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*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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## November's Ballot

By George Phillips

The Constitution of the United States includes those critical words that we hold so dear in our hearts, "being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." For years these rights have been trampled upon, especially here in New York State, for law abiding citizens through the so-called SAFE Act and companion anti-gun rights measures.

Also critical to a free State are free and fair elections, which are now also under fire. Stolen elections are a path to nullifying the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment.

Americans across the nation saw continued news stories this past election causing us to question the fairness and integrity of our election system.

63 million people voted absentee in 2020 Presidential Election --- almost half the overall number of people who voted in the entire 2016 Presidential Election. Millions of these absentee voters cast their ballots before President Trump debated Joe Biden, in September.

Courts and Governors, acting under broad "emergency" COVID powers, made absentee ballot rules and revisions to election laws without the input of the elected legislative representatives of the people.

"Drop boxes" that were set up in key battleground states for absentee ballots were left without security and oversight to prevent fraud.

As Americans continue to question the authenticity and fairness of the last election, New York State politicians have placed

before voters the following referendums on November 2<sup>nd</sup> :

First, to make permanent absentee ballot voting for any voter for any reason in every election. Millions of New Yorkers voting absentee on a regular basis would surely increase opportunities for fraud – especially when local boards of election are ill-equipped to verify signatures of absentee voters.

Second, to allow same day voter registration up until election day – negating laws which require voters to register 30 days before an election. Illegal immigrants and non-New York residents could easily register to vote and then vote before local boards of elections had time to check for fraud. If you are not a citizen, you should not be able to vote in our state.

Third, to amend the Independent Redistricting Commission laws by allowing the liberal Democrat majority legislature to reject non-partisan district maps with a 60% vote and draw their own partisan maps for political gain. Under current law, the Democrats need a two-thirds supermajority to reject two separate independently drawn maps.

The Independent Redistricting Commission was approved by voters in 2014. Democrats didn't even fund it in their original budget last year, until they faced lawsuits. Now they are trying to pull one over on voters to scrap the commission they sought to create.

Nancy Pelosi's liberal allies want to man handle New York's redistricting process and draw crooked Congressional district lines that help keep them in power.

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## United Nations Small Arms Treaty

By Tom Reynolds

110 states have ratified the United Nations Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) and another 32 have signed it but not ratified it. The treaty's defenders say that it only contains proposals. Why would anyone want to sign a treaty if they did not intend to adopt its proposals?

Amnesty International (AI) reported on August 23, 2019, that: "*Even though the Arms Trade Treaty has been in place for five years, global arms trading is still on the rise.*" (Another UN success story!)

Amnesty International also writes that the ATT sets out prohibitions, "*to stop the international transfer between states of weapons...when it is known they would be used to commit or facilitate genocide, crimes against humanity, or war crimes.*" Countries ratifying ATT include China [which is committing genocide on the Uyghurs], most of Africa [where Christians are being killed and young girls kidnapped into sexual slavery] and Mexico [where the drug cartels flourish through violence]. Sounds like the wolves are guarding the hen house.

In 2020, the UN ended its arms embargo on Iran (a terrorist sponsoring nation), allowing them to do legally what they have been doing illegally for years. But that same UN wants to put restrictions on NON-terrorists obtaining weapons. (Sound familiar to US gun laws that apply only to law abiding citizens?)

President Obama signed the ATT but never submitted it to the Senate since he knew it would be rejected. The Constitution requires a 2/3rds vote [67 of 100] for approval of a treaty.

President Trump withdrew Obama's signature. But since it has never been officially rejected, (in 2013, the Senate voted 53-46 in favor of a nonbinding amendment to prevent the U.S. from entering into the pact), President Biden is strongly considering signing it, again. It would still risk defeat to attempt ratification by the United States Senate even though Majority Leader Chuck Schumer has been rabidly anti 2A. The ATT would need 17 Republicans and all Democrats to support it, in order to pass.

Defenders of the UN treaty say its preamble "*reaffirms the sovereign right of any State to regulate and control conventional arms exclusively within its territory...*", that's nice of the UN to give us the right to control our own commerce! The US Constitution says that only Congress can "*regulate Commerce with foreign nations, and among the several States...*" Of course, we have seen that clause become all but obsolete as the Center for Disease Control (CDC) has replaced Congress and the CDC now seems to have control over both interstate and intrastate commerce. And if the World Health Organization declared gun violence a pandemic, the UN would just have to try to step in and override the United States' Constitu-

tion to save us from ourselves, much like the CDC is doing with another pandemic. ("Good luck to the UN with that" say 100 million American gun owners.)

On August 30, 2019, the Heritage Foundation wrote, "*The treaty's supporters don't just dislike international arms sales. They also dislike the civilian possession of firearms. Amnesty International openly regrets that there are over 1 billion firearms in the world, the 'vast majority of which are in civilian hands'*" (Amnesty International doesn't mention that the primary source of AI's regret is that a quarter billion of those firearms are estimated to be in American hands.)

The Heritage Foundation continued: "*Contrary to the belief of the treaty's friends, wars are not caused by the international arms trade...the demand for treaties like the Arms Trade Treaty is deeply rooted in the progressive belief that the West in general, and the U.S. in particular, is the source of the world's evils. That is also untrue. But admitting that would strike a serious blow at progressivism.*"

The ATT - if it were somehow approved by the Senate - would be in conflict with the "Supremacy Clause" (Article VI of the Constitution) which says that the Constitution is the supreme law of the land. Congress can only act within the limits of the Constitution and, therefore, the terms of any treaty approved by the Senate must stay within the limits of the Constitution. Thomas Jefferson was clear on this point: "*Surely the President and the Senate cannot do by treaty what the whole government is interdicted from doing in any way.*" Alexander Hamilton agreed in the Federalist Papers: "*A treaty cannot be made which alters the Constitution...*"

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment is a part of the Constitution and, per Article V, it can only be changed by another Amendment (and not by a treaty that does not go through the Amendment process). Of course, if the Supreme Court were populated by Elena Kagan think-alikes, and if it meets their purposes, they would not be too concerned about mangling Article VI and saying that a treaty supersedes the Constitution.

The UN Office of Disarmament Affairs says in defense of the treaty, "*Those suffering most are civilian populations trapped in situations of armed violence in settings of both crime and conflict, often in conditions of poverty, deprivation and extreme inequality, where they are all too frequently on the receiving end of the misuse of arms by State armed and security forces, non-State armed groups and organized criminal groups.*" This sounds a lot like the Left's rationale for gun control in America: disarm the citizens who are victims of gun violence while leaving the criminals untouched. And note further that it singles out "*State armed and security forces*" as oppressors. If all guns are outlawed, only the government and outlaws will

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have guns.

Since gun registration is an important part of the treaty, the UN is already taking their next step; it's developing new "International Small Arms Control Standards" (ISACS). Per the UN, ISACS is: "Voluntary international standards that provide practical guidance on putting in place effective controls over the full life -cycle of small arms and light weapons so as to reduce the risk of their falling into the hands of those who would misuse them."(Underlining added for emphasis.) Introductory language to ISACS would give bureaucrats the final decision on whether or not you are competent enough to exercise your rights under the Constitution. Some ISACS proposals:

- National "screening" for those seeking to own guns;
- Restrictive licensing for gun and ammo sales;
- Restrictions on the number of guns and amount of ammo any "properly-licensed" individual may legally own (I'll bet one would be a popular number);
- Bans on magazines holding more than ten rounds;
- Bans on owning a firearm for self-defense -- unless a citi-

zen can somehow demonstrate need and get federal government approval. (We call that "may issue" instead of "shall issue".

The treaty's defenders say these are only proposals. Why would we want to sign a treaty if we do not intend to adopt its proposals? Especially a treaty that contains such un-American proposals which defy our Constitution?

Just imagine foreign dictators and governments - or gun grabbing President Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris - having unrestricted access to a list of every American gun owner! Since the Biden Administration furnished lists of Americans and American supporters to the Taliban, is it difficult to imagine them providing lists of American gun owners to other countries? The gun grabbers are going to do whatever it takes to make gun control a reality, even if it means giving control over Americans to a foreign country. They're clearly in this for the long haul. We must be prepared to fight this until the end.

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## New Definitions

By Richard Rossi

I would like to write some thoughts about two terms that 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment defenders are aware of.

First, let's look at the term "Gun Control". As a Law-abiding citizen and responsible gun owner, gun control means:

- Be sure your weapon is always handled responsibly.
- Remember that you are responsible for every single shot you discharge in whatever scenario.
- Control includes knowing where each and every bullet will be going and exactly what is beyond the initial target.
- In a self-defense situation, the weapon is the *tool of last resort*, only to be used when there is an imminent threat to yourself or someone else.

You may have a *RIGHT* (for now) to purchase a firearm, however, you have a moral responsibility to get training in its proper use and to practice to be the best you can be.

Unfortunately, the term "Gun Control" takes on a completely different meaning when used by the Anti-Gun groups, politicians, as well as the media and social networks. Gun Control is their "*Final Solution*" to the crime problem. But, if crime control was the real objective, they would be addressing crime control and not gun control.

We had no federal "gun control" laws until 1934. Today, we're drowning in gun control laws that were enacted at the federal, state, and local level. What has this accomplished? Are our streets any safer? Do criminal follow gun laws, regulations and restrictions? Under Gun Control, criminals legally can't buy or touch guns and ammunition. Therefore, Gun Control laws only impact legal gun owners.

The irony is that we now are facing a cry to '*defund the police*' by Democratic politicians and various other groups. The police are the only true hope of control over criminal activity. And we have seen the negative results of the 'bail reform' policies, which have resulted in

more crime – not less.

Gun Control as crime control is not working – but that was never the goal. Gun Control is a method of increasing government control over people. The Left knows that an armed populous can't be blindly controlled by the government.

My second term is 'Situational Awareness'. Gun owners think of it as: being aware of your surroundings and being alert; avoiding locations and situations that can lead you into harm; avoiding confrontation.

Situational Awareness should also include gun owners standing together and aware that, as a unified group, we are strong and can fight to maintain our Second Amendment Rights.

The National Shooting Sports Foundation reported that last year produced a record number of first-time gun owners; estimated at around 8.4 million. It also estimated that 23 million firearms were sold in 2020. Moreover, women and minorities make-up an ever-increasing portion of these purchases.

We must use our First Amendment rights (while this is still available to us) to stand up for our all our Constitutional Rights and Freedoms. If each and every gun owner, regardless of their political party affiliation, would commit to making their voices heard in the political arena, they could drown out the slander, misinformation and outright lies of those working to destroy our Second Amendment rights.

We must support candidates for public office who support the Second Amendment and understand the meaning of "Shall Not Be Infringed".

You may not be in total agreement with a political candidate's stance on every issue but you should pick the issues that are worth fighting for and vote for the candidate that best ensures that our Constitution and Bill of Rights will continue to mean something in America.

Party labels are just labels. Substance on issues is more important than voting the party line in an election. Be an informed voter - our country must come first over any political party mindset.

United, we can make a true difference. Restore our county to greatness. Keep the American dream alive.

## Book Review

By Robert B. Young, MD

Dr Robert Young reviewed Dennis Chapman's book on the AR 15 Controversy on the website [Doctors For Responsible Gun Ownership \(https://DRGO.US\)](https://DRGO.US). His review gives us insight into facts about the AR15 and is reprinted here. Young writes:

"Dennis Chapman, an attorney by trade and re-

tired Army infantry colonel who served in Somalia and Iraq, became frustrated by the assumptions activists make about this nearly ideal civilian rifle. He began examining those assumptions, collecting his observations and his findings. "*The AR-15 Controversy: Semiautomatic Rifles and the Second Amendment*" is the result."

"Since the main confusion is with the military's M16 series rifles, Chapman's professional experience gives

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him credibility that politically motivated gun phobes can never have. I've not referenced any of the below information or studies, because you'll find those details in Chapman's hundreds of footnotes, page by page."

"AR-15s are, simply, the current peak of the art and craft of the semi-automatic long rifle. This is a timely moment in history to get in our hands the full story of the AR, and how its value fits ours."

"As we know, semi-automatic firearms loaded with multiple rounds have been in existence since the 1600's. Rifled barrels have been around since before the American Revolution. Stocks ('hand guards', 'barrel shrouds') have always been used to provide a secure grip that keeps hands off hot barrels. 'Pistol grips', obviously, have existed as long as handguns have been made and their application to rifles, like adjustable stocks, make them easier to manage for all sizes and shapes of shooters. In other words, all but one of the hated features of the 'Armalite' style rifles are entirely innocent and represent the logical progression of good firearm design."

"The single feature that discriminates between Chapman's 'professional' military assault rifle and his modern civilian one is automatic firing (pressing the trigger once and holding it to fire multiple shots). Currently marketed civilian firearms don't do this."

'Bayonet mounts have detractors, but as no one has ever been charged with assault or murder by fixed bayonet, they scarcely count."

"Exaggeration and lies are common stratagems of anti-gun activists; for example, claiming the AR-15 can 'spray' bullets at a rate of 700 rounds per minute. Chapman's discussion of this issue is illuminating. That's the theoretical maximum rate for fully automatic fire but over one minute even the AR-15/M16 mechanism can only be trusted to push rounds through at a rate of 150-200 rounds. Meanwhile, the AR-15's semi-automatic action (otherwise identical to the M16's) limits fire to about 60 rounds per minute. And either one's sustained rate of fire tops out at 12-15 rounds per minute or the heat generated will ruin, first, accuracy and, next, the rifle."

"Excitable hoplophobes target 'Large Capacity Magazines' (meaning to them, more than 10-rounds' capacity) for extinction along with these dreaded 'assault rifles'. And while a number of mass killers have used magazines of greater than 10 rounds in AR's or pistols, the majority have gotten by without them. With all due respect to those who have been lost, less than 1% of shooting victims fall to mass shooters, so this can't be said to be a huge public policy problem, particularly since they typically happen by surprise in supposed 'gun-free zones'".

"Studies Chapman quotes show that inexperienced shooters can fire 20 rounds from a single magazine only 2.3 seconds faster than from two 10 round magazines. 2.3 seconds for an amateur to change a magazine does not

give the intended victim time to charge an AR (there is no time difference for experienced shooters). On average, mass shooters take longer than 2 seconds between shots, anyway. And the faster anyone fires, the less accurate they are."

"Chapman reviews many court cases, ones we've heard of and plenty we haven't. An interesting element is the tug of war between those who think the Second Amendment protects only arms for militias (actual weapons of war) and those who abide by *Heller* and *McDonald* in accepting the legal protection of civilian ownership of firearms in common use."

"He points out research that shows that revolvers are used in equal proportion to magazine-fed handguns in crime. Assailants using revolvers do fire fewer rounds than those using handguns—2 or 3, compared to 3 or 4. That doesn't make nearly the difference that having extra rounds in *your* handgun does when defending yourself and yours. And defend ourselves Americans do: that bastion of progressive polling, Pew Research, learned in 2017 that 17% of gun owners report having had to defend themselves with firearms. Out of over 130 million gun owners that's . . . a heck of a lot."

"Dennis Chapman has done a remarkable job collating everything one can imagine about the function, reasons for and value of the 20 million plus AR model rifles that American's prefer to every other type. They are the do-it-all, easy-to-operate, all-American firearm that haters hate and normal Americans use. In addition to enabling the natural right of self-defense ("The Primary Use of All Arms") and their unimpeachable protection under the Second Amendment, facts about them matter. Facts won't convince the fear-mongers, but can speak to those with rational, open minds."

"Chapman has done a great service by putting all this together in one reference. My only disappointment is the lack of an index, which would make this a powerful tool for those of us who work in the 2A trenches day by day. However, the Table of Contents is unusually extensive, and chapters have lots of sub-headings, which can give one a good idea where to look for what information. All in all, the depth of Chapman's research and the quality of his presentation is comparable to the work of David Kopel and Stephen Halbrook. Excellent company indeed."

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## SCOPE Chapter Activities

By Sue Maressa

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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](mailto:don6027@gmail.com).

The following is an update of some of our chapter's activities from July, August and early September.

On every chapter meeting agenda for the past few months has been talk of the State SCOPE Banquet on October 16th in Utica. Lt. Col. Oliver North has been in the news quite frequently lately discussing Afghanistan; the chance to meet him and hear what he has to say has been a major topic of discussion at meetings.

**Allegany County:** Met August 17th. Congressional candidate Joe Sempolinski spoke. Mr. Sempolinski is the current Chairman of the Steuben County Republican Committee, running for the seat being vacated by Tom Reed. The upcoming Garlic Festival and need for volunteers was discussed.

**Cattaraugus County:** Did not meet in August due to conflicting schedules with the Cattaraugus County Fair. On September 8th, Joe Sempolinski came to Cattaraugus to speak. He spoke about the upcoming redistricting, his reasons for running for Congress, and he had a Q&A session with the members in attendance. Upcoming county events were discussed.

**Genesee County:** Met August 10th at the Sportsman Coon Club. An open house was held before the meeting from 4PM - 7PM; all past and current Genesee County SCOPE members were invited to attend. Hot dogs were on the grill and door prizes were given out. At 7PM, Ben Wassell was the featured guest speaker. Ben spoke of his ordeal being the 1st person to be arrested and charged in 2013 under NY's SAFE Act. Two upcoming Women's events were promoted: North Forest Shoot 'n Hoot and Ladies Only shooting clinics.

**Orleans County:** Orleans County is getting prepared for their free educational seminar on Must-Know Laws for All Gun Owners. The seminar is taking place on November 4th at 7:00 PM at the Medina Theater Company; 601 Main St., Medina. The subject matter expert will be the District Attorney Hon. Joseph V. Cardone.

**Schoharie County:** Met on August 19th at the Carlisle Town Hall. Writing opinion pieces to local newspapers was discussed. We need to keep inundating the

papers and the politicians so they know we are here and not going away. The primary discussion of the evening was gun laws and what the politicians are trying to do to law abiding gun owners.

**Steuben County:** Holds two meetings per month. Their first on July 5th was full of discussion on current legislation. Their second on July 19th had State Trooper Jason Klewicki and Sergeant Steven Mower as guest speakers. They touched on a wide variety of gun related issues including: being pulled over, brandishing, and red flag laws.

On August 16th Steuben County welcomed Assemblywoman Marjorie Burns as their speaker. She spoke about gun rights in NY. As for the general meeting, the chapter had handouts for their booth at the upcoming Bath Fair related to close election races and to encourage gun owners to get out and vote.

**Wayne County:** At the August 11th meeting, Chairman Smith gave a legislative update and will contact the local Assembly office to see which bills have been signed by the governor. A discussion of a redistricting handout was conducted by the Chairman of the Wayne County Supervisors. The events chairman noted that the Wayne Co. Fair was limiting its size in 2021 so SCOPE would not be participating.

**Wyoming County:** In August, The Wyoming county chapter had a booth at the Wyoming County Fair. They had give-aways and held a raffle. The drawing took place on Face Book live September 9th.

**Yates Co:** Yates County held their 18th Annual Meet the Candidates Pig Roast in August. Bob Lonsberry was the featured speaker. Senator Tom O'Mara and Assemblyman Phil Palmesano were in attendance along with candidates for the 7th Judicial District and State Attorney General's Office as well as SCOPE President Tom Reynolds.

Yates County now is concentrating on their upcoming Judges Night, October 21st. Candidates for Judge of the 7th Judicial New York State Supreme Court have been invited to attend. This forum will take place at 7:00 PM at the Elks Lodge #1722, on Main Street in Penn Yan and is open to the public.

### **Yates County to hold Judges Night on October 21, 2021**

On October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021, The Yates County Chapter of SCOPE will hold an evening with the candidates running for the New York State Supreme Court in the 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District. There are two vacancies that candidates will be running for.

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Invitations to the four candidates running for this position has been sent out by Yates County SCOPE to;

- Judge Jim Walsh – R
- Judge Elena Cariola – R
- Atty Maurice Verrillo - D
- Atty Deral Givens – D

The Judges Night forum will be held at 7:00 PM at The Elks Lodge #1722 on Main St., Penn Yan, NY 14527. The event is open to the public.

Yates County SCOPE brings this event to Yates County as part of its obligation to educate the public on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment. The voters must take the time to educate themselves on the issues facing our society, this forum is one method that they can use to come out, meet the candidates in person and hear the candidate speak of his/her background, education, experience as they ask for your vote.

Plan on attending if you want to interface with the Judge who will serve you for the next 14 years as Judge of the 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial New York State Supreme Court.

Jack Prendergast

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*Thomas Sowell*

"These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands by it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman. Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph."

*Thomas Paine, December 23, 1776*



## Presidential Succession

By Tom Reynolds

Note: In April, SCOPE wrote an email (to those members with an email on file) about some of the implications if Joe Biden resigned or was removed from the Presidency. Since then, there are many more stories floating about his mental state. It seems timely to reprint that email in Firing Lines, so all members can see it.

SCOPE has written about the gun-grabbing, Democrat Party's dilemma because parts of their reliably Democrat constituency are buying guns in record numbers; they risk alienating some of their reliable constituency with excessive gun control. But the Democrat Party and especially Biden's inner circle also face another potential problem of their own making; there are many who doubt that

Joe Biden will be able to complete his term in office. If that is true, the Democrat Party in general and the inner circle behind Biden face major issues.

If Biden should step down or be removed in his first two years, it will be obvious that Democrat insiders knew, prior to the election, that he was failing and hid it from the voters. That should cause a major negative reaction amongst voters, even amongst the usual Democrat supporters. There would be legitimate questions:

Concerning the leader of the free world's ability to lead;  
About the judgment of the man with his finger on the nuclear button;  
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– and thus defending us – from all enemies foreign and domestic;  
Was he incapable of doing his job;  
What unelected person was acting as President while pulling the strings from behind the curtain;  
Who was really responsible for all the Executive Orders Biden signed?

The legitimate uproar would be overwhelming. And it would be worse if Biden’s policies are failing at the time he steps down. (Update note: Afghanistan, Inflation, China Virus, for instance.)

If kamala Harris did succeed to the Presidency within the first two years of Biden’s term, the Vice President’s position would need to be filled. She would nominate someone but that person must be approved by a majority of both houses of Congress. Here’s the monkey wrench in Democrat’s planning; currently, both Houses of Congress are Democrat controlled but the Senate is split exactly 50-50 with the Vice President’s vote being the deciding factor that gives Democrats their control. If there is no Vice President, the Democrats have only a tie and must seduce at least one Republican vote in order to approve a Harris nominee for Vice President. (And if one or more Democrats do not vote for the Harris’ nominee, that makes the situation more difficult.) As a side issue, while the Vice Presidency is vacant, the Democrats do not have a tie breaking vote on any proposed legislation. Oops!

This would force Harris to nominate someone very much less radical than the current President and Vice President. Joe Manchin, the Senator from West Virginia, comes to mind but that would lose Democrats their majority in the Senate, at least until a replacement election was held, and maybe after the replacement election since West Virginia tends Republican.

This leaves Democrat insiders with the option of delaying Biden’s removal until two years have passed and after an off-year election in 2022, which causes them more problems, (besides putting their own political careers above the safety and security of the nation). Historically, the President’s party loses seats in Congress during an off-year election. If Democrats should lose one seat in the Senate, they lose their majority. If Democrats lose about a half dozen seats in the House, they lose their majority. Losing one or both houses of Congress is a real possibility and must weigh heavily on Democrats’ decision making.

If kamala Harris should succeed to the Presidency after the 2022 election, she would nominate someone but, as previously stated, that person must be approved by a majority of both houses of Congress. And if one or both of those houses has a Republican majority, a nomination would certainly have to be very much less radical than the current President and Vice President. And depending on how firm the Republicans held, the person could be middle to right leaning.

But it gets worse for Democrats.

When the Vice Presidency is vacant, the next person in line is the House Speaker and next after that comes the President Pro tempore of the Senate. That would be Republicans in any house that is under Republican control! If Republicans control both houses, they might be very slow in approving any Harris’ nominee, in order to keep a Republican next in line. And what if the Republicans decided that impeachment payback was in order at the same time that the Vice Presidency was vacant? (Update note: Harris provided encouragement to rioters last year, the same thing that Trump was impeached for.)

And just for fun – imagine that Donald Trump runs for Congress from Florida in 2022 and is elected. Once elected, he runs for Speaker of the House in a Republican majority Congress and wins. Another alternative is that - since the Speaker does not have to be an elected member of the House - Trump doesn’t even have to run for the House in order to be elected Speaker. That would put Trump next in line after the Vice President or first in line if Harris moves to the Presidency. Can you imagine...can you even begin to imagine...the left-wing media’s frenzy!

The point is – and SCOPE keeps repeating it - things can change quickly and 2A supporters should not lose hope. If Democrats pushed a Joe Biden nomination because he was the only electable Democrat in the last election, even though he was in failing mental health, it may have unintended consequences for them in both the short and long term. Things could get very interesting very quickly!

**Please SHARE**

A reminder from Ed Borkowski from Steuben County:

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

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

## Can the Republic Be Saved?

By Harold Moskowitz

The Framers of the Constitution wanted our national government to be aware that tyrannical rule could trigger the formation of a national “militia” for the defense of liberty. Individualism and freedom are perhaps the two strongest “threads” from which our society was woven. It was expected that an armed populace would not willingly allow those cherished values to be destroyed.

However, resisting oppression today would be far more difficult than was fending off British tyranny. Modern technology precludes the idea of a large group of patriots remaining undetected. Ground-penetrating radar, reconnaissance satellites, and high-altitude “spy” planes would make it almost impossible for large groups to remain undetected.

A company named “X-Mode” has created a tool for providing location tracking of individual cell phones. In addition, on April 10, 2020, Apple and Google announced a joint effort to “enable the use of Bluetooth technology to help the government track cell phones.” Public intersections, bridges, and tunnels increasingly have license plate readers. Surveillance cameras in public places often have facial recognition capability. Cross-referencing of information stored in the various databases could quickly match faces with names and addresses. Organizers and leaders would be identified and arrested. Some of these techniques were practiced by federal law enforcement during the effort to identify and arrest anyone who had been in Washington, D.C. near the Capitol on January 6, 2021.

In addition, there is no longer anything close to parity between civilian and military weaponry. Having removed fully-automatic weapons from civilian use in the 1930’s, government officials now want to ban semi-automatic weapons. The radical politicians who labor to transform our constitutional republic into an authoritarian welfare state realize that there will likely be domestic resistance to their plans. It is their goal to end individual firearm ownership in order to prevent any meaningful resistance.

Starting with Obama, the military began practicing for urban guerilla-style warfare. In February, 2019, training was carried out in Los Angeles. Low-flying attack helicopters practiced rapid fire with blank ammunition. Simulated explosive devices were used for “storming” designated buildings. Navy P-8 planes equipped with high-resolution optical turrets captured high-definition videos of surface targets. In August, 2019, special forces trainees “fought” military personnel in different areas of North Carolina. Tactics for storming buildings containing barricaded individuals were stressed. Exercises included practice for sealing off sections of cities in order to concentrate and confine targeted individuals. Those readers who want

more information about military preparation for urban warfare should consult Army Field Manual (FM) 3-19.15, dated April 18, 2005 entitled “Civil Disobedience Operations.”

Any anti-government resistance movement would result in a response by heavily armed government personnel. It would be extremely helpful if the military were in support of the resisters and would refuse to follow any orders to fire upon their fellow citizens. However, since the January 6<sup>th</sup> “riot” at the Capitol, there has been a politically motivated attempt by those in government and many in the media to label anyone in opposition to the current administration’s policies and agenda as being “domestic terrorists,” racists, white supremacists, and fomenters of “insurrection.” As a result, would young “woke” members of today’s military feel that it would be proper to obey an order to shoot down fellow Americans in the streets?

There are millions of patriotic defenders of liberty. Urban warfare would become a building-to-building nightmare for a military trying to avoid “collateral damage.” Today the government is far larger and more powerful than would have been tolerated by those who risked and sacrificed so much to establish a government controlled by the People. Armed resistance was not taken lightly by them. It was, and should now be considered, a last resort when all possible recourse has failed. Such resistance might destroy what is left of the nation in the attempt to save it.

During the Covid pandemic the American populace demonstrated a disappointing willingness to be passive and accepting of tyrannical limitations of their liberties, property rights, and way of life. In the face of our nation’s noticeable trajectory toward totalitarian one-party rule, millions of firearm owners often have not bothered to exercise their right to vote. Not exerting electoral power at the ballot box makes violent resistance more likely in the future. For the reasons already stated, violence will not have as much chance of preserving our constitutional republic as voting. These votes must be cast in overwhelming numbers for pro-Second Amendment candidates who have demonstrated a love of this country and of the values we hold dear.

There is symbolic importance for us as a free people in having the right to possess firearms. To be armed is to be considered free and independent. To be disarmed renders a person impotent and subservient to the “elite” of society regardless of the titles they may hold at any specific period in history. In our present unraveling society, individuals more than ever need the defense capability provided by the Second Amendment.

The individual right to keep and bear arms, and the constitutional republic itself, must never be surrendered! To do so would make defense of one’s self, home

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Senator George Borrello stopped by the Cattaraugus Chapter SCOPE booth at the County Fair in August.



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and family ineffective. It would also lead to the end of the way of life that has attracted so many to our shores. But beyond that, it would betray the sacrifices made by all those who have given their lives in defense of liberty.

What will it take to get gun owners to finally realize that not voting assures the demise of both the Second Amendment and of our constitutional republic? There are only two more elections for altering the impending fate of both of them: THE 2022 Midterm Congressional Elections; and the 2024 Presidential Election. Only an over-

whelming number of votes for the candidates we need can overcome the predictable lack of election integrity. Would you rather vote, dodge automatic fire, or risk spending the rest of your life in solitary confinement for having participated in an "insurrection?" For now, the choice is still yours.



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