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"Nobody made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could do only a little."

Edmund Burke

most ridiculous examples of gun control that puts the public at greater risk are magazine bans and gun free zones. Take magazine restrictions that mandate how many rounds you can carry in a magazine. Can anyone, especially the governor find me a thug who is going to obey that law? Of course not. All this law does is place the law-abiding citizen at a tactical disadvantage. The same goes for gun free zones. If you know someone out there who supports laws like these please ask them to explain how these laws will keep us safer. Gun control is government negligence in action. We have a government in Albany that is legislating on the side of the criminal.

This brings us to a question for lawmakers and the governor. Given that violent crime is at an all-time low, and we already have the toughest gun laws in the nation, why are the governor and his allies in the legislature telling us we need more? The answer isn't really about gun control — gun control is the means to "people control." It's been clear the Democrat party is going hard left and is clearly becoming an extremist left wing socialist party. This is not the Democrat party of our fathers and grandfathers.

Imagine a Democrat saying this today, "Certainly one of the chief guarantees of freedom under any government, no matter how popular and respected, is the right of citizens to keep and bear arms. This is not to say that firearms should not be very carefully used and that definite safety rules of precaution should not be taught and enforced. But the right of citizens to bear arms is just one more guarantee against arbitrary government, one more safeguard against the tyranny

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By Tim Andrews,
S.C.O.P.E. President

Routinely when gun banners roll out their many attacks on the Second Amendment, they attempt to allay our concerns, by telling us they're pro-Second Amendment, and they have no intention on negatively impacting the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens. Amazingly they do this with a straight face and then proceed to undermine the rights of law-abiding citizens to the delight of the criminal class. This deception is an unintended acknowledgment that they understand the Second Amendment is a right that most Americans believe in and support.

Make no mistake though, gun control is intended to disarm law-abiding citizens with the goal of a utopian society without guns. Governor Cuomo has boasted on numerous occasions that New York has the nation's toughest gun laws and it's difficult to disagree with him. However, how do those laws impact criminals, law-abiding citizens and ultimately crime? For example, registration schemes, renewable licenses, bans on guns, magazines or other firearm components, only impact law-abiding citizens and have little to no impact on criminals. I can guarantee you would be hard pressed to find a criminal who's concerned with the New York State Sullivan Act or the SAFE Act. Most street crime is tied to the drug trade and committed by gangs and thugs who possess firearms illegally. Criminals don't have pistol licenses, so how does a renewable license reduce crime?

There's a long list, but two of the

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WE HAVE A NEW AND DIFFICULT BATTLE TO FIGHT

By Budd Schroeder
Chairman Emeritus,
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This is the time for good will and peaceful attitudes, but with so much rancor, disasters and ill will going on, it is tough to have confidence in good things happening. Attitudes are developed by experience, training, education and often, personality. Our outlook on life is governed by how we look at events and experiences, and determined by our perspectives and perceptions. Our reactions can be varied by internal and external forces.

Two people can experience the same situation or event and have totally different options on how to handle what they perceive. One could be right, both could be right or both could be wrong. The outcome is the best referee of what is right and wrong. Even that could be controversial.

Life is a series of events, options and decisions. We are faced with them every day. What should we wear for the day, what should we have for breakfast, and other simple decisions will occur, but the importance of the decisions can be determined by the effect it will have on others if we live in a society. Living alone usually simplifies making decisions.

Ours, is a complex society and decisions are very important. Government is an important factor in how we live. There is a big difference for people who live in a republic rather than a dictatorship. At least there should be.

Unfortunately, there is a common ground for both forms of government which is the focus on power and money. In a dictatorship, the people have little or nothing to say in the effect of government on

their lives. They get an order, or a law is passed and if they don't obey it, there can be severe consequences.

That has been a constant series of events since the beginning of mankind, beginning with the time of the cave dwellers. They decided that someone should be a leader and take responsibility for the well-being of the group. It is fair to assume that if that person didn't perform the job to the satisfaction of the group, he would be replaced.

That is where power came into the picture. If he didn't want to be replaced and he had friends who would come to his aid, there could be a confrontation and the stronger group would keep the power, or be the ones to gain the power. Having power is a true motivation for actions because with power there are perks and rewards.

Societies began in small groups called tribes and grew from there. History is relatively new because until there was a way to record what happened in the past, there was no data to use as a base for advancement. When man learned to write and record the achievements of the powerful, civilization advanced.

Those who sought the power could read about the successes and failures of those before them and could better expand their power bases. About five thousand years ago there really got to be a spreading of the societies. Those societies that became successful either expanded by trading and commerce or by wars.

Wars have been constant throughout history and mighty kings and warriors, by their conquests, have filled the history books. From the Israelites to the Egyptians there were wars filled with conquests and defeats. The Romans made war a fine art and conquered much of the civilized world. Yet, they suffered defeat and were conquered by invaders and poor planning on their part.

When Christianity spread through Europe and the Middle East, there were religious wars and people

were encouraged to go to battle for the spreading of the word of God. However, looking at the history books, we can't overlook the fact that the Church became one of the most powerful factors in history.

Success in warfare depended upon the ability of a leader to inspire people to put their lives in jeopardy to fight for a cause. To protect their land was a prime motivation. To gain more land and wealth was the motivation of the king. Little has changed throughout history.

In the last few centuries, the grab for power and wealth has become more sophisticated. It now has moved to a point where money is the real source of power. There have been, and still are, wars going on. Civil wars and world wars have made their marks. Countries have had revolutions to change the power structures, but the real game changer was the Industrial Revolution that made people rich without the cost of a war.

Instead of fighting and dying, people made products and instead of a king or dictator becoming wealthy, the money went to the owners of profitable businesses and industries. Banking became a huge influence on commerce and those who work within the monetary system became hugely influential.

Politicians and bureaucrats replaced the kings, dictators and potentates. The politicians set up governments that said that the people were no longer serfs and peasants and could share in the wealth of the nations to which they belonged. Currently, there are nations that do that, but there are still nations that don't and there is tension and wars still raging. We have cold wars, trade wars, drug wars, and other definitions of wars, but it is mostly for the improvement of commerce.

The world of commerce is huge and is focused on power and expansion. The prime objective is

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profit and owners and corporations focus on how to get more. Success does trickle down to the working class. Commerce provides jobs and income for those who don't own businesses.

The working class is our class of membership like those who believe in the Second Amendment. We are now faced with a governor who has the power of a dictator and intends to use it. Unless we learn from the past and decide to be more active and aggressive in our battle to keep our rights, we will lose them. Actually, they will be taken from us by a dictatorial despot who will have total control over the Assembly and Senate.

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which now appears remote in America, but which historically has proved to be always possible." This quote isn't from some Second Amendment activist or organization, it's from Democrat Hubert Humphrey, his party's 1968 presidential nominee. Oh, how things have changed.

New York State Senator from Brooklyn, Kevin Parker, has proposed legislation that would require gun owners forfeit several of their constitutional rights, for as he would put it the privilege to possess a firearm. Senator Parker wants you to surrender your social media passwords and review your online history and to determine your fitness to purchase or possess a firearm. Ironically, Senator Parker has an extensive history of violent criminal conduct, including attacks on women, adding to his rap sheet Senator Parker recently told a Republican female staffer to "kill herself."

It's striking the quality of individuals we have representing us in Albany and it's ironic that someone with such a violent history wants to regulate our Second Amendment rights. Since Senator Parker thinks law-abiding New Yorker's should

We will have to be united and untiring in our efforts to stop his ambition to disarm the good citizens of the state. SCOPE will be at the forefront of the efforts to reach the assembly and senators on a local basis to convince them that the state shall not be ruled by the practices of New York City.

We in Upstate New York are a different breed of citizens and Gov-

ernor Cuomo has to be convinced that we don't need or want the Big Apple perspective on gun ownership. It is up to us to convince our legislators to fight for our Second Amendment rights and not cave in to the whims of the liberal left in government. Be strong and be active.

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give up their rights to privacy, free speech, and due process to exercise their Second Amendment rights, we would like to know if the Senator possesses any rifles, shotguns or firearms and if he thinks he's entitled to possess any rifles, shotguns or firearms, given his criminal history? What say you, Senator Parker? As a public servant, who is willing to strip us of our constitutional rights you owe us an answer to these questions. Call and ask Senator Parker if he will answer these questions, 518-455-2580, email, parker@nysenate.gov.

Finally, given Senator Parker's criminal history and his propensity for violence is he even suitable to hold public office? That is a question to ask Senator Majority Leader, Andrea Stewart-Cousins, her contact information is 518-455-2585, email: scousins@nysenate.gov.

Finally, one last thought, when it comes to the quality of our representation in Albany. The Republican party also has its share of shameful incompetence. Despite most of the Senate Republican conference coming from upstate, the Senate Republicans elected Long Island Senator John Flanagan as their minority leader. Flanagan who voted for the

SAFE Act led Republicans as majority leader to their disastrous defeat last November. Another interesting fact regarding Flanagan, following his election as minority leader he entered for the second time an alcohol substance abuse program. We wish Senator Flanagan the best regarding his treatment, but one must question the wisdom and judgment of the GOP senators who supported his election as minority leader.

Another issue facing the GOP is the future of state party Chairman Ed Cox. The only thing the GOP has consistently accomplished since he became chairman in 2009 is to lose elections. If the GOP is ever going to be relevant again it must begin with showing the likes of Cox and Flanagan the door. One way to make this happen is for gun owners who happen to be Republican to get involved in their party. If you haven't already, contact your GOP headquarters find out when they have their meetings and get involved.



Governor Cuomo's Million Dollar Insurance Policy aimed at Firearm Owners

Larry Cowden
Schoharie County

A new piece of gun control legislation is now working its' way through the legislature that on the face promises to reduce gun violence. Legislation Act 2857-A introduced by Sen. Parker will force all firearm owners to purchase a \$1 million insurance policy. But will it and what are the hidden costs to New Yorkers and should the state pass this?

Only the law-abiding citizens will follow or attempt to follow the rules of this law. The criminal elements of society will not. New York needs gunowners to support the state programs boasted of as being the reason to come to New York to **enjoy the state's fishing, hunting, wildlife, and support local businesses.**

As reported by democratand-chronicle.com dated March 21, 2018. New York hunters and anglers are responsible for generating more than \$28 million in funding for state conservation and outdoor projects, the U.S. Department of the Interior announced Tuesday.

New York was awarded **\$28,682,525** in the annual funding to state wildlife agencies from revenue generated by the historic Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration and Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration acts, \$20.8 million in wildlife restoration funds and another \$7.8 million in sport fish restoration funds.

New York hunters contributed **\$41,780,328.00** dollars in hunting license fees to the state budget for funding wildlife and preservation programs as specified by the Pittman-Roberts act. New York will gain an additional **\$971,461,000.00** in reve-

nues from hunters not including sales taxes for that year. Many hunters in state, will spend more. Out of state hunters could be expected to spend 3X that on transportation and lodging coming from other states. Will they have to have a \$1million insurance policy? If so, they won't come, losing more revenue.

The non-hunting shooters easily exceed 2.5 million shooters spending an additional \$500.00 each

year. That brings in another \$1.3 billion to the state economy, and with hunting revenues we are talking about \$2.5 billion in funds generated for the state and business owners

Hunting, fishing and trapping license sales (1.5 million per year) generate approximately \$47 million dollars per year deposited into the Conservation Fund. Those funds leverage millions more in federal aid

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Emperor Andrew Cuomo



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as a direct result of the license sale revenue. This doesn't even include the estimated \$2 billion generated to the state economy on a yearly basis by residents and visitors coming to New York to hunt, fish and trap.

Because of this the invasive species program eliminating and preventing the spread of 18 invasive species that threaten marine and terrestrial ecology, and humans could end. All state, and national recreational areas will suffer. The loss of these funds to the state wildlife programs and business owners will be catastrophic and dangerous.

Time and again, the democrats, liberals, and Governor Cuomo rush to pass what they call the most restrictive gun control laws in the nation. No consideration is given to those hurt most are the law-abiding citizens, gun owners, or the financial impact on state programs and business owners.

Last year he threatened any businesses that deal with the NRA reputational ruin. As reported in the Washington Times last year:

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo says he's discovered a way to kneecap the NRA by outlawing its gun-liability insurance program and is urging other states to follow his lead, saying they have a chance to exploit the gun-rights group's admitted dire financial situation.

"I believe this insurance product is going to be illegal from a public policy point of view in most

states," Mr. Cuomo said on MSNBC. "Now that the NRA has said this is a major source of revenue, I'm going to pursue it nationwide."

The liability insurance, Carry Guard, covers damages and court costs associated with defending against civil or criminal accusations of misuse of a firearm.

But under pressure from New York, which warned of "reputational risks" of doing business with the NRA, some insurers have backed away from underwriting the program.

My own research of major insurance companies such as Geico and Allstate in NY discovered there are no insurance policies available meeting the requirements of the proposed legislation. How convenient. Governor Cuomo knowingly eliminated the major organization offering the insurance coverage required and by threats forced other companies in this state to refuse to provide such coverage. This assured Gov. Cuomo no law abiding gunowners will find insurance.

Every future purchase of a firearm in the state will be subjected to a new 10 day waiting period, proof of insurance, and a 3-year media background search. The controlling powers in Albany will look for every and any reason to deny a firearm purchase or permit renewal without restraint. This will drive fire arm owners to purchase out of state for ammunition, firearms and accessories. Citizens and businesses will move out of

state. Can't blame the weather as Governor Cuomo claims. New York's official state motto is Excelsior, often translated as "ever upward", but if Governor Andrew Cuomo had his way, he's prefer it to say "ever liberal". He recently told conservative Republicans – specifically anyone who is pro-traditional marriage, pro-life or pro-guns – they "have no place in the state of New York". More lost revenue for state wildlife and businesses.

That defines his hatred for all gun owners, the 2A and the NRA regardless of cost to the state, businesses or citizens.

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A Brief History of the Making of the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution

By Rob McNally
S.C.O.P.E. Chairman

Much has been made of what many think the Founding Fathers had in their minds when the Second Amendment was initially drafted. If one delves deeper into the history of this right, it will be discovered that individual right of possession of firearms for the further right of self-defense, even from our own government, is much older than our own Constitution. For example, under Alfred the Great (beginning AD 872), all English citizens from nobility to peasants were required to privately obtain weapons and be available for military service although this obviously predated the general availability of firearms. Moreover, in English common law, during the 12th and 13th centuries, requirements were made upon 'freemen' and later this included serfs, to possess arms privately to serve within the military when called upon to do so.

During the 17th century, while this country was being explored, similar requirements were made upon the citizens of various colonies. Virginia colonists, for example, were forbade to travel unless they were well armed, they were required to bring their firearms to

church on Sundays and participate afterward in target practice. Later in that same century, homeowners were required by the local government to purchase a firearm and have it within the household. If a person could substantiate they could not afford a firearm within the residence, the government would purchase one for them with the understanding that the government would be reimbursed at such time the resident could afford to do so. Massachusetts even went so far in 1644 to not only order freemen and indentured servants to own firearms, but also provided a fine to such citizens found not to be in possession.

As the days and years proceeded toward our Revolutionary War, local newspapers used arguments such as being British citizens (even in the colonies) they were entitled to the same rights as citizens in Britain under their Bill of Rights (not to be confused with ours created later in our Constitution). One even quoted from Blackstone's Commentaries on the Laws of England which had listed the 'having and using arms for self-preservation and defense' among the 'absolute right at common law to own firearms.'¹

Numerous debates took place following the Revolutionary War prior to adopting the Constitution regarding militia proposals. All called for a general duty of all citizens to be armed. Richard Henry Lee was one of the Founding Fathers who argued against a formal militia in his

"Letters from the Federal Farmer to the Republican". He said in that document that "it is essential that the whole body of the people always possess arms and be taught alike, especially when young, how to use them." George Mason of Virginia who assisted in drafting the Virginia Bill of Rights argued that the British 'plotted to disarm the people - that was the best and most effective way to enslave them'. Patrick Henry was known to remark that 'The great object is that every man be armed' and 'everyone who is able may have a gun.' Numerous other examples and sources can be identified routinely.

James Madison was originally assigned the task of drafting our Second Amendment when Congress convened for the purpose of drafting a Bill of Rights. To accomplish this, he drew upon a pamphlet listing several state proposals for such and attempted to create a brief version of the collection. One of his first drafts was as follows: "The right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed, a well-armed and well-regulated militia being the best security of a free country; but no person religiously scrupulous of bearing arms shall be compelled to render military service in person."¹ The version we are familiar with today as the final product "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" was approved by

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the house and submitted to the Senate, which approved it the next day. It is pointed out that eliminated during the Senate debate was an amendment which the Senate felt inappropriately focused on firearm possession being limited to keeping and bearing arms to bearing 'for the common defense'. It is quite evident that by rejecting this amendment, the Senate felt 'common defense' should not be the only factor in guaranteeing arms possession by the private citizen. Note too there was no phrase in this document that pertains to hunting game.

Numerous commentators during our initial history following the war and the work done by Congress toward this aspect, remarked particularly concerning prohibiting any attempt by Congress in disarming the people. As an example, William Rawle's 'View of the Constitution' published in Philadelphia in 1825 noted that under the Second Amendment, "The prohibition is general. No

clause in the Constitution could by rule of construction be conceived to give to Congress a power to disarm the people. Such a flagitious attempt could only be made under some general pretense by a state legislature. But if in blind pursuit of inordinate power, either should attempt it, this amendment may be appealed to as a restraint on both."¹

Finally, the point is made in the listed sources that several state constitution drafters also included the language of possession of firearms as an 'individual right' in their works. Thereby enforcing the idea yet again that the protections provided under the Second Amendment were intended for individual citizens, not specifically militias. Further, the argument was made that numerous states were providing similar clauses in their state constitutions. If the states, too, were incorporating this issue in their versions that it was felt by state legislators at that time to be a right that could be infringed at either federal or state level and that this

right must be protected against infringement by both seems quite apparent.

These arguments supported the decision in District of Columbia v. Heller, 554 U.S. 570 (2008) and the majority opinion written by Justice Antonin Scalia. Enjoy the talking points in your next discussion with a liberal who is in favor of banning guns.

1. W. Cleon Skousen, *The Making of America: The Substance and Meaning of the Constitution* (National Center for Constitutional Studies, 1991)

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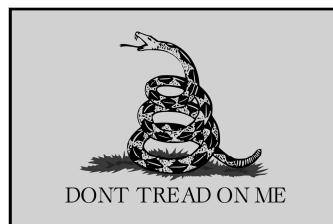
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[Printed in Schoharie County's Times-Journal, December 5, 2018]

Dear Editor,

Now that campaigning and voting are behind us, I'd like to say thanks to Russell Case III, president of the Schoharie County chapter of SCOPE. SCOPE stands for Shooters Committee on Political Education.

Russ was responsible for arranging for all of the candidates, regardless of party affiliation, to attend several SCOPE meetings.

The meetings were well-attended and good dialogue took place between candidate and public.

I can honestly say that for the first time in a long time, I went to the polls knowing who I was voting for, their values – a person, not just faceless name written on the ballot.

Thanks, Russ.

Donna Olsen
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Letters to the Editor

By Richard Rossi
Delaware County

We Must All Do Our Part and Get Active

Fellow patriots, with the November elections over and Albany now solely controlled by the Democrats, we have several challenges ahead of us in New York. We can no longer count on our Republican representatives in Albany to stem the tide of unconstitutional laws, regulations and restrictions. Our governor has a clear path to 'bully-through' his agenda without any opposition.

More than ever, we need to make our voices heard. Unfortunately, our law-abiding citizens let the state down last November. Where were the millions of gun owners? Where were the citizens, who were complaining

about high taxes, loss of jobs, lack of opportunities for young families, entitlements for illegal's, voter fraud, etc.? I realize it would be a hard battle to over-ride the democratic/liberal city voters; however, it could have been done. Countless citizens sat back and did not go to the polls. We have nothing to lose now.

Flood Albany with your letters, e-mails, calls and visits. Don't stop at Albany. Go to your town and county board meetings. Become an involved citizen. However, be courteous and factual.

Don't let the media silence us. The truth must get out. We must resist the tide of constant misinformation that we are fed daily. As the saying goes, "Freedom is only one generation from being extinct." Freedom must be fought for each day and that requires sacrifices, perseverance, and dedication.

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Thoughts on Legal Marijuana

By Budd Schroeder
At-Large Director and Chairman Emeritus

The new legislative session is in action and Governor Cuomo has started voicing his demands to move his programs, one of which is the abortion bill. Seems he wants no time restrictions for performing abortions, and if so, it means the doctor can legally terminate the life of a baby who could be viable outside the womb. Many people would consider this to be a premeditated murder. Obviously, the liberal governor and legislators have a different opinion.

The liberals think that a person has a right to do anything they want to do with their bodies including terminating pregnancies. Along with that, they believe they have the right to consume or inject drugs that they choose. They believe the government does not have the right to tell them they cannot do that. That is a violation of their rights to privacy. Funny about that, because there are laws against suicide, including assisted suicide. The controversy goes on.

In 2019, one party has total control of Albany. For as far back as most people can remember, Albany has never been known to be anything but power crazy. Corruption from Tammany Hall a century ago has set the "standards" for governing. New York has a national reputation to be at the top level of corrupt practices and people. It has been directed by the practice of "three men in a room" who make the decisions on what bills will be passed. New York is also at the top end of the list of states that have lost residents and most of them have come from upstate. They leave because of the high taxes and too many laws and practices that infringe on their rights, constitutional and civil.

Another of the governor's wishes is the legalization of marijuana for recreational use. This has the support of those who can make a lot of money growing it, selling it and the politicians who believe that there can be a lot of spending money for the state by taxing it. Also, there can be the opportunity to create more bureaucracies and more employment for people specializing in rehabilitation programs.

Those who favor the recreational use of marijuana have argued that it is no worse than alcohol as a mind-altering drug, and alcohol is legal. Prohibition was one of the worst mistakes of the 20th century laws. It became the foundation for financing the organized crime syndicates and the constitutional amendment was repealed. The selling of alcohol and mind-altering drugs has never been a legal right. It was just something people used until it was deemed illegal by law. That is how cocaine and heroin switched from being common in pharmaceutical products until they were found to be destructive.

When you consider the benefits of some of the codeine and opiates for pain treatment, it is legal and strictly regulated. It can also be abused, but in the long run, if the benefits outweigh the bad consequences, it stays legal. The marijuana supporters are saying that marijuana should come under the same considerations, since it does have medical benefits. They will argue that alcohol has medical benefits and for some people, it relaxes them when they have stress.

So, there is some public support for the legalization of pot. There is also opposition for the legalization of recreational use of it. It is another mind-altering drug and few people would argue about it changing a person's personality and actions. There are those who say it is not a drug that causes violent behavior, but instead makes a person more relaxed and mellow. They ignore the damaging effects.

Under federal law, marijuana is an illegal drug and the use of it is a felony by federal standards. A person who uses weed to "unwind" or relax, is barred from buying a firearm. The background check form has the question about marijuana use. Any use is a denial of gun purchases. To lie on the form by answering "no" to the question, is a federal felony and involves years of jail time for perjury. So, if you don't have or want a gun, it shouldn't make any difference.

There are other consequences with a mind-altering drug. Studies involving brain scans show it does have a negative effect on brain cells, especially if it is used by people under the age of 25. It can do permanent damage and an extensive study has shown it lowers the IQ of a

person by six to eight points. For many people this can have a significant effect on learning, memory and rational thinking. It also damages lungs as badly as cigarettes do.

Being under the influence of the drug can make the person irresponsible for their actions and can have a disastrous effect when driving a vehicle, operating machinery, or doing a responsible job that requires thoughtful actions. Who would want to work with an ironworker who suddenly gets the idea that he is able to fly? Pot users are not known for rational decisions and even though they may not get violent as other drugs may cause, they still can be dangerous because of irrational and irresponsible actions.

Most law enforcement professionals claim that weed is an entry drug to more damaging and powerful ones. When people get to really enjoy a high from this mind-altering drug, they are a natural customer for the dealer who promises them a better trip with opiates or other drugs. Not all addicts enter that way, but pot does have the effect of enjoying a state of mind where they don't have to deal with reality. The world does not improve with more addicts. The rehab centers are not able to handle the need for them now. This is also a drain on taxpayers.

The proponents in Albany who are encouraging this bill are thinking only of the money it could generate for the state without the consideration of what the associated costs can be. The sponsors will insist that the law will prohibit the purchase or use by those under the age of 21. Big deal! How well has that worked with the age limit on alcohol? Young people at college and high school parties don't consume beer or other alcoholic beverages? They do and will do the same with pot.

Just a thought about someone driving while stoned. It is very dangerous and the felony charge for DWI involving this federally illegal drug should have a corresponding penalty. Any felony prohibits possession of a firearm. Wouldn't it be a reasonable penalty that a felony driving conviction involving illegal drugs should have a penalty that the criminals (all felons are criminals) should never be able to get a driver's license or own a car for the rest of their lives? The punishment should fit the crime.

Lead-Based Ammunition and the Future of the Shooting Sports

By Harold Moskowitz

Lead was once widely used in manufacturing. Today, probably the only two remaining uses are for lead-acid batteries and ammunition. For most shooters, lead exposure begins with the handling of ammunition. The next exposure is when loading the cartridges. Small particles of lead are removed in the process and make contact with the shooter's hands. Lead can absorb through the skin.

Lead becomes airborne when a firearm is discharged. Lead fumes are vaporized from the base of the bullet. Most fumes result from the ignition of the lead-based primers. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health believe that any lead blood level over five micrograms per deciliter of blood is a health concern. Dr. Mark Laidlaw of Indiana University at Indianapolis has determined that frequent users of shooting ranges can accumulate a blood lead level as high as forty micrograms per deciliter of blood. The United States Department of Labor recommends that shooters who spend time at ranges should be tested for blood levels every six months.

Lead enters the bloodstream and is distributed throughout the body. It gets collected and stored in the bones. The level of lead gradually builds up. More range time equals more lead exposure and accumulation. The nervous system is damaged first. Excessive lead can cause aggressive behavior and depression. Some shooters with high lead levels have experienced hand tremors, decreased memory function, vision problems, difficulty concentrating, and reproductive problems. The only way for keeping track of lead accumulation in the body is to have the

blood level tested periodically.

Since the Progressive Liberal goal of outright destruction of the Second Amendment is still unattainable, there are two avenues available for advancing their anti-gun agenda. The first is the passage of "common sense" gun control restrictions after each new mass shooting incident. The second method will be through the guise of protection of public health and the environment. This can be done at both the state and national levels.

The information which has been presented in this article about lead is already known by the anti-gun individuals in government. Progressives want "single-payer" health care which would control and pay for medical care. In New York, Governor Cuomo wants a state-run "single-payer" health system which would give Albany officials the power to control all health-related issues and treatments. At both the state and national levels, all-powerful bureaucrats would likely impose regulations focusing upon lead as an environmental and health issue. Governor Cuomo promised to release a slew of new ways to weaken firearm ownership during 2019.

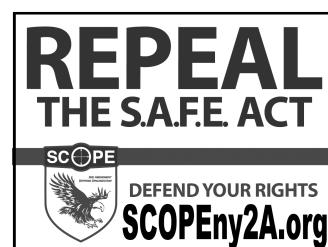
How much longer will it be before both public and private club-operated gun ranges are required to meet stringent air quality standards for ambient levels of lead both inside and outside a range? Anticipate ruinous penalties for each day range operators are economically unable to be in compliance. Many range operators would choose to cease operation rather than invest in the expense of the necessary technology and periodic maintenance for meeting the new air quality standards.

It is known that lead damages the nervous systems of children more easily than that of adults because their brains and bodies are still growing. Expect attempts to impose minimum distance requirements between the location of any gun range facility, whether enclosed or not, from

any school, day care facility, preschool, park or playground due to ambient air "lead concerns." Furthermore, because high blood lead levels can result in aggressive behavior and depression, it is not inconceivable that gun license renewals and hunting licenses could be denied to anyone having a blood lead level deemed to be "high" by state health administrators. Blood test results could become a new requirement for licenses and renewals.

Anti-gun politicians and their liberal billionaire campaign contributors understand that the undermining of the Second Amendment must be done incrementally, with stated motives which sound reasonable to the majority of the public. More weakening of the shooting sports and self-defense can be accomplished by regulating lead's potential to harm health, especially that of children, than by attempting to ban it entirely.

The ammunition manufacturing industry, domestic and foreign, should be encouraged, even pressured, to shift production to lead-free bullets and primers. We as consumers should be willing and ready to support them in that effort. It will increase the cost of participating in the shooting sports. However, in the long run, by taking away the threat of anti-lead regulations aimed at driving gun ranges to close and disarming shooting sport participants, it will help to preserve and protect what is left of the Second Amendment.



PARKLAND was PREVENTABLE

By Don Smith

How can the rights of gun owners be balanced with the public interest while preventing another incident like Parkland, Florida?

Here's an idea: legislators open hearings to design a bill to hold government and its agencies accountable at all levels. Citizens might even be willing to tolerate suspension of due process for government officials if for the common good.

We all understand that government can and will justify any action it takes as being in the public interest and/or an emergency. But it rarely holds itself accountable to the same standards it requires of its citizens.

Let us count the ways government ineptitude permits, contributes to, or causes violence using the Broward County School System as an example.

According to a report in the Miami Herald:

- "...Cruz was never expelled from Broward schools. Legally, he couldn't be. Under federal law, Nikolas Cruz had a right to a 'free and appropriate'

education at a public school near him. His classmates had a right to an education free of fear." The article details a long list of problems stretching back years, including "threat assessments." (Emphasis added.)

- "While the other students waited in the hallway for their eighth-grade science teacher to let them into the classroom, Cruz would sometimes bang and kick the door, Guerra said. He would yell profanities at the teacher, telling her to 'Open up the f---g door!'" (Emphasis added.)

Reference Link: Parkland shooter always in trouble, never expelled. Could the school system have done more? <http://www.miamiherald.com/news/local/article201216104.html>

Broward County Sheriff's Office — "Stunning Series of Failures"

- "... Broward Sheriff's Office deputies had multiple warnings that the 19-year-old was a violent threat and a potential school shooter, according to records released Thursday." (Emphasis added.)

- "Nikolas Cruz's dangerous and disturbing behavior was flagged repeatedly to authorities, both local and federal" (Emphasis added—Question: Anybody in government "own" this?)

Reference Link: Parkland school cop 'never went in' during the shooting.

There were other failures, too. (Emphasis added.) <http://www.miamiherald.com/news/local/community/brown-county/article201636649.html>

Broward Schools & Sheriff 'Cook Books' to Suppress Discipline, Arrest Records

Broward County School District and Sheriff's Department "cooked the books" in order to lower arrest records for the student population. (Emphasis added.)

(Question: If two agencies perpetrate fraud — which leads to murder, is anybody in those agencies accountable? How bad was the fraud?)

"Broward County schools once recorded more in-school arrests than any other Florida school system," according to The Washington Post. (Emphasis added.)

- Beginning in 2013, Broward stopped referring students to police for about a dozen infractions ranging from alcohol and drug use to bullying, harassment and assault.

Surprise! The collusion between the school district and sheriff's department resulted in "a dramatic decline in the number of students who are arrested at school." (Emphasis added.)

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No kidding! Do the arithmetic: school-based arrests plummeted by 63 percent from 2012 to 2016. Who says authorities don't know how to make schools safer? Can't fix what you don't measure.

There's more:

"The Obama administration held up Broward's transformed discipline system as a national model, inviting [Superintendent Robert W.J Runcie to speak [at a White House event] about the district's approach in 2015." (Emphasis added.)

Guess where Superintendent Runcie was before Broward County: Chicago Public Schools.

Reference Link: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/>

education/teachers-say-florida-shooters-problems-started-in-middle-school-and-the-system-tried-to-help-him/2018/02/18/cdff7aa6-1413-11e8-9065e55346f6de81_story.html?utm_term=.890a73ab56a0

No one held accountable. A White House, School District and Sheriff's department that celebrate fake numbers resulting in the death of 17 students. Cheating on school violence records went on at other schools too. And we're supposed to trust government to get it right and keep kids and us safe? Our rights should not depend on the behavior of the lawless — or the ineptitude of government authorities.

Perhaps a member of Con-

gress could conduct an inquiry in order to design a bill that would hold government officials accountable at all levels. Let their due process be held in abeyance. Congressman John Katko (NY-24) prosecuted bad guys under RICO. This is perfect for him; and what a lesson for government. By the way, if government officials at any level screw up a NICS form. Same deal. And so on and so on. And Broward County is just one example. Wow, can you imagine. Citizens will be cheering Mr. Katko in the street as he goes after corrupt and inept government officials at all levels. About time!



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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SCOPE Annual Members Meeting



April 27,
2019
10:00 am

VFW Mattydale Post 3146
2000 Lemoyne Ave.
Syracuse, NY 13211-0062

The agenda will cover:

- Membership and Chapter Status
- SCOPE Committee Reports
- Legal Affairs Briefing
- SCOPE PAC

The meeting is open to all SCOPE members in good standing.
Lunch will be provided



- Yes I will be attending the 2019 SCOPE Annual Members Meeting
 No, I cannot attend, however I am committed to S.C.O.P.E.'s mission to Protect and Restore 2nd Amendment Rights here in New York State.

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S.C.O.P.E. Candidate Bio's

Tim Andrews

I have over thirty years experience advocating for the Second Amendment. I have represented SCOPE on radio and television and in many print interviews; including publications such as the *Wall Street Journal* and the *Washington Free Beacon*. I am currently the President of SCOPE.

- SCOPE member since 1991, Life Member since 1994, Endowment Member since 2013
- NRA Benefactor Member
- NYSR&P Life Member
- Ferris Goodridge Post 330 of the American Legion member
- Honorable Discharged USMC
- Past member of Rochester Brooks Gun Club
- Past member Genesee Conservation League
- Retired after 37 years with Rochester Gas and Electric Corp.
- Served as Monroe County SCOPE chairman from 1993 to 1997
- Served as SCOPE President 1997 to 2001 and 2017 to current

Thank you for your consideration.

Steven Speta:

My name is Steven J. Speta and I am honored for the opportunity to introduce myself to the membership for a position as an At Large Director of S.C.O.P.E. in this year's election. I have been a member of S.C.O.P.E. since 2013 when the Allegany County Chapter was formed and served as the chapter Secretary for two years. I held the Chapter Chairman position for the next 3 years and served on the Board of Directors. I have served on the Banquet Committee and I am currently on the Finance Committee.

I retired from the U.S. Army with 22+ years. I am an avid outdoorsman and a member of several organizations IE: NRA, Allegany County Sportsman

Federation, Scio Rod and Gun Club, American Legion, Sons of the American Legion, and the VFW. I am a certified Hunter Safety Instructor for the State of New York and strive to educate, both young and old.

I am dedicated to the preservation of the Second Amendment rights, Firearm Safety, Education and Training. I believe we all must work together to maintain our Constitutional Rights that are being taken away, not only in S.C.O.P.E., but with other 2A organizations fighting to preserve our rights as gun owners.

I thank you for the opportunity to serve you and ask for your support in the upcoming elections. Proud to Serve!!!

Michael Giuliano:

My connection to S.C.O.P.E. began around 2010 when a longtime member informed me of a truly grassroots, fighting, statewide gun rights organization that focused on New York State. S.C.O.P.E. must continue that fight and find new ways to grow especially in the increasingly difficult political environment in Albany.

Since 2017, I have been an at-large board member, and I've been S.C.O.P.E. Secretary since last April. As a newer board member, I have witnessed certain distractions that we must overcome to develop a voice in our state's public affairs. Our ability to maintain and greatly expand our voice has likely never been as difficult as it will be over the next two years. Let's work together.

For personal background, I'm a New York attorney and a legal editor. I began assisting with the *Firing Lines* this past year and plan to continue finding ways to contribute to our communications and publication efforts.

Regardless of who you vote for, maintain your S.C.O.P.E. membership and find two or three new members. Between family, work associates, friends, and neighbors, we all know potential members. Bring them to the statewide S.C.O.P.E. membership meeting in Syracuse this April so that new voices are heard, and so that we can develop plans to work together. See you in April!

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