actually selling

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firearms. Since there is now a need for a permit to buy a semi-auto firearm, it has crushed sales of those firearms. They reported that background checks for purchasing ammo are coming. Right now, they are required to get the name, age, address and phone number of people purchasing ammo. Governor Hochul is putting money into enforcing the new gun laws and parts of the original SAFE Act i.e.; ammo background checks. They reminded everyone that the questions on NCIS form have changed so you need to read them carefully.

Treasurer Jim Land attended the state SCOPE member meeting. The speaker was Robert Young, MD from Doctors for Responsible Gun Ownership (DRGO). He gave a summary.

At the June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting Officer elections were held. Jim Land is now the Chairman of the Cattaraugus County chapter.

SCOPE applications have been put in several area shops in order to promote awareness and membership.

At the meeting, Jim reviewed Article 35 (Defense and justification of force); sensitive and restricted areas per NY penal codes and recently passed NY legislation. There was lots of discussion on these topics. Thanks to Kirk B. for clarification on several of the topics from his perspective as a retired law officer.

**Genesee County:** Did not have a meeting in April as it was cancelled in order for everyone to attend Senator Borello's (57th District) Town Hall meeting at the Batavia City Hall (we are now in his district). The City had a few representatives present, and the Genesee chapter had several in attendance. The Senator is not a fan of Governor Hocu and he seems like an honest down to earth person who is in favor of 2nd amendment rights. Senator Borello thanked Jim T. for cancelling our meeting, so that we could attend his presentation.

The May meeting was held at the Sportsman Coon Club on the 9<sup>th</sup>. A report was given on the upcoming shows Genesee County SCOPE is participating in; volunteers, as always are welcome and necessary.

- Memorial Day Parade; Pocket Constitutions & *Firearms Responsibility in the Homes* pamphlets will be handed out from the float

- Alexander Gun Show
- Firing Pin Freedom Weekend - Genesee Air Show
- Genesee County Fair
- Steam Show
- Antique Truck Show
- Northwoods Gun Raffle

A \$100 donation from the chapter was given to the Elba Youth Trap League. Genesee County is co-sponsoring an event with the Orleans Co. SCOPE chapter; May 25<sup>th</sup>; Attorneys William Zickl and Daniel Killelea will be updating us on new gun

laws.

On June 13<sup>th</sup> the discussion centered around the statewide lead ammo ban and HR2382, the Federal 7 day waiting period bill.

Also discussed was the list of upcoming events; Genesee Co. SCOPE is also thinking about putting on another Picnic Meet & Greet as last year's was rather successful.

**Monroe County:** Held their meeting on May 23rd.

The status of fundraising plans was discussed; volunteers are necessary for upcoming events. The chapter was given an update by their *Communication Team*; volunteers in charge of reaching out to members with renewal reminders, event information & general chapter information.

There is an educational outreach scheduled at the Sportsman's Warehouse July 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Preparations for that were discussed as there is only 1 more meeting beforehand.

The guest speaker was Bruce Sprague; Monroe County's leader of *NY Citizen's Audit*. Bruce presented a summary of the investigation into the 2020 election that revealed problems with how the voting was conducted. His presentation was approximately 45 minutes in length with a Q&A session after.

As an aside; this was the first Monroe Co. SCOPE meeting utilizing the new 100" projector screen and LCD projector. Every chair in the room had full screen visibility!

**Oneida-Herkimer:** Held their meeting on April 10th. Chairman Rabarsky gave an update on 2A lawsuits; there are 5 different lawsuits presently pending.



A motion was made and unanimously passed to donate \$150 to the Ilion Fish & Game Club for their fishing derby. Greenway-Verona Mills Fish & Game Club was also represented at the meeting and gave a brief presentation.

The Vernon National State Sporting Clays tournament is coming up in July.

Oneida-Herkimer SCOPE will have a table set up; volunteers are needed.

*M. George Massoud, Chapter Treasurer at the Oneida-Herkimer table set up at the Trapper Show. (April)*

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## SCOPE member businesses

A&K Gun Sales  
5 West main St  
Corfu, NY 14036  
585-599-3006

AR Pierrepont Co., Inc  
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Rochester, NY 14607-3003  
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Armstrong's Armory  
1167 Union Rd  
West Seneca, NY 14224  
716-289-8629

Ashville General Store  
P.O. Box 199  
Ashville, NY 14710  
716-763-3369

B&B Repair Service Inc.  
14 Second Street  
Canisteo, NY 14823  
607-698-2876

Bare Arms Gun Shop, LLC  
738 Creek Rd  
Little Falls, NY 13365  
315-868-4831

Bonded Collection Services  
PO Box 305  
Fairport, NY 14450  
585-223-7357

BS Recreational Farm  
8384 State Park Rd  
Three Mile Bay, NY 13693  
315-649-3424

Bullseye Shooters Supply  
453 S. Hamilton St  
Painted Post, NY 14870  
607-962-1100

Creekside Morgans, LLC  
60529 Rt 415  
Avoca, NY 14809-9540  
631-988-6303

Dick's Country Store Gun City  
& Music Oasis  
7429 US Rt 11  
Churubusco, NY 12923  
5184973253

Donahoo-Consulting, LLC  
1000 N Division Street, STE-2i  
Peekskill, NY 10566-1830  
914-455-4099

George's Gun Shop  
PO Box 39  
Grand Gorge, NY 12434  
607-588-7653

Golden Coin Laundry  
582 east Main Street  
Batavia, NY 14020  
5853568210

Harold's Welding Shop  
1164 E. Swamp Rd  
Penn Yan, NY 14527-9363  
585-554-5178

Inspire Pecision  
2495 Andover Rd  
Wellsville, NY 14895  
585-593-8749

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Rochester, NY 14624  
585-436-9807

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examine which policies work. Voters should be smart enough to compare policy results. One definition of stupidity is repeating the same thing that doesn't work over again (and with more financial investment) in the hope that failed policies will somehow work.

Progressive liberals are doubling down on their policies. When will they learn from the states' experience with defund the police, no bail policies, liberal drug use policies, tolerance of crime, free spending, high taxes, forced save the planet environmentalism, gun control laws that don't work and lack of voting safeguards that their ideological compass is wrong?

Just look at the laboratory experiment and draw your own conclusions.

Which parts of our country are declining and which are doing well? Where is it better to live?

Are you better off now than you were under the previous federal administration?

Whose economic policies work better?

To get the facts, you can no longer rely on the mainstream media who have been known to make up news but more importantly leave out inconvenient facts or stories that would highlight the failures of policies. You may have to dig for the truth but if we want government, federal and state, to improve our lot not diminish it, we have to take the time to dig out the facts and use them to judge which road to travel. And most important, we have to vote, not so much on personalities, but on results; what works and what does not. Compare the states and you'll get many of your answers.



Legal Shield/ ID Shield  
PO Box 364  
Ransomville, NY 14131  
716-863-6577

Seneca Gun Sports  
4705 Rt 14  
Rock Stream, NY 14878  
607-243-7243

VFW Post 8647  
10 Memorial Dr  
Mayville, NY 14757  
716-753-2444

Mud Creek Guns & Ammo  
297 Mud Creek Rd.  
Kennedy, NY 14747  
716-267-7505

Strong Side Defensive Firearms  
Training  
5316 Franklin Rd  
Marion, NY 14505  
585-506-2978

Wallkill River Small Arms, LLC  
2332 Route 300  
Wallkill, NY 12589  
844-308-GUNS

Precision Armament Division  
of PM Research  
4110 Niles Hill Rd.  
Wellsville, NY 14895  
585-593-3169

The Firing Pin LLC  
8240 Buffalo Rd  
Bergen, NY 14416  
585-494-0333

Walton's Service Center  
1634 Rt 54  
Penn Yan, NY 14527  
315-536-6928

Pointer Lodge Clays  
49 Lake Front Rd.  
Campbell, NY 14821  
607-867-3139

Thunderbird Arms  
714 Broadway  
Darien Center, NY 14040  
15855473762

Williamson Hardware  
4101 Main Street  
Williamson, NY 14589  
315-589-4011

Powers Taxidermy  
2 Elmwood Place  
Canisteo, NY 14823  
607-698-9205

Tilton Sears, FFL  
11000 Salter Rd.  
North Rose, NY 14516  
315-587-9716

S&B Products, Inc.  
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**Orleans County:** In May, SCOPE Orleans and Genesee County presented an educational seminar on Must-Know Laws for All Gun Owners.



The subject was addressed by a panel including Dan Killelea, Esq. from the Law Offices of Gilmour & Killelea, LLP, and Will Zickl, the Genesee County Assistant District Attorney.

“We are very pleased with the turnout for our 2nd Amendment seminars,” said Mark Allen, Chairman of the Orleans County chapter. “The interest in this topic is clear, and we are glad that we were able to provide a forum for people to learn more about their 2nd Amendment rights.”

Mr. Killelea and Mr. Zickl provided over two and a half hours of educational materials that were greatly received by the audience. A third seminar is in the works for the October time frame.

Check the Orleans chapter website for updates: [www.scopeny2a.org/Orleans](http://www.scopeny2a.org/Orleans).

**Schuyler County:**

On June 9<sup>th</sup>, Schuyler Co. SCOPE Chairman, Steven Getman, presented a donation check to Montour Falls Moose Lodge 426 Treasurer, Ken Dzikiewicz.



The Montour Falls Moose Lodge has been supportive of the Schuyler County SCOPE chapter since inception in 2014

Legal updates for June and July have been posted and include the following:

- New York pending legislation
- Conservation groups fighting back against ‘misguided’ regulation efforts on hunting and fishing
- Counties issuing fewer pistol permits; costs are

getting too high

- Gun control changes in the state budget bill
- State Police Investigators are overwhelmed with Red Flag cases
- Already months behind schedule; NY passed the microstamping law
- Federal Judge rules age restrictions on hand-gun sales to be unconstitutional
- California waiting period Law/Illinois assault weapons ban/NRA sues Maryland.

Legal updates for July:

- NY State legislature; end of session wrap-up
- Bill requiring Health Dept. to promote anti-gun narratives
- Fact Check: Biden makes 5 false claims about guns, plus a few more about other subjects
- Study: Restrictive gun laws ‘unlikely’ to solve youth gun violence

The list of information in the Schuyler County Legal updates is endless. Not only information about NY but around the country and at the Federal level. It never hurts to know what other states gun owners are dealing with; good or bad, all gun owners should be paying attention and making their voices heard at polling time.

These Legal Updates include local, state, and federal information; they are available at [www.SCOPEny2a.org/Schuyler](http://www.SCOPEny2a.org/Schuyler)

**Steuben County:** Holds their meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month.

At each meeting there is also an update from the Steuben Chapter of Armed Women of America (AWA). Steuben SCOPE has been instrumental in helping Steuben AWA.

The May meeting opened with discussion on upcoming events: Jake’s Day at the Bath Rod & Gun Club; Steuben Dairy Festival; and the Bath R&G Club chicken BBQ.

The topic of school board elections was brought up and their importance was emphasized.

Notification (or lack of) for pistol permit renewals and the banning of lead ammunition on state land was discussed.

It’s not always about guns and we can’t do it alone.

The June Steuben chapter meeting was led by Tom Reynolds of Chemung County. Our Steuben officers have lives and families (as do all of our other officers) and things come up. We thank Tom for stepping in and volunteering to help us out!

The meeting started with a discussion on water contamination in Steuben County and PFAS chemicals found within the water supply. PFAS chemicals can cause

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# SCOTUS' SIGNIFICANT WEEK

By Henry S. Kramer

In blue states like New York, sometimes the only voice for conservatives is through the courts. That's why it's important to watch how the courts are ruling on a variety of issues that may be unrelated to the Second Amendment.

The last week of June, 2023, saw SCOTUS (Supreme Court of the United States) hand down decisions on very significant cases that will set a precedent for a number of the major issues of our time. These cases are important for their individual holdings and in how they foreshadow the court may rule in future cases. None involved Second Amendment rights directly, but the various opinions from members of the court make it easier to predict how they may rule in future cases.

First, in Biden v. Nebraska, the court struck down President Biden's gross violation of separation of powers

when he, via executive order and without authorization from Congress, attempted to rewrite a federal statute to eliminate part of student debt. Previous House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D) had publicly stated that Biden did not have the constitutional authority to so act. Defying the Court, Biden is trying again with a new debt forgiveness program likely to be quickly enjoined.

Biden v. Nebraska follows cases such as EPA v. West Virginia in which the court has begun to shape and limit major changes to long standing existing statutes when made by the executive branch, alone, or by federal agencies; all without congressional authority. This may be the tip of the iceberg. Some legal analysts anticipate that SCOTUS will soon abandon the 'Chevron doctrine,' under which courts defer to agencies when those agencies interpret their own law. Despite EPA, other federal agencies continue to attempt policy changes.

In the Harvard and North Carolina university cases, SCOTUS also dealt a blow to DIE, "diversity, inclusion, equity," which is sometimes co-mingled with CRT

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damage to the liver and immune system; it is being dumped in Steuben County as part of sewage sludge coming from NYC. We all need to be aware of this threat. We need to contact our legislators to prevent the contamination of our well water and town water supplies.

Court proceedings, local High School trap team contests, and the upcoming Steuben County SCOPE Fall Raffle were discussed and an update was given by the local Armed Women of America chapter.

**Yates County:** Met on May 4<sup>th</sup>. A big thank you goes out to all of the volunteers who helped make the April Chicken n Biscuit dinner another huge success.

A total of \$8000 was donated to multiple High School Clay Target Leagues.

The annual Meet the Candidates Pig Roast is coming up in August.

An update of the state SCOPE member meeting was given for those who did not attend. Yates county Chairman Jack Prendergast was once again elected Chairman of the Board for State SCOPE.

At the June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting a handout was given to the members on the gun control changes in the state budget and info on the gun instructor shortage we are now seeing across the state.

Volunteers are needed for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Branchport parade; and volunteers and donations are needed for the August Pig Roast at Fireman's Field.

In July, the NYS Sportsmen Association will be offering a USCCA basic gun course at the Yates County Sportsmen's Association.

SCOPE gives us an opportunity to help make our

voice heard. We educate voters, donate money to different organizations such as G.O.A., Second Amendment Foundation and others to help fund lawsuits. By attending meetings on a regular basis, you have the benefit of staying abreast of the issues. This is also a great way to educate your friends about issues the mainstream press won't report. Be involved; it takes a team of individuals with many different talents to accomplish what this 2A organization is all about...whether it's manning a booth, planning an event, researching / collecting raffle items, researching legislation, keeping records or so many other important parts of the machinery.



Yates County; 4th of July Branchport Parade float. Pocket Constitutions were handed out to the crowd.

## Stand Up

By Richard Rossi

It is very disturbing to see the state that our republic is in. I am sure that our Founding Fathers are "turning over in their graves", to see our republic reduced to a tarnished state of disarray.

They tried so hard to put safe-guards in place so the coming generations would not have to face chaos. Our *Declaration of Independence* and our *Constitution* were designed to give our new nation the foundation to prosper and grow into one of the greatest countries in the world. They hoped the "Checks & Balances" that were created would insure our stability and growth.

We take for granted the "Checks and Balances" between the three branches of our government; Executive, Congressional and Judicial. These were the safe guards our Founding Fathers envisioned that would keep America on the "true and narrow path." It didn't happen!

There is a triad of power that comprises these checks and balances:

The Oath of Office, that every elected official takes, supports and protects the U.S. Constitution as the supreme law of our republic. Any individual violating his/her oath should be removed from office immediately. Today, this oath is abused and neglected without fear of consequences.

The Supreme Court (Judiciary) was envisioned as the overseer of both the Executive and Congressional branches, to insure no one branch would over-step its constitutional limits. They were envisioned as protectors of the people. At times they have abandoned their sworn duty and became a political pawn. Again, with no consequences!

The most powerful was the clause in our *Declaration of Independence*, which stated that government derive "their just powers from the consent of the governed." All powers must be derived from We the People's consent if they are to be just. Ultimately, We the People have a right "to alter or to abolish it, and institute new Government."

We the People have abandoned our duty as American Citizens and as guardians of our republic and neglected to stand firm and take back our consent!

However, it is not too late. Stand up and be the new *Founding Fathers*". Be the "Minute Men" of the 21st century. Demand a higher standard from our elected officials, Tell them to stand for us or go home! Become the boisterous majority: "We won't take it anymore!"

By doing so, we would be honoring our men and women - present and past - who have served in our military. Not just on Memorial Day and Veteran's Day but every day. My thoughts to them:

In closing, I would like to leave you with a few quotes from our Founding Fathers. Please take some time

to seriously think about what these statements mean and how profound our framers are to envision that "We the People" must stay vigilant.

Thomas Jefferson: "IF WE ARE TO GUARD AGAINST IGNORANCE AND REMAIN FREE, IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EVERY AMERICAN TO BE INFORMED."

Andrew Jackson: "THE PEOPLE ARE THE GOVERNMENT, ADMINISTERING IT BY THEIR AGENTS; THEY ARE THE GOVERNMENT, THE SOVEREIGN POWER."

John Jay: "AMERICA BELONGS TO "WE THE PEOPLE", IT DOES NOT BELONG TO CONGRESS, IT DOESN'T BELONG TO SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS, IT DOES NOT BELONG TO THE COURTS. IT BELONGS TO "WE THE PEOPLE."

Alexander Hamilton: "IF IT BE ASKED, WHAT IS THE MOST SACRED DUTY AND THE GREATEST SOURCE OF SECURITY IN A REPUBLIC? THE ANSWER WOULD BE, AN INVISIBLE RESPECT FOR THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS."

God Bless the U.S.A.!!!!

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(critical racial theory). In this 6-3 decision, the court reaffirmed that under the Fourteenth Amendment each person is to be treated as an individual and not as a group member. Our federal and state EEO laws are also race neutral in that they prohibit discrimination based on race and skin color. The court struck down the use of group membership criteria in college admissions. But unfortunately, the court majority left the door open with a single comment in the majority opinion that colleges may consider a student's assertion of how race impacted the student's life experience; a loophole that colleges may use to drive an eighteen-wheel truck through, if they are determined to use race in another guise, much like DIE. The case, though, signals that SCOTUS may be nearing readiness to overturn affirmative action in employment as well as education, which was originally to be a temporary measure to overcome past discrimination.

In an example of what gun rights advocates will have to deal with in Second Amendment cases, the newest Justice Brown Jackson, wrote a rambling, emotional dissent that tried the patience of some of the court's more senior members.

In 303 Creative, SCOTUS showed its strong bent to protect religious First Amendment rights with a ruling that people whose work is individualized and creative may refuse to provide services to customers if the customer insists on a "product" that is in opposition to the creative individual's religious principles. Together with the prior Hobby Lobby case -

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# Silencing Suppressors

Silencers – more accurately called suppressors – have been the subject of misinformation for decades. In 2017, Doctors for Responsible Gun Ownership filed a position paper on this subject to bring some factual information to the forefront. The following is the Executive Summary from that position paper.

DRGO strongly supports making firearm suppressors readily available as a critical public health step to prevent hearing loss. Lowering barriers to suppressor ownership will decrease gunshot induced hearing damage in over 100 million American firearm users, with no material impact on criminal use.

### Noise Induced Hearing Loss (NIHL) is a real public health problem:

The causal relationship between loud noise exposure and irreversible hearing loss has long been recognized by medicine and the U.S. government. NIHL is permanent and untreatable. Prevention is the only possible intervention.

#### Demonstrable need:

NIHL is the most prevalent service-connected disability among Veterans.

Per the CDC, 15% of adults aged 18 and over (or nearly 38 million American) have hearing problems.

Over 100 million Americans who own guns are at risk for gunshot-induced NIHL. Auditory injuries are sustained by bystanders the same as by shooters.

Nearly all gunshots exceed the noise threshold for instant damage to the hearing cells of the inner ear. And their explosive blast generates 1,000 times the force on the eardrum than the noise itself.

#### Benefit of suppressors:

Muzzle blast sound levels from most firearms range from 140 to over 170 decibels. 120 decibels is considered the maximum safe level for short exposures (the intensity of a car horn 3 feet away). Ear plugs and/or ear muffs only reduce noise by 20-30 decibels.

Evidence supporting the need for greater use of firearms suppressors comes from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communicative Disorders, the Centers for Disease Control, as well as academic and military research.

Muzzle-mounted suppressors are vastly superior to ear protectors,

providing 50% greater noise reduction. Only suppressors can make most modern firearms safe for hearing, as noise at gun ranges routinely reaches 160 decibels.

Conventional ear protectors deafen the wearer to external sound. Suppressors facilitate clear verbal communication between shooters, increasing safety.

### Restricting suppressors is a longstanding obstacle to hearing safety:

Listing suppressors in the 1934 National Firearms Act for no apparent reason made them extremely expensive and difficult to acquire here. They are readily available to gun owners in much of Europe and in New Zealand, where firearms are more strictly regulated.

#### Suppressors do not promote crime:

Suppressed gunfire is still very loud, about 120 decibels. There is no evidence that commercial suppressors increase the danger of criminal shootings. Single-use suppressors can easily be made at home. Criminals want easily concealed weapons; suppressors may double the length of handguns. Illegal suppressor use is extraordinarily rare, and is prosecuted at a rate of only 0.02%.

The entire position paper is available at [DRGO-HPA-White-Paper-03-27-17.pdf](#) and well worth reading for the multitude of information – not misinformation – it contains.

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## One Party State

By Attilio A. Contini

All we hear about on the news is about the thirty-seven count indictment of President Trump. I was surprised they didn't come up with 1,460 counts, one for each day he was in office. Surely there must be at least that many reasons to indict him.

In August, 2016, I predicted Trump would be assassinated. Today I understand the reason why he was not. I believe the Left knows that if they murdered Trump the falsely billed "Insurrection of Jan 6<sup>th</sup>" would have been a real and actual revolt with thousands of people dying before it ended. They are not ready for such a revolt - yet. They need to disarm us, first, so we cannot defend ourselves or fight back.

Alternatively, they are criminalizing and defaming Trump, hoping he will not be permitted to run for President. What will happen if Trump gets nominated and actually wins?

It's interesting to compare how the NAZI's and Fascists came to power in Germany and Italy with what is going on today. At what point will the American people actually realize what is happening and get serious about taking our country back?

What we are experiencing today is the implementation of a "peaceful revolution" by the international, One World, totalitarian, radical, leftist, elitists. They have infiltrated our government and weaponized many if not most agencies of the Federal government against their political opponents. Departments such as the FBI, DOJ, NSA, CIA, etc. are subservient to and do the bidding of the Democrat Party. (Excuse me, I meant to say Communist Party.) For all practical purposes they are criminalizing the Republican Party and everyone else who opposes their agenda; they are using the government to do their criminal dirty work. (The founding fathers had a lot of thoughts on that when they wrote the U S Constitution.)

Have we already crossed the line and fair and honest elections are now a thing of the past? Just look at the 2022 election here in New York State. Hochul should have gone down in flames and Republicans should have taken the Senate. Didn't happen! Why? Are the voters in New York that stupid?

They say "no one is above the Law"! So, just what did Trump do that is so criminal? Did he do something that other Presidents before him were not doing? In particular, Clinton, Obama, and Biden? The records which Trump kept were more secure at Mar A Lago, where they were protected by the Secret Service.

Let's be honest, the Federal Government has become the biggest threat to our National Security! Our

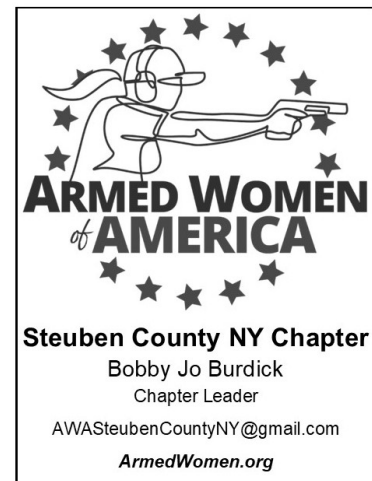
Constitution and the American System of government are being subverted from within. The very people that our Constitution and system of government were designed to protect us from now have control of our Federal Government through the "Swamp." Is there anything we can do to stop them?

These people are dedicated, determined, unscrupulous, extremely well organized and over confident. They believe they have covered all angles. They believe they have brainwashed, miss-educated, indoctrinated, pacified, and intimidated the masses into acceptance and submission. They have instilled fear in many of those who would normally speak out and resist. Apparently, it is working. A lot of good people, who should know better, want no part of Trump because they believe the continuous drum beat of deliberate lies and character assassination of him.

The police and military should be on the side of freedom, but under Obama and Biden there has been a systematic effort to replace all patriotic officers. Police bashing has encouraged honorable policemen to retire or quit and Woke-ism has been packing our military with people who seem to hate our country.

Senator J. D. Vance said that, "*Democrat politicians are evil and Republican politicians are stupid*". Some of them are more than just "stupid," they are two faced traitors, who tell us one thing and give the Democrats what they want. RINO Republicans are closet Socialists, who cannot be trusted. "Never Trumpers" are in reality "enemies of the State," just as dangerous as Biden and company.

The political oppression currently going on in this country must be put to a stop. Unfortunately, that will never happen as long as we allow criminal, corrupt, subversive enemies of our Constitution and free form of government to run and hold public office. I would think the FBI, DOJ and NSA would administer checks and safeguards that would prevent such abuses, but it appears those checks and safeguards have been perverted or discarded. Like it or not we have become a "One Party State".



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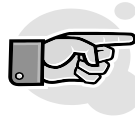
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