



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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Confiscation is an option

By Don Smith

“Confiscation is an option” according to Governor Cuomo in December 2012 following Sandy Hook. He kept his promise with his so-called “SAFE” Act in 2013 and again in 2019 when he and his allies passed a “Red Flag” law. Ignoring the Constitution and due process, Cuomo decided to show gun owners that he was in control now that his party controls Albany.

Nearly 20 states have passed unconstitutional “Red Flag” laws similar to New York State. None offer “front-end” due process. Hearings can be “ex parte”...meaning you do not have the opportunity to be present. They all violate the Second, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Fourteenth Amendments.

You are guilty until proven innocent and may receive a visit like the gentleman in Maryland who lost his life needlessly at 5:17 AM on Monday, November 5th, 2018. He was a law-abiding gun owner but was shot and killed in his home by police as they tried to carry out a “Red Flag Gun Confiscation Order” based on hearsay by whomever.

How would you react to a knock at your door so early in the morning? Why the urgency? Would the outcome have been different had the police arrived in broad daylight? Why send a cadre of officers? This type of radical behavior by government officials is the reason so many have lost confidence in government agencies.

Oregon has followed NY’s lead with a ballot measure that would ban “assault” weapons and create instant felons (as did the Unsafe Act). Owners would have 20 days to relinquish their gun or face a 10 year jail sentence and fine of \$250,000. Firearms collected would be destroyed reminis-

cent of the failed gun ban of 1996 in Australia.

Presidential candidate Biden picked former candidate “Beto” O’Rourke to run his gun-control efforts. Recall Beto said “Hell yes, we’re going to take your AR-15”.

SCOPE needs each active member to help us put a stop to the continual assaults on our liberties. Our strength lies in numbers. Soon we will be facing the 2020 election and it is critical for our grassroots effort to register new voters and encourage them to vote for candidates who will support the Second Amendment. We have the numbers needed in Upstate to turn any election in our favor. But it can only happen if you and others like you make a commitment:

- Will you make a phone call to your state legislators expressing your opposition to these new bills and any other anti-gun legislation?
- Will you send them an email (or forward one if requested by SCOPE)?
- You must convince other gun owners of the need to go to the polls in November. Too many have become complacent. You can be the catalyst.

Helping gun rights candidates win back the New York senate is our most critical election if we are truly dedicated to preventing further erosion of our civil and Constitutional liberties.

Recall this quote by Jefferson: “We in America do not have government by the majority. We have government by the majority who participate.”

To all SCOPE members; Due to the recent Coronavirus Pandemic; The April Member Meeting will NOT be held on April 25th. We will reschedule for a later date. Stay safe.

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“Guns are our friends because in a country without guns, I'm what's known as "prey." All females are.”

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.”
Alan Dershowitz

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Renew your membership today!

SCOPE-PAC

Political Action Committee

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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Snake oil

By Tim Andrews
SCOPE Director

Democrat presidential candidate Joe Biden was confronted by a Michigan autoworker who asked Biden why he wanted to infringe his Second Amendment rights. Biden angrily responded with profanity, telling the auto worker he was full of sh** and the Second Amendment, like the First Amendment, was not an absolute right. Biden made the tired old analogy that the First Amendment doesn't allow you to yell fire in a crowded theater; both amendments are subject to some regulation.

Biden is right, both are subject to regulation but what's regulated is the offending person; the regulation deals with the nature of the offense committed by the individual. Falsely yelling fire in a crowded theater can cause panic and people could be injured. For that, the offender could be jailed, fined or some other form of punishment. What we don't do is close the theater. The same goes for drunk drivers; we punish the drunk driver but we don't ban alcohol or cars, because that would ultimately punish innocent people who responsibly use alcohol and motor vehicles.

Contrast that to the way Biden and the radical Democrats view the Second Amendment. Biden and the Democrats answer to the criminal use of firearms is to punish everyone, including law-abiding citizens who have committed no crime. That's like closing the theater and banning alcohol and motor vehicles. Frankly, Joe needs to think through his analogy. If

he did, he would have to conclude the answer to gun crime isn't punishing law-abiding citizens.

So yes, the Second Amendment is subject to regulation, but the regulation relates to the criminal use of firearms. After being afforded your due process rights you are convicted of a violent crime or if you are adjudicated to be mentally unfit, you should lose your Second Amendment rights. Law-abiding citizens should never be deprived of rights based on the actions of criminals. That is not an acceptable regulation under our constitution.

Recently, I became aware of an individual representing a new pro-Second Amendment organization here in New York State. I'm purposely not going to name the individual or organization because I do not want to give them any undue promotion.

The individual who was listed as the executive director, based on a Google search, appears to be from Iowa. The person listed as chairman is a mystery. None of their online presence indicates any structure to their group, such as bylaws, meetings or officers. They do prominently solicit donations and memberships starting at \$35.00. One of their videos shows the self-described executive director doing a bombastic video selfie in front of the state capitol blaming SCOPE, NRA and the New York State Rifle and Pistol Association (NYSR&P) for all the problems facing gun owners in New York. He speaks in platitudes and really offers no substantive plan of his own for turning Albany around. Being someone from outside New

York might be one explanation for this individual's naïve understanding of Albany politics.

I would like nothing better than to write a column telling you that we are rolling into Albany to pass pro-gun legislation. However, if I wrote that, I'd be lying to you. If anyone tells you that, they are either delusional or they are lying to you. The facts are that gun grabbing Democrats have a two to one majority in both houses of the state legislature, and they occupy the governor's office. No pro-gun legislation will hit the floor of the legislature, let alone pass this year. Any group that tells you otherwise does not deserve your support. They're essentially scamming you, especially if their spiel includes a pitch for memberships or donations.

Sounds bleak, I know, but that doesn't mean we should be discouraged. We have an opportunity this November. I know we say that every two years, but nonetheless, we do have an opportunity. However, we must show up. The numbers are there but we must also convince those who haven't shown up in the past to show up this November. Note, my use of the word "we" - we are all of us, not just SCOPE, the NRA or any other pro-gun organization. Our fate is literally in our own hands and the hands of our friends and neighbors. We need everyone to mobilize and do their part to get everyone who believes in liberty to vote this November.

Typically, I would welcome any legitimate organization to join our fight for gun rights in New York. The operative word is "legitimate." Attacking other pro-gun groups puts their legitimacy in question. On August 27, 2019, an article in Cleveland.com tells a similar story about the same individuals who are operating here in New York. In Ohio part of their M.O. is to bash the state NRA affiliate as well as the NRA. Now it's fine to have differences of opin-

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Cross-roads

By Richard Rossi
SCOPE Delaware County Chapter

Fellow SCOPE Members, America is at a "CROSS-ROADS". This November's election is about far more than just our Second Amendment Rights and Freedoms. Important as they are to us as a Political Education group, the November elections are going to determine our future as a "Democratic Republic". This election will determine if we remain a country as the Founding Fathers envisioned or continue its march towards Socialism.

I am speaking about more than just the upcoming presidential election; far more. The presidential candidates are just the 'tip of the iceberg'. We must make the right choice or we are doomed. Our Second Amendment rights we are being assaulted, big time, by some of these candidates.

However, we also need to focus on our 'local and state' elec-

tions and we need to start now, regardless of who becomes president. We need to take a look at all the candidates bidding for our votes. We need to ensure that the best candidates are going forward in the November Elections. Yes, strong support of our 2nd Amendment rights are important. However, our main goal must be to beat the candidates that would change our country and destroy all for which it has stood. It is better to elect a "B" rating candidate on gun control issues than a Socialist candidate.

Our elections are no longer about candidates that have different views on how to keep our republic strong and prosperous, but to about those that would tear-down our values, culture, rights and freedoms. It is Capitalism Vs Socialism, not Republicans versus Democrats.

Let's make something very clear, in my opinion, this "gun control" issue is being pushed has nothing to do with mass-murders, school shootings, assault weapons' bans or even gun related shootings in general

– it is purely a matter of 'CONTROL OF THE PEOPLE.' In a Socialist/ Communist society an armed society is not an option.

Our Founding Fathers were totally aware of this as this is what they feared most for our newly formed nation. The "American Revolution" was started by the British wanting to confiscate the arms of the colonists. The British could not control an armed population.

It was clear when our Constitution was being drafted by our Founding Fathers that our God-given Right to self-preservation must be protected. Furthermore, they knew that an armed society was the ONLY insurance against an 'out-of-control' government. The Second Amendment did not give us the "Right to Bear Arms" – it clearly stated that this God-Given Right must not be infringed.

New York State and many others that are under control of a Socialist regime are destroying our values, culture and our traditional way of life. No president can stem the tide of Socialism on state and local levels. We, as New Yorkers, must regain control of Albany. That means supporting true American patriotic candidates for office – all offices. Get involved, stop the attitude that my vote does not matter and I can't do anything. Support your candidate – help them get elected. Send your local newspapers a 'letter to the editor' to voice your opinions about your elected officials. The same goes for candidates; let them know exactly how you feel about the issues. Attend local town hall meetings. Speak up and speak out often. Our government must not be in control – 'We the People' must regain our dominance over our elected officials.

Let's take back our country. Don't let down our Founding Fathers. Be strong.... Make your voice heard and VOTE. It is your DUTY as an American Citizen, don't waste it. Make November a glorious month for America.

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ion but it serves no productive purpose for organizations that call themselves pro-Second Amendment to attack one another. In fact, organizations that do that can be said to be doing the work of the gun grabbers. If any organization has a better way to fight, then bring it on. If they're successful, that should be all they need to build their membership. However, attacking the long-established gun rights community, that has fought for years against the overwhelming anti-gun crowd out of New York City, is reckless and damaging to our cause. What purpose does it serve to use precious time and resources to undermine other pro-gun organizations?

SCOPE, and our movement in general, is only as strong as the number of voters we can get to the polls in November. If we can impact elections, we will have power and influence. If we elect friends and

defeat our enemies, we can advance a pro-gun agenda.

We enter another important year with national and state legislative elections next November. We in the New York gun community cannot afford to be divided and anyone who foments division amongst us should be discounted and marginalized. Beware of snake oil salesmen who are eager to take your money and, intentionally or not, may even be working for our enemies. Before you send your check scrutinize who you are dealing with.

This day and age, with little expense, you can do some slick things with the internet and social media, but things aren't always what they appear to be. Scrutinize what you see and hear. Saying something, no matter how good it sounds or how slick the presentation, doesn't make it so.

April Members meeting cancelled

To all SCOPE members

Due to the recent Coronavirus Pandemic; The April Member Meeting **will NOT be held on April 25th.** We will reschedule for a later date. Stay safe. Stay healthy.

The winner of our king size quilt raffle on the left is Bob Shelton from Rochester NY. Jim Land is on the right. Bob was very happy and excited to be the winner. He bought the winning ticket at the West Valley Sportsman Show last September. The quilt pattern is called attic window.



Come and get it

By Tom Reynolds

On April 19, 1775, the battles of Lexington and Concord started the American Revolution. British troops had left Boston to seize an arms cache in Concord. Although it had been simmering for more than a decade, in effect, the American Revolution started over the government's attempt to confiscate arms.

On October 2, 1835, a detachment of Mexican soldiers tried to seize a cannon from the defenders of Gonzales, Texas. The Texas militia prevented the seizure and this started the Texas Revolution. This revolution had also been simmering for years over political and cultural issues but the spark that turned protest into revolution was the government's attempt to seize arms. (An interesting note is that the Gonzalez' militia had a banner with the picture of a cannon and the words "Come and get it." Much like the current day's banner with a picture of an AR15 and those same words.)

With its total lack of understanding about history, the gun grabbing left is now attempting to do what the British and the Mexican governments tried, unsuccessfully, to do to their citizens. The gun grabbers apparently believe that our Constitutional Rights and our heritage will be easily given away because an extremist government passed a law.

Before and immediately after Lexington and Concord, many of our Founding Fathers were not seeking independence but only reconciliation with England and a restoration of the "Rights of Englishmen". This difference of opinion was settled on July 4th 1776.

In 1835, public opinion in

Texas was split over reconciliation with Mexico or independence. The "Texas Consultation" was held in which a provisional government was created based on the Mexican (not American) Constitution and they did not declare independence.

Think about how the history of the United States and Mexico – and by extension the history of the world – would have been different if the governments would have listened to their citizens' complaints over citizens' rights. And in both instances, it was political and not revolutionary fervor that prevailed until the government tried to take arms away from its citizens and, thus, redefined the struggle.

There is a saying that our rights are protected by, "*The soap box, the jury box, the ballot box and the cartridge box*".

We have tried the "Soap Box" and have been peacefully protesting these attempts to take away our right to bear arms, but the far left has ignored us. The people of Virginia have peacefully protested a runaway, left wing, state government and been ignored; over 100 of Virginia's 133 counties and municipalities have declared themselves to be 2nd Amendment Sanctuary Counties and been ignored by their government.

As to the "Jury Box", in the last edition of *Firing Lines* was an article on Jury Nullification, a step that can still be taken but is only useful when there are patriotic people courageous enough to defend the 2nd Amendment when serving on juries.

The "Ballot Box" is coming this November. It is critical that we get people who believe in the Bill of Rights to vote. Virginia is in its current situation because Soros and Bloomberg poured millions into the last election while gun owners stayed

home; a lesson New York's gun grabbers have learned. We can take control of our state's government if gun owners will turn out to vote.

The last defense is the "Cartridge Box", a defense we hope never to be used. There are an estimated 80 million gun owners in the USA with over 250 million guns. If only 10% of them decided to resist gun confiscation, that's 8 million gun owners with 25 million guns! Do the gun grabbers have any idea of the chaos, suffering and threat to all of us that would ensue if they go that far? Do they realize that even they will not be safe?

The problem with pushing gun owners to the edge is not gun owners (no mass shooter or terrorist has been an NRA member and with 80 million of us out there, if we were a problem you would know it). The danger is accidentally falling into this. Remember, no one knows who fired the "Shot heard round the world" and it was an assassination of mid-level royalty that plunged the world into World War I. Every mass shooting incident is portrayed by the media as a reason for more gun control and there is no limit to the hysteria that the media would try to instill in order to reach their goals. The left-wing extremists should take a lesson from "Frankenstein" and be very wary of the monster they are creating.

No reasonable person should want the "cartridge box" option to occur; think of the hardship, devastation and heartbreak that would occur. And the solution is not heartbreaking, devastating or a hardship. Our best, simplest and easiest answer is to vote this November. All it takes is the commitment to get out the vote.



With the results in on the November elections, the battleground to save our Second Amendment Rights is now in the courts.

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America's Strengths are American Values

By John Droz

The following is a condensed version of an article published by John Droz, who is an upstate NY native, a physicist and citizen activist. He has a free monthly email Newsletter and he can be reached at: aaprjohn@northnet.org.

John usually focuses on energy and environmental issues, but he wrote this article to show how disparate issues align in an undeclared war to bring down the United States. As he says, "Sometimes it's hard to see the forest through the trees. We need to step back and not only see the disconcerting direction the following key items are taking, but to also see that there appears to be a coordinated purpose behind these seemingly unrelated matters".

Gun owners and Second Amendment advocates need to be aware of these efforts. America's enemies, both internal and external, are more than just enemies of the 2nd Amendment. As you will see from this article, we share common enemies and repealing the Second Amendment is only one part of a broader strategy.

This following condensed version is published with the author's permission.

The leadership of Russia and China believe that the United States

is a serious threat to them in at least six major ways:

Our Cohesive Unity of Purpose: Our country was founded on protecting the rights of individuals. One of the main reasons the US has been successful is that our diverse citizenry has worked together in tackling societal challenges. Our adversaries would like to separate us into various factions, (class, race, wealth), so that we spend our time, energy and initiative fighting with each other, instead of focusing our efforts on our real enemies.

Our Judeo-Christian Values: From its inception, the United States has been firmly rooted on Judeo-Christian values (morals). Well aware of this underpinning and its societal significance, our atheistic adversaries have been chipping away at this foundation. As a substitute for Judeo-Christian values, a new secular theology is being promoted: environmentalism. For many this has literally become their new religion. As we lose our Judeo-Christian moral values, the critically important family unit has been severely degraded.

Our Democratic Ideology: The segment of our population most vulnerable to propaganda is our children. Our enemies have focused on seeing that our education system has gradually turned to producing sheeple. This is primarily due to such pernicious efforts as rampant grade inflation, history revisionism and false equality standards. The resulting end-product is inculcated adults (citizens) with limited critical-thinking skills, who rarely have the

capability of evaluating concepts beyond sound bites. Instead they have been indoctrinated with an entitlement mentality.

Our Technical Prowess: Our external enemies have resorted to wholesale stealing of our ideas and inventions. Both internal and external enemies have eroded our education system, especially in STEM areas, and undermined our confidence in Science. The latter, Science aspect, has hardly been mentioned. It includes such efforts as corrupting the peer-review system and encouraging scientists to abandon their professional obligations of objectivity by becoming overt advocates of political (often anti-American) agendas; think climate change and platitudes such as sustainability. The dire consequences to our society, here, are breathtakingly scary.

Our Economic Power: The bedrock of our entire economic system is the electric grid. The grid has been successful because it's carefully integrated several electricity sources that are reliable, low-cost and plentiful: Hydro, gas, coal, nuclear. Our enemies plan to subtly upset this appletart is to flood the grid with unreliable, much higher-cost sources of electricity. Wind energy is a Trojan horse designed to undermine our economy

Our Military Might: Russian and Chinese communists believe that if most of the prior items succeed, the "Military Might" issue will

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Second Amendment Infringement: The Civil Rights Cause of Our Time

By Harold Moskowitz

It is now obvious in Democrat-controlled states, that the goal of firearm regulation is to end the individual right to keep and bear arms. The second Amendment is to be weakened to the point where it would be useless for its intended purposes of

potential resistance to government oppression and the individual right to self-defense.

Here in New York, a rabidly anti-Second Amendment governor was elected twice. How did gun owners of all political persuasions allow that to happen? Were they uninformed about his anti-gun rhetoric or did they just not care enough about their Second Amendment rights to get involved? Evil and tyranny succeed when good men do nothing to stop their advance. Gun control politicians at all levels of government should be taken seriously. Their true intentions

are often much more severe than their election campaign talking points about the need to enact “common sense” gun control measures or the targeting of only “assault rifles.” As Obama reminded us, elections have consequences.

The modern-day Democrat party, controlled by socialist/Marxist politicians, must disarm the populace to achieve its goal of imposing its socialist “utopia” upon our nation. Due to internal migration, refugee resettlement, and illegal migrant votes, “Republican states” are becoming “Democrat states.” Approximately eighty per cent of new residents from underdeveloped nations register as Democrats. In addition, anti-gun billionaires such as Michael Bloomberg and George Soros lavishly finance the campaigns of anti-gun state legislators who then sponsor and vote for anti-gun legislation.

What will protect the Second Amendment when gun grabbers eventually control the Congress, the Presi-

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take care of itself. But just to make sure, they are building up their forces and hindering our military where possible.

Some current issues (e.g. immigration) actually span several of the above items. What’s very disconcerting is that our enemies have strong allies within our country who are unwitting pawns of their ideology; what Lenin referred to as “Useful idiots”.

Where do we start? The first thing is for citizens to get educated about what is going on — and then to speak up to defend their rights before they’re gone. It would also be helpful if the once honorable journalism profession made a commitment to be objective reporters of facts, not promoters of undeclared agendas. Those engaged in defending the Second Amendment would certainly agree with this.

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dency, and the state legislatures? Some gun owners call for armed resistance but that could allow a President to use the PATRIOT Act and the National Defense Authorization Act (2012) against individuals categorized as domestic terrorists. Together, they give the military the authority to operate on U.S. soil and the power to carry out anti-terrorism operations inside the nation. Section 1022 of the N.D.A.A. does not exempt U.S. citizens from the presidential power to order detention by the military. This detention would be without trial and could be for an indefinite length of time.

Considering the escalating assault upon gun rights, what can be done? Even the Supreme Court's Heller decision could eventually be reversed. In Virginia, the concept of "gun sanctuary" counties shows resistance but will not change the situation. Likewise, large rallies show opposition, but considering the scale of billionaire political contributions neither rallies nor "lobbying" will alter things.

Infringement of the Second Amendment has always been a "civil rights" issue. Groups defending gun rights should work in a coordinated way across the nation. Planned activities such as demonstrations for achieving media coverage should complement organized "grassroots" political activism along with marches and rallies. These activities should

not stop after the election.

However, above all is the crucial need to prevent anti-gun candidates from being elected to any political office. Far too many gun owners stay home on Election Day. If that fact does not change, then within a decade of total Democrat control at the state and national level, consider the following possible situation:

1 - Only long-barreled firearms may be owned;

2 - The registered fixed-magazine firearm shall have a maximum capacity of five rounds and able to chamber only one ammunition caliber;

3 - Firearm licensing is contingent upon proof of one million dollars of liability insurance;

4 - The licensee may purchase no more than 100 rounds of ammunition of the caliber used by the registered firearm every two months subject to a required background check and purchase history verification;

5 - When not under the direct control of the licensee, the registered firearm must be secured with an approved trigger lock or be locked inside a safe;

6 - As part of the licensing procedure, the applicant shall give prior consent to unannounced compliance verification inspections;

7 - An improperly secured firearm shall be grounds for immediate confiscation and permanent revo-

cation of license;

8 - A mental evaluation shall be required for each purchase, transfer, or sale of a firearm.

Do you think that these "hypothetical" regulations are ridiculous and that a Democrat-controlled legislature would not go that far? If so, then don't do everything possible to prevent gun grabbers from being elected. In addition, maybe you should start selling your firearms while you still can legally dispose of them and a market for them still exists. Do you expect prohibited firearm categories to be "grandfathered?"

A strong and vibrant Second Amendment protects the rest of the Bill of Rights. The need for aggressive, determined "pushback" is already overdue. Elections at all levels going forward from the local school board on up will determine the fate of our nation. The results of those elections are in your hands.

Are you and your neighbors going to be what Thomas Paine labeled as "Sunshine Patriots" during our colonial resistance to British tyranny? At this point you do not have to put your life on the line as was done by that generation. You need only vote for candidates who will preserve rather than weaken or destroy your rights. God-given rights belonging to you and to future generations hang on your determination to preserve them.

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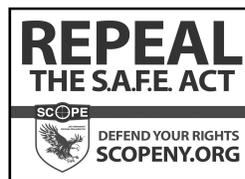
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NY Gun Reform Laws Proposed in 2020

By Don Smith

The gun grabbers will never be satisfied until the general public (but not the government or their personal security) is completely disarmed. It isn't just the so called "Assault Weapons" or personal defense weapons, they want to rid the general public of all weapons (that includes you, hunters)! They will continue their assault on the 2nd Amendment until they are successful.

This is what happens when you and other gun owners don't vote.

Below is a recent list of their latest attempts in the NY legislature. An "A" before the bill number indicates an Assembly bill. An "S" before the bill number indicates a Senate bill. Two house bills mean the bill has been introduced in both the Senate and Assembly. COBIS is the NYS Combined Ballistic information System which has yet to help solve a crime.

Two-House bills of concern in 2020:

A00625/S00426 establishes the safe home act. (Firearms removal even if arrest occurs thus possibly leaving partner under attack without means to defend themselves).

A01251/S02277 requires any semiautomatic pistols manufactured or delivered to a licensed dealer in NY to be capable of micro-stamping ammunition.

A03779/S02902 relates to requiring manufacturers to use a coding system on all handguns and assault weapon ammunition. (Recall failed COBIS-10yrs but solved zero crimes).

A04067/S01038 relates to the restriction of the sale of ammunition to only individuals authorized to possess such weapons (state still wants ammo registration database).

A00293/S02097 establishes a municipal gun tip hotline. (Require "gun buyback" programs in every county in the state).

A04380/S03771 relates to the point of contact for conducting national instant criminal background checks (NICS). (Presently at any gun dealer without state restrictions).

One-House Bills of concern in 2020:

Assembly:

A00095 requires proof of liability insurance prior to issuing a license to carry a firearm.

A01589 requires a purchaser of any firearm (including rifle or shotgun) to submit to a mental health evaluation.

A00425 enacts the "Children's Weapon Accident Prevention Act". (Expands "Safe Storage" law's requirements and penalties).

A00890 establishes a waiting period before firearm may be delivered to a person.

A01007 relates to the prohibition of shooting programs. (Prohibit youth shooting teams).

A01054 requires the creation and imposition of restrictive commercial practices to prevent gun sales to criminals. (More costs on local dealers possibly putting them out of business).

A01247 prohibits entry to gun shows to anyone under 12 years of age. (Our future gun owners and voters).

A00638 restricts the location of gunsmiths and dealers in firearms in rela-

tion to day cares, educational facilities and places of worship. (This should be determined locally.)

A00722 makes contests, competitions, tournaments and derbies to take wildlife unlawful.

A01594 weapons and ammunition to be secured while transporting and imposes fine of at least \$1000. (Requires separate storage area secured by padlock or combination lock).

Senate:

S01275 prohibits the purchase of more than 1 firearm during any period of 30 days; implements a 10 day waiting period.

S01412 relates to establishing additional requirements to purchase a firearm, shotgun or rifle. (Apply for a hunting license prior to the purchase of a shotgun or rifle; Pass five hour gun safety course and exam; Pass shooting range test with 90% accuracy; Notarized proof of a passed drug test and mental health evaluation; Proof of purchase of firearm and ammunition safe storage depositories and passing a criminal background check).

S00670 prohibits the possession of weapons by persons under the ages of seventeen and eighteen. (Prohibit youth shooting teams and individual youth ownership of firearms).





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Holley Rod & Gun Club is predominantly a trap shooting club but has a long history with contributing input into conservation, teaming up with the Albion Sportsman's Association and the Medina Conservation Club to form what is now the Orleans County Federation of Sportsman. We have offered hunter safety courses free of charge since the early 1950's.

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Chapter Reports

To all SCOPE members; Due to the recent Coronavirus Pandemic; The April Member Meeting will NOT be held on April 25th. We will re-schedule for a later date. Stay safe. Stay healthy.

Many SCOPE members are also members of the NRA, New York State Rifle and Pistol Association as well as other pro Second Amendment organizations. Each of these organizations fills a role and SCOPE is the primary one for actions at the local level. SCOPE chapters are active at the local level in educating the public, keeping SCOPE members informed, supporting related activities and public outreach. Meetings usually have discussions and updates on existing and proposed laws, incidents involving guns and the law and interviews with political candidates. Chapters generally have outreach booths at County Fairs and other events where

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they distribute voter registration forms, SCOPE membership forms and they are available to discuss various points of interest.

After a break for the Christmas holidays and while dodging some very nasty winter weather, the chapters are back in action in preparing for this year's elections. Here are some recent events:

Cattaraugus County

A video of the movie "Reliant" was shown with a discussion afterward about the effect of a breakdown in law and order due to economic and social chaos.

The chapter had an outreach and information booth at the Seneca-Allegany Sportsmen's show.

Republican and Democratic congressional candidates spoke to the chapter:

Tracy Mitrano, who ran as the Democratic candidate in NY's 23rd congressional district in 2018 and is running again this year, spoke on a variety of subjects. She is pro background checks and does not want gun manufacturer immunity from lawsuits under the Strict Scrutiny concept. (A person can be found guilty even if not negligent.)

James Feldman, Campaign Manager for Tom Reed, the 23rd's Republican congressman, spoke on behalf of Reed. Feldman read a statement from Reed on Reed's support for the 2nd Amendment. He also expressed Reed's support for 2ASanctuary Counties and against the Safe Act (but these are state not federal issues so his support is ineffective).

Cayuga County

Discussion about legal cases such as the NYSRPA vs. NY City and some pending legislation such as the mental evaluation proposal. Also discussed the Virginia situation.

Sheriff Brian Schenck talked about the Bail Law and how it is negatively affecting his office and

also discussed the governor's proposed budget.

Paul Smith of S&S Sales discussed how the Safe Act and other gun restrictions have affected his business.

Adam Hall spoke about his attempt to get the Republican nomination for the NY Senate seat.

The Social Media committee reported on how they are sharing pertinent 2A information.

Genesee County

Discussion held contrasting how NY State has been piece meal gun control laws while Virginia is pushing them through all at once.

Sheriff William Sheron, Undersheriff Brad Mazur and Leroy police Sergeant Emily McNamara discussed NY State's new Bail Law and the Green Light Law. Sheron gave a history behind the bail law and stated that it is hindering law enforcement and the prosecution of criminals. He gave a recent example of an innocent person killed as a direct result of the law. Judges are required to use the "least restrictive means" to ensure the accused returns to court and the judge cannot take public safety into consideration. Sheriffs are carrying a petition to reform the law. Perpetrators, instead of victims, are being protected and these negative lessons are not being lost on young people. The Sheriff's association is meeting in Albany to push for reform but SCOPE members want complete repeal.

Sergeant McNamara discussed the Bail Law's effect on drug crimes, traffic violations involving drugs and how it is overtaxing the system. Paperwork is more extensive and exhaustive and a single mistake could be lethal to the case.

The Green Light law was also discussed. (The Green Light Law allows illegal aliens in NY State to get a driver's license. The license

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