

# S.C.O.P.E Legal Update

## March, 2022

### Bills signed by the Governor on February 28, 2022

The following bills have been signed by the Governor:

- S-7736, Amends the “Scott J. Beigel Unfinished Receiver Act” relating to unserialized frames or receivers.
- S-7760, Requires the Division of Criminal Justice Services to publish quarterly reports providing information related to firearms, rifles and shotguns used in the commission of crimes in the state of New York.
- S-7796, Amends the definition of a “disguised gun” to include any firearms designed and intended to appear to be a toy gun.

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### Proposed bill that New Yorkers Must Pass Mental Health Exam Before Purchasing A Gun

The New York State Legislature is (considering) AB-7771.

Among other things, the bill includes the requirement of gun owners to pass a state-administered mental health exam before purchasing a gun.

AB-7771 also includes a required five-hour gun safety course with a state-administered exam, passing a shooting-range test with 90% accuracy, drug, and alcohol testing, approved firearm and ammunition storage, and a criminal background check.

<https://tinyurl.com/5h4amrrt>

### State lawmakers call for ammo production tax in New York

Two Democratic state lawmakers on Monday called for an excise tax on ammunition production in New York to generate funding for gun violence research.

The measure backed by state Sen. Andrew Gounardes and Assemblywoman Pat Fahy would tax ammo production between two and five cents.

Lawmakers backing the bill want to bolster funding for the state's newly created research fund for studying gun violence, which is part of the state Department of Health and the State University of New York.

<https://nystateofpolitics.com/state-of-politics/new-york/ny-state-of-politics/2022/03/01/state-lawmakers-call-for-ammo-production-tax->

### **NY gun proposal appears poised to adapt to Supreme Court decision**

A Brooklyn lawmaker appears ready to adapt to a potential Supreme Court decision that could impact the process of getting a concealed carry license in New York.

Assembly Bill 8684 was introduced by Assemblymember Jo Anne Simon (D) back in January. It suggests placing limits on where firearms can be possessed including most public transportation, food, and drink establishments and at gatherings of 15 people or more. The bill has no co-sponsors in either the State Senate or Assembly, which would be necessary to move it forward, but gun advocates and constitutional experts are already signaling the bill may not hold water.

University at Buffalo Political Science Professor Shawn Donahue believes however that Assemblymember Simon's bill could be a way to side step whatever ruling is made.

"This is anticipating there will be an unfavorable ruling against the state on this and wanting to fill in what would be left for the state to do to prohibit concealed firearms in certain locations," Donahue said.

Without a co-sponsor or companion bill in the Senate it is likely too early to judge A8684, but whether it lives or dies Donahue said will be up to Democratic leaders in Albany.

<https://www.wgrz.com/article/news/politics/new-york-state-gun-proposal-appears-poised-to-adapt-to-supreme-court-decision/71-ed960584-7840-40af-b2e9-249e5a038beb>

### **NY Democrat's proposed bill could target pro-Second Amendment websites.**

A-9156/S-7568.: Prohibited activities. No person, by conduct either unlawful in itself or unreasonable under all the circumstances, shall knowingly or recklessly create, maintain or contribute to a condition in New York state that endangers the safety or health of the public through the promotion of content, including through the use of algorithms or other 18 automated systems that prioritize content by a method other than solely by time and date such content was created, the person knows or reasonably should know: 1. advocates for the use of force, is directed to inciting or producing imminent lawless action, and is likely to incite or produce such action; 2. advocates for self-harm, is directed to inciting or producing imminent self-harm, and is likely to incite or produce such action; or 3. includes a false statement of fact or fraudulent medical theory that is likely to endanger the safety or health of the public.

(Someone) could declare the statement Guns Save Lives to be false information and target the web host. Sure, it may ultimately fail in court but the purpose to chill dissent

from the “progressive” leftist ideology. It is important to note that gun control advocates have been trying to paint “gun violence” as a public health crisis for years as well.

<http://www.gunpoliticsny.com/?p=24834>

### **Suozi (D-NY) chooses Reyna as his running mate**

Tom Suozzi has chosen former NYC Councilwoman Diana Reyna to be his running mate.

Her record on gun control while in the City Council is clear. She sponsored the following bills and resolutions during her tenure:

- Int 298-2002, A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to banning the sale of toy guns.
- Res 845-2003, Resolution urging the New York State Legislature to pass A-1166, a bill that would prohibit the sale of handgun ammunition without proof of a handgun license.
- Res 995-2003, Resolution calling upon the appropriate Committee of the Council of the City of New York to conduct an oversight hearing to review the campaign of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the lawsuits brought forth by the City of New York and the New York State Attorney General regarding the need for gun-makers and wholesalers to be held more accountable for the sale and distribution of their products.
- Res 54-2004, Resolution calling upon the appropriate Committee of the Council of the City of New York to conduct an oversight hearing to review the campaign of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the lawsuits brought forth by the City of New York and the New York State Attorney General regarding the need for gun-makers and wholesalers to be held more accountable for the sale and distribution of their products.
- Res 821-2011, Resolution calling on the United States Congress to pass and the President to sign into law: (i) H.R.591/S.35, which would close the background check loophole at gun shows by establishing a background check procedure for all firearms sold at gun shows; and (ii) legislation requiring background checks for all private firearm sales.
- Res 1122-2011, Resolution calling on the United States Senate and the President to oppose H.R. 822, known as the “National Right-to-Carry Reciprocity Act of 2011,” which would allow a resident from one state who has a license to carry a concealed handgun to lawfully carry his or her handgun into a different state, regardless of the licensing eligibility standards in the other state.

- Res 1171-2011, Resolution supporting S.1973, the Gun Trafficking Prevention Act of 2012, which would amend the United States Code by creating the crime of trafficking or assisting in the trafficking of a firearm.
- Res 1261-2012, Resolution condemning the senseless shooting of Trayvon Martin and the inadequate investigation that followed, expressing deep sympathy for the Martin family, and calling for a full and impartial investigation holding those responsible to account as well as an examination of “Stand Your Ground” laws nationwide and the role they play in the spread of illegal guns on New York City’s streets.
- Res 1619-2012, Resolution expressing grief and sorrow for the victims and their families and for all those affected by the tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut and calling upon the President of the United States, the United States Congress, State and Local legislators, and all Americans to work together to reduce needless gun violence by making meaningful changes to gun control laws that will ensure that we are all kept safe from gun violence.
- Res 1647-2013, Resolution commending Governor Cuomo and the New York State Legislature for enacting the New York Secure Ammunition and Firearms Enforcement (SAFE) Act of 2013 and urging other states to pass similar gun control legislation.
- Res 1633-2013, Resolution calling on the President’s Interagency Task Force to Reduce Gun Violence to support the Gun Trafficking Prevention Act and the Fix Gun Checks Act in its final report.

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### **Assemblyman's Facebook post about weapons and weed goes viral**

“Marijuana is possibly going back into the budget,” according to Assemblyman David DiPietro.

That is why DiPietro told 7 Eyewitness News he took to Facebook on Monday to talk about what the policy would look like if it passed.

“If you own guns, and you just bought pot in New York State, you are going to lose all your firearms,” he said in the one-and-a-half-minute video.

DiPietro, who represents all of Wyoming and the southern portion of Erie County, said he's hearing one (proposed) provision includes requiring the buyer to be entered into a database at the point of sale. That would then be cross referenced in the state's existing gun permit database.

DiPietro's video has been shared thousands of times. He's glad it's getting some attention. He said he wants to spread the word about what's being discussed in Albany.

"If it's passed, I definitely feel it's something every gun owner what that entails when you go to buy it."

Federal law already prohibits anyone who uses marijuana from possessing firearms or ammunition. That includes those who use it for medicinal purposes.

<https://www.wkbw.com/news/local-news/assemblymans-facebook-post-about-weapons-and-weed-goes-viral>

### **Bill to raise Westchester County pistol license fees**

A home rule bill has been introduced allowing Westchester to set its own fees for firearms licenses.

A-7939/S-6659, provides that the legislative body of the county of Westchester shall fix the fee to be charged for a license to carry or possess a pistol or revolver and provide for the disposition of such fees.

Justification statement: Westchester County has requested the ability to set these terms at the county level consistent with the treatment given in state law to Nassau and Suffolk Counties.

That means a few hundred dollars at least.

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### **With judge's return, St. Lawrence County sees pistol permit changes**

St. Lawrence County's roller coaster ride with pistol permits may be over. A judge who made a campaign promise to remove restrictions is back on the job.

Greg Storie ran for county judge promising to be a strong supporter of the 2nd Amendment and to remove pistol permit restrictions loathed by gun owners. He's now doing that.

"Now that Judge Storie has taken over those duties fully, people will get satisfaction and know that their vote for Greg Storie for county judge was the right vote," said Kevin Acres, St. Lawrence County legislator.

For most of the past two years, pistol permits have been handled by Hamilton County Judge Tatiana Coffinger. She did remove use restrictions imposed by a former judge. But

she imposed a gun-safety course requirement and wouldn't allow guns to be co-registered with others outside the home.

With Storie, those requirements are now gone. New York state gives a lot of discretion to judges in how pistol permits are handled. That's one reason you'll often see big changes when a new judge comes into office. And it's also a reason why you'll see big differences in how pistol permits are handled from county to county.

<https://www.wwnyc.com/2022/01/31/with-judges-return-st-lawrence-county-sees-pistol-permit-changes>

### **Judge appears ready to shoot down NRA's countersuit against NY AG Letitia James**

AG Letitia James filed suit against the gun rights group in 2020, claiming its top executives flouted nonprofit laws by diverting millions of agency dollars to fund their lavish lifestyles replete with trips to the Bahamas, safaris in Africa and jaunts on yachts.

The NRA filed counterclaims alleging that even while James was on the campaign trail, she made comments about going after the group, showing that she had "predetermined" to sue it simply because she disagreed with its political stances.

During a video hearing Friday, Manhattan Supreme Court Justice Joel Cohen said, "The attorney general's job is to decide what cases to bring and try to persuade a jury or a court."

He added to the NRA's lawyers, "The claims you're bringing here really do ask me to cross over and meddle with and look into the mind of law enforcement."

The judge said he can't "undo [James'] prosecutorial decisions" and noted that it's normal for those in public office to lay out their agendas when they run.

Earlier in the hearing, NRA lawyer Svetlana Eisenberg had argued, "If [James] went after the NRA because she disagrees with its political speech and that was a substantial motivator for what she did — that is a First Amendment violation."

<https://nypost.com/2022/02/25/judge-appears-ready-to-shoot-down-nras-countersuit-against-ny-ag-letitia-james/>

### **Gun-Maker Remington Settles with Sandy Hook Families Over Alleged Liability for Misuse of Weapon They Made**

The plaintiffs insisted that Remington violated Connecticut's Unfair Trade Practices Act (CUTPA) by stressing its rifles' "militaristic and assaultive qualities" in its marketing. Thus the company should legally bear responsibility for Lanza (unlike nearly every other gun purchaser) using the weapon to kill other people. Various other arguments the plaintiffs

tried to use to hold Remington responsible for Lanza's actions were rejected by Connecticut's Supreme Court in 2019, but the one based on CUTPA remained.

This reliance on the Connecticut law was important... when the U.S. Supreme Court declined an appeal from Remington to stop the suit, since that law in theory allowed them to: get around the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act (PLCAA), a 2005 federal law that generally protects gun manufacturers and distributors from liability for criminal uses of their products. The CUTPA claim is based on one of the exceptions made by the PLCAA, which allows lawsuits alleging that "a manufacturer or seller of a qualified product knowingly violated a State or Federal statute applicable to the sale or marketing of the product, and the violation was a proximate cause of the harm for which relief is sought."...

The National Shooting Sports Foundation, an industry group that asked the U.S. Supreme Court to take up this case, notes that the plaintiffs have not offered any evidence that Lanza or his mother, who bought the rifle he used, was "influenced in any way by any advertisement," let alone that advertising precipitated the mass shooting or made it deadlier. As the Connecticut Supreme Court itself observed while allowing the lawsuit to proceed, "proving such a causal link at trial may prove to be a Herculean task."

Remington's choice to settle today eliminated the need for rigorous proof in court of that causal link.

Despite Remington's choice to settle the Sandy Hook case, there is little manufacturers can do to prevent their guns from being misused by criminals besides not making them at all, which is exactly what the activists cheering on this settlement want.

Remington filed for bankruptcy protection in 2020 and made a rejected \$33 million settlement offer last July. Remington's insurers will be on the hook for today's payoff.

<https://reason.com/2022/02/15/gun-maker-remington-settles-with-sandy-hook-families-over-alleged-liability-for-misuse-of-weapon-they-made/>

### **After \$73M win, Sandy Hook families zero in on gun marketing**

After agreeing to a \$73 million lawsuit settlement with gun-maker Remington, the families of nine Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting victims say they are shifting their focus to ending firearms advertising with macho, military themes that exploit young men's insecurities, all in the hopes of preventing more mass shootings.

The families say Remington used those kinds of ads to promote its AR-15-style rifles like the one used to kill 20 young children and six educators inside the Newtown, Connecticut, school on Dec. 14, 2012.

Robert Spitzer, a political science professor at the State University of New York at Cortland and the author of five books on gun policy, said the case will lead gun manufacturers to consider their marketing carefully.

The National Shooting Sports Foundation, a gun industry group that happens to be based in Newtown, said the Sandy Hook families never produced evidence that Remington's advertising had any effect on Lanza. The foundation estimates there have been more than 20 million AR-15-style rifles sold in the U.S. and asserts that few are used in crimes.

<https://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/73m-win-sandy-hook-families-gun-marketing-82999674>

### **USA Today: 2A Groups Using Lawsuits to Roll Back Gun Control**

According to *USA Today*, numerous Second Amendment groups and law centers are filing the suits "and they're winning."

The paper notes: "From early 2016 through the close of 2021, six of the organizations were among the plaintiffs in more than 90 federal court cases, either independently or jointly, a *USA TODAY* review of firearms-related lawsuits shows. The combined court fights so far have tallied nearly 20 interim or final victories."

The organizations behind the lawsuits aren't necessarily household names. Although the National Rifle Association is one of the organizations, the nation's best-known gun rights group was not the most prolific plaintiff. Two other groups, the Second Amendment Foundation and the Firearms Policy Coalition were among the plaintiffs in 65 of the cases, while the NRA had that role in 12, *USA TODAY*'s review found.

<https://www.breitbart.com/politics/2022/02/22/usa-today-2a-groups-using-lawsuits-to-roll-back-gun-control/>

### **25 states urge Supreme Court to hear case challenging Maryland's strict firearm laws**

Twenty-five states, led by Arizona and West Virginia, are urging the U.S. Supreme Court to hear *Bianchi v. Frosh*, which challenges Maryland's restrictive Firearms Safety Act of 2013.

They're asking the court to ultimately strike down the law, which the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals upheld last September, in a brief filed with the Supreme Court in support of the petitioners.

On Jan. 14, the Supreme Court ordered Maryland Attorney General Brian Frosh, a Democrat, to file a response to a petition filed by the plaintiffs last December. At issue is, "Whether the Constitution allows the government to prohibit law-abiding, responsible citizens from protecting themselves, their families, and their homes with a type of 'Arms' that are in common use for lawful purposes?"



Maryland's 2013 law, one of the strictest in the country, requires residents to undergo safety training and fingerprinting in order to get a license to legally purchase a pistol. It also attempts to define assault weapons, generally prohibits the sale, transfer or receipt of semi-automatic weapons, including the AR-15 and similar rifles, and restricts magazine capacity to 10 rounds of ammunition.

The law also bans firearms that have features like folding stocks and flash hiders, which the 25 states argue provide additional structural support for safer use.

[https://www.thecentersquare.com/kansas/25-states-urge-supreme-court-to-hear-case-challenging-maryland-s-strict-firearm-laws/article\\_eb850d74-81f7-11ec-a640-e30c0e09f412.html](https://www.thecentersquare.com/kansas/25-states-urge-supreme-court-to-hear-case-challenging-maryland-s-strict-firearm-laws/article_eb850d74-81f7-11ec-a640-e30c0e09f412.html)

### **13 states have backed the Mexican government's lawsuit against a group of US gun manufacturers**

The attorneys general of 13 states and Washington DC this week expressed support for a federal lawsuit by the Mexican government that accuses a group of American gun manufacturers of facilitating the trafficking of weapons to criminals in Mexico, fueling gun violence.

In a brief filed in federal court in Massachusetts, the Democratic attorneys general -- including those in California, Massachusetts, Minnesota and New York -- argued against the defendants' motion to dismiss the case, saying that a federal law providing legal protection to gun manufacturers does not apply in this case...

In a statement, the National Shooting Sports Foundation, a firearms industry trade group, suggested the lawsuit and its targets were misplaced.

"The Mexican government should focus on bringing the Mexican drug cartels to justice in Mexican courtrooms," said NSSF Senior Vice President and General Counsel Lawrence G. Keane, "not filing a baseless lawsuit in an American court to deflect attention from its disgraceful and corrupt failure to protect its citizens."

<https://www.weny.com/story/45814636/13-states-have-backed-the-mexican-governments-lawsuit-against-a-group-of-us-gun-manufacturers>

### **Justice Department sues Missouri over state bill declaring several federal firearm laws invalid**

The U.S. Justice Department sued Missouri on Wednesday, seeking to stop the state from enforcing a bill it passed last year that declared several federal firearms laws "invalid." The complaint alleges that the bill, known as the Second Amendment Preservation Act, is unconstitutional and is hindering law enforcement efforts.

The bill, which was signed into law in June 2021, allows for federal, state and local law enforcement officers to be penalized for enforcing the federal laws. According to a report by CBS News' "60 Minutes," officers who try to enforce certain federal gun laws could face a penalty of up to \$50,000.

In its complaint, the Justice Department argues that it's unconstitutional for a state to declare a federal law invalid.

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/missouri-gun-law-justice-department-lawsuit/>

### **Gun Control Groups Applaud Biden's Nomination of Ketanji Brown Jackson**

Gun control groups applauded President Biden's Friday nomination of Ketanji Brown Jackson to the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS).

Jackson is currently a justice on the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.

Gabby Giffords' gun control outlet, the Giffords Law Center, was quick to "laud" the nomination of Jackson, and Mike Bloomberg-affiliated Everytown for Gun Safety praised Jackson's nomination as well.

Jackson is nominated to succeed retiring SCOTUS Justice Stephen Breyer.

<https://www.breitbart.com/politics/2022/02/25/gun-control-groups-applaud-bidens-nomination-ketanji-brown-jackson/>

### **Biden White House Launches New Gun Control Initiative**

The White House announced ... that President Joe Biden is launching new gun controls, which include a National Ghost Gun Enforcement Initiative....

The WH also noted that Biden also plans to step up actions against "unlicensed dealers" who sell firearms without background checks.

It should be noted Federal Firearms License holders (FFLs) are required by federal law to perform a National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) check on every gun they sell, whether new or used.

Biden campaigned on a gun control platform, going so far as to pledge to take down gun manufacturers.

<https://www.breitbart.com/politics/2022/02/03/biden-white-house-launches-new-gun-control-initiative/>

## **Biden Admin Has Records on Nearly One Billion Gun Sales**

The Biden administration is in possession of nearly one billion records detailing American citizens' firearm purchases, far more than Congress and the public has been aware of, according to new information from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives obtained by the *Washington Free Beacon*.

The ATF disclosed to lawmakers that it manages a database of 920,664,765 firearm purchase records, including both digital and hard copy versions of these transactions. When a licensed gun store goes out of business, its private records detailing gun transactions become ATF property and are stored at a federal site in West Virginia. The practice has contributed to the fears of gun advocacy groups and Second Amendment champions in Congress that the federal government is creating a national database of gun owners, which violates longstanding federal statutes.

While the ATF denies that these records are used to track gun owners, it transfers hard copies of the information into a searchable digital database that it says is used to trace firearms tied to crimes. The ATF reported that 865,787,086 of the records are already in a digital format.

As the ATF stockpiles gun records, the Biden administration is seeking to alter a federal law that allows gun stores to destroy their records after 20 years, preventing the federal government from getting them. The Biden administration wants gun stores to maintain their records in perpetuity, meaning that when a store closes, the ATF receives all of its records. The ATF's gun records database has long been a flashpoint between Second Amendment advocates and the federal government, with the latter claiming the ATF is exploiting legal loopholes to expand the database. The Biden administration's push to ensure that all out-of-business records ultimately make their way to the ATF has sparked fierce pushback from 52 Republicans in Congress.

<https://freebeacon.com/guns/biden-admin-has-records-on-nearly-one-billion-gun-sales/>

## **Schumer Announces \$1.5 Billion Push for Interstate Gun Task Force**

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) on Sunday pushed the federal government to provide his state with at least \$1.5 billion to deal with illegal guns.

Schumer said that the Interstate Task Force on Illegal Guns, headed by Democrat Gov. Kathy Hochul, will only work if the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF) and other federal officials have the resources.

Critics of gun control measures have said that such rules do not lead to lower crime or homicide rates, but simply unfairly penalize lawful gun owners. Chicago saw more than

800 murders in 2021, while New York City saw nearly 500 murders—the highest total in years.

Meanwhile, in late November 2021, some members of the Supreme Court had pointed questions about the New York state law and similar laws in California, Maryland, and other states that sharply limit an individual’s ability to carry a gun outside their home—suggesting the high court may overturn the law.

“We are likely to see New York be forced to rewrite its law,” said Adam Winkler, a law professor at the University of California, Los Angeles, told The New York Times in November regarding a pending Supreme Court decision.

“We’ll have to wait until we see the court’s opinion before we know what’s constitutionally permissible,” he added.

[https://www.ntd.com/schumer-announces-1-5-billion-push-for-interstate-gun-task-force\\_734290.html](https://www.ntd.com/schumer-announces-1-5-billion-push-for-interstate-gun-task-force_734290.html)

### **Survey: 5.4 Million First-Time Gun Owners in 2021, Growing Diversity Bad News for Gun Control Advocates**

People in general purchased more than one gun at a time in 2021.

It gets better because 46.8% of those first-time buyers asked about professional firearm training. Then 43.1% signed up for the classes. It is important to receive training on your firearms, especially if you’re handicapped like me!

The industry also saw a 44.5% increase among blacks and 33.2% of females as first-time buyers.

*The Economist* pointed out that the diversity among gun owners is bad news for gun control advocates. The National African American Gun Association expanded by 25% in 2020.

People used to buy guns mainly for recreational or hunting purposes. Now self-defense takes the top spot

<https://legalinsurrection.com/2022/01/survey-5-4-million-first-time-gun-owners-in-2021-growing-diversity-bad-news-for-gun-control-advocates/>

### **8 Problems With San Jose’s Gun Insurance Mandate and Gun Ownership Tax**

Lawful gun ownership in San Jose, California, is about to become more expensive and onerous after the City Council passed a measure imposing two unprecedented burdens on the possession of firearms inside city limits.

Beginning later this year, San Jose’s lawful gun owners will be required to maintain “a homeowner’s, renter’s, or gun liability insurance policy ... specifically covering losses or damages resulting from any negligent or accidental use” of their firearms.

Gun owners also must pay an annual “Gun Harm Reduction Fee”—an as-yet undetermined amount that officials suggest will be roughly \$25 a year.

Here are eight major problems with San Jose’s latest gun control push:

1. Enforcement Nearly Impossible
2. Insurance Policies Don’t Exist
3. Insignificant Coverage
4. Payouts Don’t Reduce Taxpayer Burden
5. Mandate Won’t Save Lives
6. Unconstitutional Tax
7. Misplaced Blame
8. Legitimate Solutions Ignored

<https://www.dailysignal.com/2022/02/01/8-problems-with-san-joses-gun-insurance-mandate-and-gun-ownership-tax/>

### **Five myths of gun control (editorial)**

Myth #1. Guns are to blame for soaring crime rates: Saying guns cause crime is like saying matches cause arson. The 1990s saw a historic rise of gun ownership and crime went down.

Myth #2. The Second Amendment doesn’t prevent government regulation of firearms: In *D.C. v. Heller* (2008), the Supreme Court said the Second Amendment guarantees an individual right.

Myth #3. You don’t need a gun for self-defense. That’s why we have police: Due to the demonization of men and women in blue, and a revolving-door justice system, police recruitment and retention is bleak.

Myth #4. We don’t want to take all of your guns away — just the bad ones: During the 2020 primary campaign, former Rep. Beto O’Rourke said: “Hell yes, we’re going to take your AR-15.”

Myth #5. Gun owners are white males who drive pickup trucks with confederate flag decals: In 2020, the number of women buying guns more than doubled. And 40% of first-time buyers were Black Americans

<https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2022/feb/10/five-myths-of-gun-control/>

