



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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By Tom Reynolds

I often speak and write that Murphy's Law - "Whatever can go wrong will go wrong" - needs to have a second line - "Whatever can go right will also go right". The difference is that it requires no effort for things to go wrong but it takes preparation and action to take advantage of things that go right. If we aren't prepared and don't act, we miss opportunities and all we end up seeing are things that went wrong, which leads us deeper into a funk. (I won't say depressed since I might be Red Flagged.)

Preparation, that's a hard one. In between major events, it's hard to be motivated to prepare. It's easier to just do nothing.

Last year's election was a disaster for gun rights. Not just the November election but the special Senate elections in Georgia when two Democrats won, giving the anti-gun Democrat leadership control of the Senate. How did that happen in usually Republican Georgia? As the saying goes, "*75% of success in life is just sowing up*". Republicans did not show up to vote in the January Special Election. Between November's general election and the January Special Election, 104,000 fewer Democrats voted in January but 248,000 fewer Republicans voted, a fatal difference of 144,000 voters. The Democrat, Ossoff, won by 55,000 votes. How could Georgia Republicans not vote, knowing that control of the Senate - and the entire federal government - hung in the balance? If Republicans had stayed away from voting in only the same numbers as Democrats, we would not be facing the attacks on 2A and the Constitution that we currently face, at the federal level.

If Georgians wouldn't turn out to

vote, how in hell do we motivate gun owners in New York, who have a long history of election indifference?

Many will say there is no hurry, the next major election is fifteen months away. I say it is ONLY fifteen months away - time is short and the water's rising! During the current period when people are vacationing and the weather is hot and humid, people are not mentally into preparation. Okay - it's tough, but we need to get started.

What helps get us into a positive mode is meeting and talking to people who are positive, inspirational and think like us. In just over two months, we have that opportunity. At SCOPE's October 16th banquet in Utica NY, the main speaker will be Lieutenant Colonel Oliver North.

While working in the White House would be an honor and thrill, can you imagine working in Ronald Reagan's White House; what a thrill to have been there when the Cold War shifted and to be a part of that monumental time! North waded into wars in two places: in Viet Nam's rice paddies and in Washington's political swamp. He stood up to Congress and the left wing media.

Colonel North grew up in upstate NY; in Columbia County and attended SUNY Brockport before entering the Naval Academy in Annapolis. He is a decorated Marine, a best-selling author and the holder of three patents.

Not only will he be speaking but North will be available to meet during the pre-banquet get together, starting at 4 PM.

Jane Bonvillain wrote of North as a guest and speaker, "*Ollie was one of the best—if not THE best speaker we've had address our group. From the time he joined*

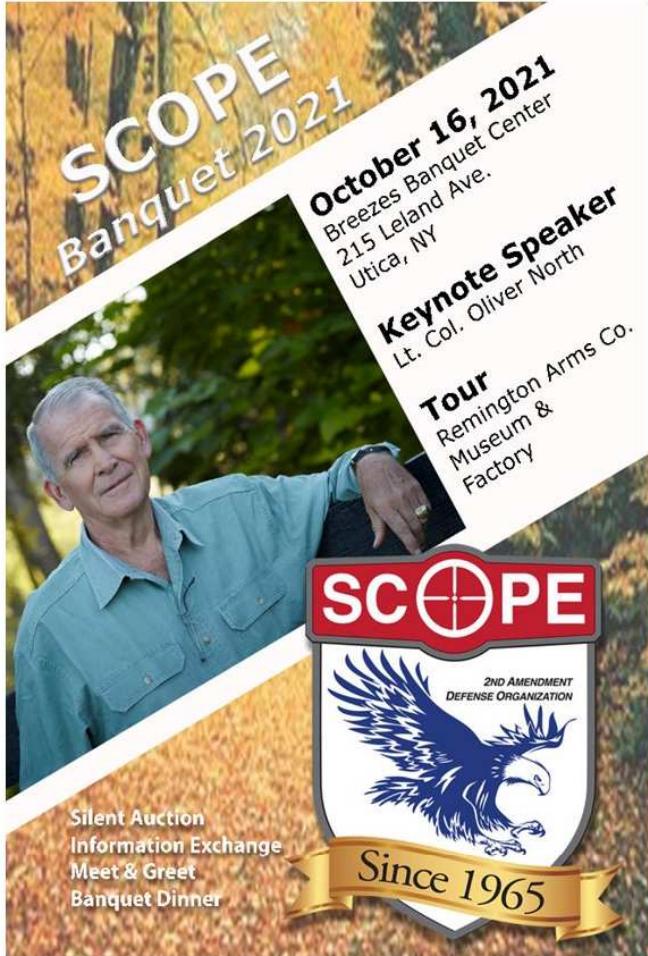
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Ann Coulter

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*Attendee must have Government issued photo ID & proof of US Citizenship

- NYS Enhanced license covers both requirements
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- Valid US Passport

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4:00 PM Breezes Banquet Center

6:00 PM Dinner

Dinner this year will be served family style.

- Chicken Francaise
- Stuffed Pork Tenderloin
- Eggplant Neopolitan
- Vodka Rigatoni
- Potatoes/Salad/Rolls/Dessert

7:15 PM Keynote Speaker

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Firing Lines is printed every two months. The deadlines are **January 15, March 15, May 15, July 15, September 15 and November 15**.

We do take articles from you, our members. They are subject to editing for spelling and grammar. We also reserve the right not to print the article.

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

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Dictionary of Gun Grabbing

By Dr. Robert Young and Tom Reynolds

In order to understand the gun grabbers, it is necessary to understand what they really mean when they say something. The radical left wants to control the language of the debate. SCOPE recently uncovered a secret dictionary used by those hating the 2nd Amendment, the main stream media and Hollywood. (But we repeat ourselves.) This is what the left hears when they see or hear these words.

Assault weapon: “Any firearm whose design disturbs the sleep of progressive politicians.”

Firearm / Gun: “Inexpressibly evil tool of the devil.”

Concealed carry: “Villainously hiding deadly weapons in order to frighten, harass and murder innocent anti-gun citizenry.”

Open carry: “Villainously displaying deadly weapons in order to frighten, harass and murder innocent anti-gun citizenry.”

Ammunition: “Objects without which firearms are useless for their intended purposes. They are made even more evil

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us for the reception to some four hours later, he made everyone feel like they were long-time friends. A great story teller and a very gracious man.” Does that sound like someone you would like to spend the evening with? This is your chance.

The 2022 election will be crucial for us at both the state and federal level. We need to get energized and start preparing. What better way than with fellow 2A supporters and with an interesting and exciting guest speaker. Make a weekend of it with your fellow 2A defenders. It should be a great time to drive through New York with the leaves turning and the weather still enjoyable.

SCOPE’s strength is our chapters and we need to begin planning at both the state and chapter level for the 2022 elections. Whether local, state or federal offices, we should have a great opportunity to take back our government and fill it with 2nd Amendment supporters. To do that we need more than just ourselves voting, we need to reinforce those that would vote and motivate those that might not vote. That takes time and energy. We’ve still got the time, have you got the energy? Or do you find it easier to just complain? Join us on October 16th and get energized while meeting a living part of history.

due to typical lead content and lack of permanent individual markings which are vital to solving anonymous crimes.”

Microstamping: “New and untried technique of recording unique markings on ammunition fired from guns, which will cost millions of dollars and never solve a single crime.”

High-capacity magazine: “Death-dealing, utterly reliable, rapid-fire feeder of massive amounts of killing rounds.”

Silencer: “Hi-tech device used solely for noiseless assassination of innocent parties.”

Bullet-proof vest: “Clothing item that conceals invisibly beneath any upper body garment, enabling the wearer to stroll unhesitatingly through a hail of bullets and to massacre the parties shooting at him.”

Constitution: “Long document whose prehistoric language is no longer understood except by liberal judges according to the latest cultural shift.”

Second Amendment: “Flight of fantasy written into ancient history by disgusting slave-owning elitist old white males.”

Amending the Constitution: “The difficult and tedious sequence of steps necessitating nation-wide consensus. It can be rendered superfluous by liberal judges cheerleading the latest cultural shift.”

Facts: “Anti-gun propaganda.”

Propaganda: “Pro-gun facts.”

Common sense: “Bereft of logic.”

Gun enthusiast/hobbyist/lover: “Killer.”

Gun collector: “Future mass shooter.”

Gun culture: “Satanism.”

Gun lobby: “Satanic killers.”

NRA, SCOPE, NYS Rifle and Pistol Association: “Satanists”. “Terrorists.”

Firing (or Shooting) Range / Club: “Location where Gun lovers congregate to practice techniques with which to act out their aggression and hostility.”

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Gun control: “Safeguarding the human race from guns in spite of itself.” “Confiscation and prohibition, because the Left knows best.” “Justified because a woman raped, alive or dead, is preferable to an attacker lying dead at her feet.”

Gun violence: “Injuries and deaths instigated by inanimate objects made of metal and/or plastic.”

Gun crime: “A miracle in which a firearm spontaneously commits, or forces a human to commit, an act punishable under U.S. statutes.”

Gun violence epidemic: “Rising gun ownership and concealed carry coinciding with dramatically decreasing rates of murder and violent crime.”

Public health violence research: “Prejudiced conclusions from faulty premises and untrustworthy methodologies intended to vilify gun ownership.”

Law enforcement officer: “Professional who mainly investigates crimes that have already occurred”. “Shoots inac-

curately in crises, causing collateral injury to the average civilian”.

Majority of people: “Minority of Americans who support more gun control.”

Registration: “The innocuous, public-spirited documentation of every firearm and owner in the country”. “It has no relationship whatsoever to its only possible use of allowing the government to identify and confiscate the weapons of any gun owner.”

Terror watch (or, No-fly) list: “People who have been accused of no crime but whose rights must be arbitrarily denied without knowing it or having any recourse.”

A good start/beginning/first step: “Any new gun control measure, which will prove ineffective and so legitimize further steps toward banning all civilian firearms.”

Gun safety: “The complete and permanent absence of all civilian firearms.”

FIGHTING FOR GUN RIGHTS

By Steven Getman

Governor Andrew Cuomo may have signed into law the Public Nuisance Bill to allow lawsuits against gun manufacturers and dealers for criminal use of a legally sold or manufactured firearm. But efforts by some county officials to get him to veto it show how local governments might be able to use their voices to help fight bad laws in the future.

An article from the WENY Elmira web site highlighted efforts by the Schuyler County Legislature and SCOPE’s Vice President, Steven Getman (the Schuyler County Attorney) to get the law vetoed.

“The Schuyler County Attorney Steven Getman helped write a letter on behalf of the County Legislature in hopes of persuading Governor Cuomo to not sign it into law. In response to the bill advancing in Albany, the Schuyler County Legislature voted unanimously to send the letter to Governor Cuomo urging him to veto the law. Getman says the County Legislature opposes the proposal because a criminal who uses a gun has no connection to the business that made or sold that gun. ‘It would be like declaring drunk driving a public nuisance and then allowing people to sue the local car dealer whenever anybody misuses a motor vehicle in a drunk driving accident,’ Getman said.”

“Getman explains this new bill doesn’t only apply to big gun businesses. It also will affect small businesses. ‘It can apply to anybody who sells any kind of firearm, including a mom-and-pop shop in your local neighborhood or anybody that sells magazines or accessories,’ Getman said. The bill requires gun manufacturers to prevent their guns from falling into the hands of criminals. However, the process to do exactly that remains vague and unclear. Instead, Getman believes we should focus on other issues to combat gun violence like the state’s current bail reform.”

Like Schuyler County, the Washington County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution asking Cuomo not to sign the bill over concerns the law would impact local gun shops and machine shops that manufacture gun parts throughout the county. As reported in the Adirondack Daily Enterprise, *“Kingsbury Supervisor Dana Hogan, who drafted the resolution on behalf of Jane Havens, the owner of Calamity Jane’s Firearms and Fine Shoes store, said in an email that he ... questioned whether it would help address gun violence.”*

“I sponsored and supported the county resolution because I don’t believe we are going to litigate our way out of gun violence in the United States, he said.”

Another county to weigh in against the bill was Greene County, home of several businesses supplied by Remington Arms.

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WHY IS CUOMO STILL THE GOVERNOR?

By Eugene Nolan

Without question, Andrew Cuomo is the number one enemy of the 2nd Amendment, in New York State. 2A supporters would love to see him out of office, even before the 2022 election. As the saying goes, "the enemy of my enemy is my friend". If he were ousted for reasons other than 2A, should we complain? (Al Capone went to prison for tax evasion, not murder.)

What keeps this man in a position of political power? The answer to this question may be complex or as simple as lawmakers not willing to do what is politically difficult and saying "Enough." Let's take a look at some of Cuomo's "I had no knowledge of", I didn't do that", "That's absolutely not true", "She or he is lying" deeds. The Governor of our state has a dark track record that should not be tolerated by the people, and especially by the elected lawmakers of this great state.

- 1) Direct and indirect assaults on our 2nd Amendment protected rights through the SAFE Act, Red Flag laws and his pressure on the banking and insurance industries to not service gun related organizations.
- 2) Directly or indirectly killing of the innocent unborn or "just" born children. (Abortion rights extension.)
- 3) Accusations of sexual harassment by at least 9 (yes, nine) women. Are they all lying? Where are the Women's Rights Groups? What if one of these women was your daughter? Wife? Sister?
- 4) Directly or indirectly responsible for the killing of frail and weak senior adults in nursing homes. (COVID)

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According to the WKTV web site, "*Remington Arms provided a formal letter of opposition to the bill from NSSF- the National Shooting Sports Foundation*". The statement says, in part: "*If enacted, businesses in the fire-arm industry will abandon the New York market to avoid a tidal wave of vexatious 'regulation through litigation' the bill is intended to bring about. New York residents will no longer be able to exercise their Second Amendment right to purchase firearms. The bill will undermine and diminish, if not violate, the Second Amendment rights of New York resident.*"

Some local law enforcement officers also came out against the bill. As reported by CBS6 in Albany, "*addressing violence, Saratoga Springs Assistant Police chief John Catone said if we enact legislation, it needs to target the guns that need to come off the street. If you are a criminal, you're not going to one of the gun dealers to get your gun, you're getting it off the street.*"

In each of these stories, gun control opponents used facts and logic to support their arguments. Perhaps as

5) Accusations that shoddy workmanship and materials were used in the taxpayer funded new Tappan Zee Bridge which he renamed after his father (Why not name the bridge after a true hero, one of our war veterans?) And then he spent over 1 million taxpayer dollars to bring in experts to report the materials in question were good, shielding Cuomo from blame. The spokesman from the New York Thruway Authority claims "this had nothing to do with the Governor". If that is true, shouldn't a governor much more attentive to how your tax dollars are spent?

6) Accusations that the Governor gave special treatment and access to the Covid-19 vaccines to his family, at the height of the pandemic. How does that make you feel? 2nd class? Not important?

7) Cuomo recently wrote a book about his (great?) leadership through the COVID crisis, from which he expects to earn over \$5 million. (This book will probably be sold exclusively in Europe and Asia.) All the proceeds from this book should go to all the families who lost loved ones in nursing homes!

I could go on, as there is much more about our Governor I could review, but I realize space is limited. In closing, I would like to say to all our elected and appointed officials of this great state "DO YOUR JOB, IMPEACH GOV. CUOMO!" And to the residents of this great state, including 2A defenders, give impeachment your support, no matter what the reason!



importantly, the local governments put a human face to the victims and opponents of Cuomo's rabid anti-gun policies: small business owners, major employers, cops on the street and other real-life New Yorkers, even if they've never personally owned a firearm.

The effort by local governments to get Cuomo to veto this law may have failed with only a handful of counties making their voices heard. But next time a bad law is proposed, if more town, county and village governments speak up, it may make a difference. At the very worst, this type of local input, when shared with the press, can help educate the public on the importance of the Second Amendment and the unintended (and sometimes intended) negative effects of anti-gun legislation.



Root Causes

By Richard Rossi

I grew-up with guns and the responsibility for using them safely and legally, as have millions of other Law-abiding citizens. The gun is not the problem, it is the individual who is totally responsible for his/her actions. Individual responsibility no longer seems to exist in today's political environment.

How can an 'object' be responsible for anything? Is a car responsible for speeding or alcohol responsible for drunk driving? An object does not act on its own. An object can't be held accountable for anything.

To the left, the answer seems to be more and more restrictive gun laws and regulation. This is treating the symptom and NOT the disease. This gives gullible citizens that 'feel good' attitude and then government politicians can claim they are addressing the crime and violence issue. When the ban or restriction does not work, they will just pass more bans and restrictions and say this new action will now take care of the problem.

Let's try to rationally view the issue, going behind all the hype and emotions that drive the gun control groups. Look at the 'root causes' of mass shootings and violence in general.

One side says that guns should be banned or highly restricted in the name of public safety. The other side says, it is our constitutional right as Americans to own firearms. There is NOT an easy solution. This is America and we take our Rights and Freedom very seriously. Rights must not be restricted or taken away, indiscriminately. Law-abiding gun owners/citizens make up approximately 99.9% of the gun owning population in this country and they DO NOT commit crime and murders. We must and should tread very softly when restricting any freedoms or we will not be a Democratic Republic.

Let's look at some societal issues. When I grew up when schools were NOT 'Gun Free Zones' and yet we did not have mass shootings at schools. Yes, we had crime back in the 50's, 60's and 70's. Yes, there were fights and brawls but no one got killed. We had a dress code and we had structure. The students had respect for authority. Schools were safe. We started our day, with both the pledge allegiance and a morning prayer; both are taboo in today's Liberal society.

Teachers were the law in schools. If your parents were called, you were in big trouble. Parents did not believe that it was the responsibility of the school to teach their children respect, manners, discipline, morals and what is right and wrong. Today, there is little personal responsibility and personal consequences for actions.

"Problem children" were NOT handled with drugs to make the problem 'go away'. Studies have shown that calming medication can cause severe problems, which may

eventually lead to violent behavior or suicide.

Years ago, the family unit was important. Today a two-parent household with only one working parent is almost a thing of the past. As a matter of fact, two parent households are becoming fewer. As a result, the children run wild in the streets after school, leading to peer-pressure and gang ties. A breeding ground for trouble.

Another root cause is the break-down of our criminal justice system. We have career criminals who work the system and are constantly in and out of jails. We have plea bargaining coupled with reduced sentences...and let's not forget lenient judges and the new "no bail" laws. Approximately 90% of the crime is committed by repeat offenders who are prohibited by law from legally owning firearms. They use handguns that are illegally obtained to commit crimes. The demand for background checks by the 'Gun Control' groups will have no impact on those criminals.

So far, I have identified five societal 'root causes' of violence in this country. They are the overuse of drugs, no supervision of young adults, growing gangs, the moral decay of the family unit in America and the breakdown of the justice system.

Let's explore the many fallacies in gun control propaganda.

The term Assault Weapon is nothing more than a politically derived term used by our government and gun control groups to restrict semi-automatic rifles. More laws banning the assault weapon are introduced almost daily. But statistically, rifles, shotguns and 'assault weapons' are NOT the weapon of choice for criminals as they can't be easily concealed. The number of crimes committed by criminals using of any of these three are far less than the number with handguns.

Gun control advocates feel that banning so called assault weapons and high-capacity magazines will solve the violence problems. 99.9% of gun owners have followed the legal process and passed the background checks to own and use any weapon: pistols, rifles and shotguns. Why prohibit law-abiding citizens from owning those weapons? How will that reduce crime and violence? It just puts the law-abiding citizens at a disadvantage when a crime is targeted at them.

Then there is the issue of high-capacity magazines. There seems to be some magic number of rounds that makes these 'high capacity'; some say over 10, 15 or even 7 (in NYS) is a high-capacity magazine. The major pistol manufacturers sell pistols with standard capacity magazines that exceed these numbers. Gun control groups claim that banning these will save lives in a mass shooting scenario. What the gun grabbers don't understand is that magazine changes are very quick to accomplish.

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Exercising Our Arms

By Quinn Otto-Moudry

In my time as a student at Cornell University, I have come across very few individuals who I consider to be "gun people". (For some context, I have met most of my friends and acquaintances through conservative political groups on campus.) Most are pro-gun to some degree - although few are true Second Amendment absolutists such as myself - but almost none are "gun people". I have met, at most, a handful with an interest in firearms extending beyond some vague ideological predilection towards firearm ownership being a general good. Of those few, I have only been able to engage in an actual conversation with one person about firearms' history, technology, and the laws surrounding them - where we both have a comparable understanding of what the other is saying. This is not to belittle or criticize those who do not know much about firearms, everyone interested in guns and gun rights started out not knowing much.

The reason is simple why this subject should be of interest to any believer in the right to keep and bear arms. Support for the cause is all well and good but, fundamentally, the Second Amendment necessitates exercising our right in order to be effective. America's Founding Fathers enshrined the private ownership of weapons as a safeguard against tyranny. However, it is not enough to simply believe in this right, it must be exercised. This perspective is

argued in an 1824 letter to John Cartwright where Thomas Jefferson wrote that "[...] it is [the people's] right and duty to be at all times armed [...]" . Jefferson calls exercising our right to be our duty.

There is a common saying that the Second Amendment protects the rest of the Constitution. Just as a muscle will become weak and atrophied if one does not exercise, so do our liberties waste away if we allow ourselves to live unarmed. It cannot be emphasized enough that if you know anyone who is a friend to liberty, but has not yet taken up their duty to keep and bear arms, you must help them. It may be a long journey to explain the intricacies of firearms and inform someone on all necessary considerations, and I can certainly empathize with the difficulties that come with doing so. But we must remember that this movement is only sustained through individual action and efforts.

The enemies of liberty will not take any rest from demonizing gun owners, from spreading lies and misinformation, or from lobbying against our rights. To take another phrase from Thomas Jefferson: "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." The media, the politicians, and the elites will never encourage those who are unarmed to adequately protect themselves, that is a duty which must be undertaken by us all.



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We now have law-abiding citizens who legally bought assault weapons and/or high-capacity magazines. These individuals are NOT a threat to society, they don't commit crimes. Why should these law-abiding citizens have their rights restricted?

This brings me to the 'Gun-Free Zones', or 'sitting duck zones' as I call them. A magical sign that will deter a criminal or mass murderer from bringing a gun to commit a crime. Do even the leftists believe the criminal is deterred by a sign? When I see one of these signs, I get an uneasy feeling - this is an invitation to violence and a crime waiting to happen. What is one additional offense to someone using a gun or a high-capacity magazine to commit a crime. 'Gun Free Zone' Signs will not deter criminal activity.

A vast majority of mass shootings have occurred in a 'GUN FREE ZONE'. If you wanted to inflict death and pain in a public place, where would you go? A place where some law-abiding citizens might be armed or a Gun Free Zone? Most mass murderers are mentally disturbed but they are NOT stupid. Their goal is to kill as many people as they can WITHOUT getting stopped in the several minutes before armed response arrives. In many cases, as soon

as armed citizens or police arrive, they kill themselves.

We now have a new twist, the millions of illegal aliens flooding our country. Countless numbers of these individuals are criminals: rapists, murders and let's not forget the "MS13" gang members. Our federal government has no idea who these individuals are and they don't seem to care.

Our government wastes millions when creating rifle and shotgun registration databases, tracking ammo purchases, registering 'assault weapons', constantly renewing pistol licenses and bans on this and that type of gun. Criminals will not comply with any of these registration programs because they don't get their guns legally. These are useless initiatives that will NOT address the root causes or the problem. We are just harassing law-abiding legal gun owners who don't commit crimes and destroying Rights and Freedoms.

We need to put emotion and 'knee-jerk' reactions aside and start addressing the real root causes if we really want to solve this problem. However, if the objective is destroying the Second Amendment and our rights and freedom as Americans - then we are on the right path.

SCOPE Member Clubs

The following are clubs that are members of SCOPE. If you plan to join a club, please try to join one that is a SCOPE member. If your club would like to become a SCOPE club member please give SCOPE a call or drop us an E-mail.

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 & Pistol Club
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SCOPE Chapter Activities

By Sue Maressa

SCOPE's purpose is to educate about the Constitution with an emphasis on the 2nd Amendment. Our chapters are a critical part of this effort as they are our local area connection.

To find your county's meeting information go to SCOPENy2a.org/calendar or go to your chapter's page of the website SCOPENy2a.org/chapters.

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

The following is an update of some of our chapter's activities from May and June.

Allegany County: Met June 15th. They discussed the upcoming SCOPE Banquet in Utica. There was also a discussion on how to get 2A supporters more involved in local meetings and events. Due to the Allegany County Fair, the July meeting was moved to July 13th.

Meeting on May 18th, the chapter discussed their upcoming county summer events; they will be participating in the Allegany Co. Fair and paperwork has been submitted for the Garlic Festival. An article about 2A sanctuary cities/counties was brought in by a member. The article was read and there was a lengthy discussion.

Capital District: Sent out their newsletter on June 8th; it spoke about the NY State Legislative Session; a request had been made and an example given for contacting State Representatives; information was given on the October banquet; news regarding the Rensselaer County Conservation Alliance and local Columbia County laws was published.

Cattaraugus County: Meeting on July 8th had Senator George Borrello as their speaker. He spoke about NYS legislation and answered questions. Summer events: Cattaraugus County Fair, the Trappers convention in Little Valley; and Olean summer festivals are scheduled. Volunteers are signing up.

Cayuga County: Held their May 8th meeting at the Finger Lakes Mall. Chairman Dishaw gave a report on the April SCOPE Members meeting and summarized what he had heard from NY Governor candidate Lee Zeldin. A discussion about pending legislation and court cases was held with an emphasis on contacting representatives about legislation. Fundraising, social media, membership and voter registration committee reports were given. Ideas were discussed.

Meeting on June 10th was held at A.T. Walley's in Auburn. The guest speaker was David Dempsey who is running for County Treasurer and has the endorsements of both the Republican and Conservative parties. Dave has experience in government as both a county legislator and city councilor. A Cayuga county SCOPE membership drive is underway along with a voter registration drive to hopefully put an end to voter apathy and get people to turn out for the 2022 election.

Erie County: Met on May 19th. The meeting was primarily a discussion about the Erie County Sheriff candidates in the upcoming primary election. Also informed the members of the SCOPE 5-Gun raffle and banquet.

Genesee County: Met May 11th at the Sportsman Coon Club, their new location for monthly meetings. The chapter was invited to participate in the Batavia Memorial Day parade; discussion about parade preparations followed. Upcoming summer events: Genesee Co. Fair; Stafford Truck Show; Steam Show; et.al. were discussed. Volunteers are being scheduled. An in-depth Legislative update followed and finished off the meeting.

Oneida-Herkimer Counties: Held their chapter meeting at the Fraternal Order of Eagles Club on May 10th. Chairman Rabarsky reminded everyone of the 2021 National Armed Forces Day rally. Sheriff Mike Carpinelli was the guest speaker. He spoke about voter fraud, NYS corruption, mask mandates and the SAFE Act. There was a great turnout to hear him speak.

Schoharie County: Met on May 20th. Getting more people involved was the premise of the meeting. Schoharie SCOPE will be sending letters to the papers regarding gun safety, history of the NRA and Trap in the high schools. Getting schools on board to have some hunter safety programs and to potentially get schools involved in a trap shooting programs was considered. Also discussed was the Eddy Eagle Program. Gift Certificates to Outlander Sport will be purchased for ticket sales at the summer Schoharie County Fair.

Schuyler County: Posted their *July Legal Update*. This update can be found on the Schuyler Co. page of the SCOPE website. The update lists NY gun control bills which passed in 2021; discusses the gun liability bill and the fear that it will driving manufacturers out of NY. On a local level, Schuyler County passed a youth hunting law. And on the Federal level there is much to read about Biden's gun control plans and the DOJ's model 'Red Flag' legislation.

Steuben County: Met on May 3rd to discuss the summer event schedule. Steuben SCOPE will have a booth at the Dairy festival and they are working to schedule Steak & Shoot at the Bath Rod & Gun Club. The Boy Scouts and current youth programs throughout the County

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were discussed, as were NYS proposed gun laws that were listed in the previous Firing Lines issue.

On May 17th Steuben County welcomed Joe Sempolinski as their speaker; Joe is interested in running for the seat currently held by Tom Reed. Dairy festival volunteer sign up is underway.

Wayne County: At the June 9th meeting, Chairman Smith gave a legislative update and reminded members of the importance of contacting our Representatives to voice opinion on the several gun bills that are being debated. Reminder to write and submit articles/letter to the editor for the Times of Wayne County and Finger Lakes Times. The October banquet was discussed and handouts with all the event details were handed out.

Wyoming County: Held its meeting May 13th at the Five Point Rod & Gun Club. Wyoming County Wildlife Federation gave a report and legislative updates. The chapter will have a refurbished booth at this year's Wyoming County Fair. Volunteers were asked to sign up. A new Wyoming County SCOPE page is up and running on face book. Member reports from across the county were given.

Please SHARE

A reminder from Ed Borkowski from Steuben County:

After you have thoroughly read your copy of the Firing Lines,

Remove or cross out your name and address and drop it off at any of the waiting rooms you may visit; doctor, dentist, barber shop, mechanic etc.

It's a great way to widen our exposure and educate others on the 2nd Amendment and how current legislation will affect our future rights.

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NY Gun Bills Passed In 2021

By Tom Reynolds

The New York Legislature meets from January to June and has a two year term which includes 2021 and 2022. Any bills introduced but not passed or rejected in 2021 are still “alive” and eligible for consideration in 2022. There have been dozens of gun related bills introduced in 2021 which are still alive. The following are a list of gun related bills that were passed by the NY Legislature in 2021:

A-613A/S-14A, Criminalizes the sale of ghost guns and requires gunsmiths to register and serialize firearms, rifles, shotguns, and unfinished frames or receivers they assemble.

A-2111/S-5952, Provides taxpayer gifts for gun violence research. Requires the tax commission to include space on the personal income tax return to enable a tax payer to make such contribution. Establishes the gun violence research fund.

A-2666A/S13A, Establishes the crimes of criminal sale of any finished frame or receiver in the first and second degrees as class D and E felonies, respectively.

A-6198B/S-5000B, Prohibits the sale, purchase, or transfer of firearms to anyone known to have an outstanding warrant for a felony or serious offense.

A-6522/S-7152, Any person, dealer, firm, partnership or corporation who intentionally designs or transforms a rifle, pistol, shotgun or machine-gun to resemble a toy gun by either altering or concealing the original color or surface of the gun with the purpose of selling such weapon is guilty of a class D felony

A-7243/S-1251, Requires the Division of Criminal Justice Services to publish quarterly reports beginning October 1, 2021, providing information related to firearms, rifles and shotguns used in the commission of crimes in the state of New York.

A-7302/S-2981, Creates a firearm violence research institute and a firearm violence research fund.

A-6762B/S-7196, All gun industry members who manufacture, market, import or offer for wholesale or retail sale any qualified product in New York State shall establish and utilize reasonable controls and procedures to prevent its qualified products from being possessed, used, marketed or sold unlawfully in New York State.

A violation of this article that results in harm to the public shall hereby be declared to be a public nuisance. The existence of a public nuisance shall not depend on whether the gun industry member acted for the purpose of causing harm to the public.

The Attorney General or a city corporation counsel may bring an action in the Supreme Court or federal district court to enjoin and restrain such violations and to obtain restitution and damages. Any person, firm, corporation or association that has been damaged as a result of a gun industry member's acts or omissions in violation of this article shall be entitled to bring an action for recovery of damages.

This last law (A-6762B/S-7196) deserves special attention since it would seem to be a violation of federal law: the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act of 2005 which, *“Prohibits a qualified civil liability action from being brought in any state or federal court against a manufacturer or seller of a firearm, ammunition, or a component of a firearm that has been shipped or transported in interstate or foreign commerce, or against a trade association of such manufacturers or sellers, for damages, punitive damages, injunctive or declaratory relief, abatement, restitution, fines, penalties, or other relief resulting from the criminal or unlawful misuse of a firearm. Requires pending actions to be dismissed”*.

The National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) is filing suit against this law. Of course, NSSF will have to pay its legal fees while NY State will defend it on the taxpayer’s “dime”.

The National Rifle Association may have Cuomo’s strategy pegged for what it truly is, a feint designed to convince voters he’s doing something about reducing crime when that is not really the case. “Rather than tackle the Empire State’s violent crime problem head on, the governor decided to throw red meat to the New York Democratic base in the form of further gun control,” the NRA said in a statement.

Check your address label for your renewal date

With this newsletter your expiration date is included on the address label. It will save SCOPE time and money if you can renew your membership a month or two before your membership is due to expire.

You can use the membership application in the newsletter or go online to www.Scopeny2A.org to renew. Thank you. **Renew your membership today!**

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We still have much to battle Albany over, and as you well know it takes money to do this! This battle with Albany and the NY (UN)S.A.F.E. Act will be going on for the foreseeable future. Perhaps the action that N.Y.S.R.P.A. is undertaking against NYC will have a benefit for all of us, but we do not yet know. We must be ready to fight, or assist others, in court.

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Conspiracy Theory

By Attilio A. Contini

How many times have we heard the comment, "That's just a conspiracy theory"? The powers that be would have us believe that what they tell us is factual and everything that we who disagree say is wrong or a conspiracy theory. How can we tell the difference between a "conspiracy theory" and facts, reality, and the truth?

Conspiracy Theory or reality? You decide.

Is the Swamp a conspiracy theory? President Trump wanted to clean up Washington. The Establishment / Swamp strongly pushed back! Trump appointed people to head the various agencies and they tried to address problems. But in many cases, the FBI, CIA, DOJ, NSA, State Department underlings continued business as usual. There were investigations into cover ups, wrongdoings, and corruption that went nowhere or found no wrongdoing. Remember the Durham probe which seemed to have a real chance of exposing this? We are still waiting for the results; hopefully before the statute of limitations runs out.

Is it a conspiracy theory that they encouraged open insurrection by radical pro-Communist terrorists? The left has become so bold and confident that they have the upper hand that they no longer bother to hide their intentions. They advocated and encouraged violence, rioting, looting, arson and even murdering of our police and innocent bystanders. They promoted BLM and hired ANTIFA thugs. They not only tied the police's hands but defunded them. They let rioters out of jail the same day they were arrested, while they arrested and jailed pro Trump demonstrators who had done no arson and murder.

Is it a conspiracy theory that the left is imposing Socialist mass welfare programs by printing trillions of dollars and handing it out to a whole new and expanding group of recipients, tricking them into becoming dependent on the government for their daily bread?

Facts or conspiracy theory? The gun grabbing left promotes the implementation of world-wide gun control and confiscation policies in their drive of disarming the American law-abiding citizen. The left is trying to make it impossible for us to protect ourselves from criminal elements, which they allow to roam freely through our streets.

Conspiracy theory? The left is stripping us of our First Amendment Rights. They control the press and feed us only what they want us to know. They have tried to silence President Trump, who was the most pro 2A president in my life time.

The left conspires with and make concessions to our enemies in China, Iran, and Russia.

The left opened our borders to anyone who wants to invade our country and potentially do us harm. Is it a conspiracy theory to say that they are the biggest threat to our national security?

The left currently has complete control of our Federal and New York State Government. They have introduced dozens of bills (and passed many) to strip us of our constitutionally protected right to "keep and bear arms" and set up a class society where an elite few will control and make serfs of the rest of us. Since they don't bother to hide their goals is it a conspiracy theory?

What happened to security clearances and the taking of an "Oath of Office"? Why are subversives allowed to run for and hold public office? AOC and her gang, for instance. The people in control of our government, who are supposed to protect us from enemies who would destroy us, are now controlling who becomes government employees. The fox is running the hen house!

The accusation of "Conspiracy Theory" is just another big lie to cover up and deflect attention from their evil plot to destroy our Country and everything it stands for!

Since we are often accused of it, just what is a "Right Wing Extremist"?

When I graduated from high school, I was considered a liberal minded Republican. I have never changed my basic philosophy. Today, I am accused of being a radical right-wing extremist, terrorist, and even unpatriotic. On what grounds? Because I believe in God, support the Constitution as written, am pro-life, own a gun, believe in Law and Order and advocate responsible government?

The left is quick to accuse "Right Wing Extremists" of being NAZIs, Fascists, Racists, and Bigots. That is just a deflection. National Socialism, a Class Society, and a Government Regulated Economy are symptoms of NAZIism and Fascism. In all the years I have been involved in politics, I have met few conservatives who advocate these ideas. Socialism, class warfare, racism and bigotry are the historical traits of the Democrat Party. When you look below the surface you realize that the left advocates what they accuse conservatives of doing.

Today we have two opposing views that are diametrically opposed. Half the Country wants and believes that Socialism and all-powerful big government is the answer to all our problems while the other half believes we must return to limited government, capitalistic free enterprise, and Constitutional reform. We cannot have it both ways. Both systems are so diametrically opposed that there is no path for compromise. There is no middle ground!

Which system most closely resembles or adheres to the tenets of the Constitutional system of government our forefathers established; the system that made the USA into the leading nation in the world? There is no doubt that socialist, centralized, all-controlling big government is contrary to what our forefathers set up. What the extreme leftists advocate is subversive, seditious, and often treasonous.

The left will tell us "We must compromise and work together for what is best for the good of our Country". And of course, they know what is best and there can be no debate on it. The left's control of the language of debate has become a fact of life that scares the hell out of me!



“Gain of Function” and Your God-Given Rights

By Harold Moskowitz

What is “gain of function?” Few people other than those virologists involved in genetic research could answer that question prior to this past year. It describes the process of genetically manipulating natural viruses to become more infectious. This type of research involves high risks which are eagerly taken by those who claim that viral manipulation allows scientists to prepare measures for dealing with possible pandemics. In 2012, Dr. Anthony Fauci stated that “gain of function” research was “well worth the risk of an accidental release of a dangerous virus.” He authorized funding for such experimentation at the Wuhan Institute of Virology in China.

The eventual pandemic made possible by Dr. Fauci’s funding has indirectly led to increases in the breadth and scope of government power. Limitations were placed on our God-given rights. The Second Amendment has been affected as well.

Under cover of the pandemic health emergency, a vibrant economy was closed down, the middle class suffered, and election integrity was drastically damaged. A new administration swept into office ready to severely weaken the Second Amendment. Continuing the public health protection theme, gun violence was declared to be a public health priority.

The Administration continues to pressure Congress to regulate “assault weapons,” i.e., any semi-automatic weapon with a detachable magazine. In May, 2021, Biden nominated David Chipman, an outspoken gun control activist to be the head of the B.A.T.F.E. In addition, measures are being planned to make firearm manufacturers liable for criminal acts committed with their products. The goal is to bankrupt these companies through forcing them to endlessly defend themselves against frivolous lawsuits. This amounts to a “back door” attempt to destroy the Second Amendment.

In a year when “defund the police” was an often-heard slogan, most people realized that cutting law enforcement budgets did not make people feel secure. Looting, rioting, and burning of downtown stores tolerated by urban leaders did not inspire confidence in protection of the social fabric during the pandemic.

There was an unintended consequence for those hoping to weaken the Second Amendment. The attacks upon the civil society during the pandemic undermined the progressive goal of disarming the citizenry. Gun purchases by minority group members and women have surged, NICS checks have broken records and Smith and Wesson reported over a billion dollars in sales in their past fiscal year.

There is growing support for concealed carry permits across the nation. Solidly “blue” states still block individuals who seek this alternative to dependence upon a diminishing number of police. When seconds count, at best, police will arrive in minutes. If they arrive at all, it will often be after the violence to record the events and to put up yellow crime scene tape where a person’s life was tragically ended.

“Coincidentally,” there is an ongoing “ammo shortage.” Supplies are unpredictable. Prices are too high for most people. This limits time for range practicing. Manufacturers are allegedly producing at peak capacity. Shortages are projected to exist into 2022, a critical election year for the nation’s future. How can this shortage be explained? Are suppliers waiting for even higher prices? Is it hoarding by individuals? Are government agencies, as during the Obama administration, purchasing millions of rounds of different calibers for departments and agencies that do not normally issue firearms to personnel? Is it the increase in the number of new firearm owners? Are leftist billionaires somehow involved? Something is not right and requires a deep, thorough investigation before the 2022 election cycle. Without ammunition, your firearms become expensive paperweights!

The damage to the economy by the pandemic had a large impact upon the Presidential election in November, 2020. Now the nation’s government is influenced by people favoring socialism, globalism, neo-Marxism, and a one-party totalitarian leadership style. Those who wield the levers of government power seem to be in favor of limiting the freedom of individuals. During the pandemic, some state governments issued edicts which closed down the economy, lowered the standard of living and made the once industrious middle class increasingly dependent upon the national government. Using protection of health as their excuse, God-given rights to Life, Liberty, and Property were violated. Freedom of assembly and religion were flagrantly violated. The inability to use one’s property destroyed businesses and careers. Banning of people from key elements of daily life for not possessing a vaccine certificate limited individual freedom. These were but some of the manifestations of government abuse of power under the cover of protection of public health.

Under the banner of “equity,” the government increasingly promotes and enforces racial priority criteria in all areas of society. Racial division promoted through mandating of “critical race theory” and the incorporation of discrimination against Caucasians and Asians in public education could in time lead to a violent backlash against these racist government policies. Is the left hoping for violence and racial rioting as an excuse to mandate the confiscation of firearms?

The “system” is currently being used against
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Police Will Protect You

By Tom Reynolds

Ithaca is probably the most radically left city in Upstate New York, led by a boy-mayor who is seen as the future of the Democrat Party. Ithaca enthusiastically joined into the “defund the police” movement. The following excerpts are from the Ithaca Police Benevolent Association’s statement on July 21st.

Last night a member of our community called 911 to report what turned out to be a homicide on the West Side of our City. A murder, the worst of all crimes, and there weren’t enough sworn Ithaca Police Officers available to respond effectively.

Violent crime is on the rise in the City of Ithaca and there simply aren’t enough sworn Ithaca Police Officers.

Murderers and violent criminals should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. They shouldn’t get any advantages because of the staffing deficit we face and the lack of Sworn Ithaca Police Officers.

The Community and other Public Safety Agencies shouldn’t be forced to pay the consequences for the poor political decisions that have led to the mismanagement of the Ithaca Police Department by City Hall.

We should not be forced to rely on the resources of other agencies in an initial response to a violent crime.

Last night was an excellent example of teamwork

and the willingness of our fellow Officers to help the Ithaca Community in our time of need. It was also however another reminder that the number of Sworn Ithaca Police Officers is dangerously low and that your Ithaca Officers are running on fumes and have been for quite some time.

When you call 911 to report a serious violent crime you shouldn’t have to wait.

Remember the saying that “when the police are minutes away help is available at 1,500 feet per second”. In Ithaca, the police may be a lot more than minutes away. But try getting a pistol permit in Ithaca; expect a major delay. Try getting a concealed carry permit in Ithaca; you have a better chance of getting ice water in hell.

Portland Oregon competes with San Francisco as the most radically left city on the “left coast”. The following are excerpts about Portland from an April 8th article by Matt White in “Coffee or Die” magazine:

As a surge in street violence and a record-breaking numbers of killings continue in Portland, Oregon, the Portland City Council voted Wednesday to approve a sweeping list of public-safety and police reforms.

The measure does not restore any of the \$15 million the council cut from the Portland Police Bureau. In June (2020), the city council voted 3-1 to cut \$15 million from the Police Bureau’s requested budget, or about

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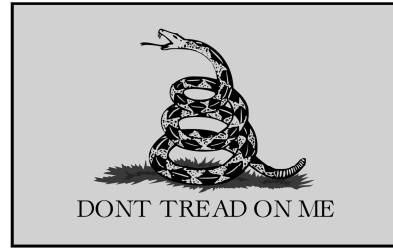
those who are trying to peacefully preserve our constitutional republic. It is through the ballot box that the People must decide the future survival of the republic. The pandemic helped those who wanted to subvert the integrity of the state voting systems. Without reestablishing indisputable election integrity for the elections looming in 2022 and 2024, the nation’s fate will have been sealed. Are the state legislatures, attorneys-general, courts and governors up to the task?

What can happen if nothing meaningful is done by the time of these two elections cycles? Thomas Jefferson gave us one possibility in the Declaration of Independence: “...all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among them are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness... That whenever any form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute a new government...”

Is this why leftists of all persuasions wish to neuter the Second Amendment? Perhaps they realize that the Founders/Framers provided it as a “last resort” desperate measure for preserving individual rights and freedom. The pandemic has shown the dangers of government power

overreach and also how compliant people become when manipulated by fear. It has clarified the danger of the totalitarian trajectory of the nation. Will enough patriotic citizens have been able to realize the dangers faced by the nation before they vote in the upcoming election?

In the end, will it be the often weak-kneed, big spending opposition party in Congress which will cohesively and doggedly work to prevent the demise of the constitutional republic or will it, by necessity, be left to “We the People?” Maybe that great N.Y. Yankees baseball “philosopher” Yogi Berra said it best: “It’s like déjà vu all over again.”





Senator George Borrello speaking at the July 8th Cattaraugus County meeting. He spoke about the misguided and ongoing attempts by the Governor and his allies to blame rising violence on ‘guns’ and not criminals, and to restrict the 2nd Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens.

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6%, after public protests and intense lobbying from community groups. The drop set the department's budget for 2020-2021 at just under \$230 million, down from the \$244.6 million the council and department agreed on before the summer's protests. The cut included the elimination of several units in the department, including the Gun Violence Reduction Team, which community groups said had a history of targeting and unnecessarily killing Black people.

The package...hires two dozen unarmed park rangers (they will patrol mostly on foot, 24 hours a day, engaging with the public and enforcing rules but with little law enforcement training and no ability to arrest) and moves close to a dozen officers in the police department into gun crime investigation, pulling them from units focused on assault and theft.

But with officers fleeing the city's police force in the last year, it was unclear whether the deal would help or hurt morale in the department. The Oregonian published transcripts this week from exit interviews with retiring or quitting police officers who left the department after last summer's protests and the budget cuts. Over 10% of the force has left in the last year, and the interviews paint a picture of a department rife with unhappiness.

"The community shows zero support. The city council are raging idiots, in addition to being stupid. Additionally, the mayor and council ignore actual facts on crime and policing in favor of radical leftist and anarchist's fantasy," one detective wrote in his exit interview.

On another exit form, where departing officers are asked about "Factors Affecting Your Departure," one cop simply wrote over the boxes: "Mayor Wheeler & Commissioners are a train wreck."

Since the cut, gun and violent crime has steadily increased in the city to levels beyond any ever seen in Portland. Police said this week that the city has seen 288 shootings in 2021, injuring 92 people. In all, the city has recorded 25 homicides, 18 of which involved firearms. If that pace continues, the city could see 100 killings in all of 2021 — nearly double 2020's total of 55, which was the highest number in over two decades.

Unaddressed for now is the Portland Police Bureau's manpower shortage. Portland Police Chief Chuck Lovell said Wednesday that the department had an 11% vacancy rate for sworn officers, with 98 unfilled positions.

And that may get worse, Lovell said. Six officers are resigning in April, he said, and 88 will be eligible to retire by the middle of 2022. Portland's police have slots for 900 officers.

Think about that - 98 out of 900 police positions are unfilled with more (perhaps many more) are expected this summer. On top of that, in June 2021, 50 Portland police officers who volunteered for the city's specialized crowd control unit resigned en masse from the rapid response team, citing a lack of support from city leaders. The move to disband the unit came one day after Portland Officer Cody Budworth was indicted and accused of striking a protester in the head last summer with a baton.

These are just two examples of the political insanity that engulfs many cities: east coast to west coast and large cities to small. (Do your own research and read about New York City, which has the aptly designated "worst mayor in America, or about San Francisco where stores are closing because of rampant theft.) Police forces are downsized (right sized in leftist terms) and those officers left are demoralized from the lack of support from their "bosses." Who you gonna call when 911 doesn't answer: Ghostbusters? Meanwhile, President Biden, Governor Cuomo and their radical left dominated legislatures are increasing their efforts to disarm the law-abiding American citizen.

Our Forefathers had numerous reasons for including the 2nd Amendment, but I will bet that they never envisioned the government refusing to protect its citizens as one reason why we need 2A.



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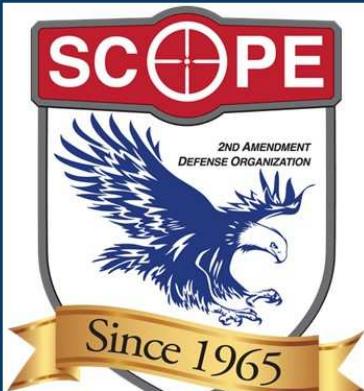
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