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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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Our Constitution

By Tom Reynolds

SCOPE was founded to defend the United States and its Constitution with an emphasis on the 2nd Amendment. Obviously, we focus on the 2nd Amendment but we must not forget the rest of our Constitution.

Detractors are quick to point out our nation's faults, even if those faults are in the past and have been largely eradicated (in some cases at the expense of great bloodshed.) Our Constitution was drafted by human beings and the nation it governs consists of human beings; we are imperfect. But as Americans, we are constantly striving to improve— and in many cases succeeding. That striving to improve is captured in the Declaration of Independence which described one of our unalienable Rights as the “pursuit of Happiness” - not the Right to Happiness but the Right to strive for Happiness .

We should never be ashamed that our Constitution and culture sprang from imperfect Western Europe and Christian roots. We gathered the best parts of those values, threw out the bad ones and even created some new ones as we forged a nation. Our founders' decisions were not made using tunnel vision about one issue but in consideration of the bigger picture issues that immediately confronted them and the issues they saw as forever confronting all nations.

To deal with those forever issues, the Constitution includes some specifically enumerated Rights. As pointed out by Dr. Robert Young in another Firing Lines' article, there was no division amongst the founders whether these Rights existed. The founders' issue was that any Rights not

specifically enumerated might end up being ignored. This was a legitimate concern and we only have to understand what the status of firearms would be if there wasn't a 2nd Amendment.

Those rights can best be described as freedom and it is hardwired into Americans.

The founders put in numerous constitutional protections of our freedom. Protections existing in few other countries.

Free speech and a free press are guaranteed. We need to fight any efforts of the government to directly or indirectly restrict free speech. (The Department of Justice's activities, for instance.) We must also condemn as un-American those private individuals who would stop free speech. I especially refer to colleges and universities that shut down conservative speakers because they might offend delicate liberal ears with a different opinion.

Freedom of the press may come with a downside as much of it has gone wholeheartedly into the liberal camp but if we shut down their press what is to stop them from shutting down our press.

This was put another way: *'I disagree with what you say but I will defend to the death your right to say it.'*

We have the freedom to peacefully assemble and state our grievances. But we must throw out of office those who give into rioters or those who cannot tell the difference between peaceful assembly and riot & arson.

We have regular elections, which give us a chance to throw out those that do not maintain our best American values. The key here is that we must exercise this right.

There are other Rights and the key

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Ann Coulter

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to preserving our freedoms is the Second Amendment.

Most Americans put great value in following the law. Unfortunately, those who lust for absolute power do not share that value. They are more than willing to ignore or rationalize away the Constitution and its laws. What stops them is the fear of force embodied in the 2nd Amendment.

So, they are attacking the 2nd Amendment in many back door ways.

First, the Left tried to use the court system to have judges write laws, which is in direct conflict with the Constitution. But the current Supreme Court stopped that. At least they tried. Many liberal judges simply ignore the Supreme Court and dare you to spend years and hundreds of thousands of dollars to appeal their decisions.

Rather than using the more difficult task of the legislative process, (where the people have a say about policy through those pesky elections), extremists use other means, such as the bureaucratic process. Witness the BATFE under Joe Biden:

Gun stores - Federal Firearm Licensees (FFL's) - are being shut down for the slightest error in recordkeeping. Prior to Biden's presidency, about 40 FFL's lost their license each year. In the first eighteen months of Biden's presidency, it's reported that 270 FFL's lost their licenses.

NY State has enacted new laws containing many more regulations for FFL's to run afoul of and is demanding the FFL's spend thousands of dollars to comply with new requirements.

Both the federal and NYS governments are trying to cut off needed sources of credit for FFL's and for gun purchasers. Under Barack Obama, it even had a name: *Operation Choke Point*. That was designed to weaponize the banking industry and financial service providers against the firearms industry.

Biden and Hochul seem to be using the bureaucracy (the Swamp) to say: you have the freedom to carry a firearm but only in very few places and there will be nowhere for you to purchase that firearm or ammunition.

The government legitimately keeps lists of criminals and those suspected of crimes. However, there are few legitimate reasons for the government to keep lists of law-abiding citizens exercising constitutional rights. Gun owners are demonstrably law-abiding since we had to

prove that by passing a background check before we could purchase the firearm. And yet, state and federal governments compile lists of gun owners, often in violation of federal law.

Why compile those lists? The real long-term answer is confiscation and the short-term answer is to use that information against gun owners. For instance:

California enacted a law that allows for the disclosure to universities - for research purposes - of highly sensitive information about gun owners. The information includes a gun owner's social security number and types of firearms that they own. (Of course, liberal universities would never dream of using this information towards anti-gun liberal ends.)

And the information the government compiles is safe and secure in government hands. Except...

In June 2022, the California Department of Justice exposed the personal information of countless law-abiding gun owners when it launched its Firearms Dashboard Portal. Astute users quickly realized that the dashboard could be used to access personally identifying information such as date of birth, full name, and address. The DOJ announced that an independent study indicated the data leak was not intentional. (And it was unintentional China weaponized a biological weapon - Covid.)

Anti-gun, elected officials and bureaucrats are willing to use government resources in an attempt to disrupt a lawful industry. Is it much of a stretch to imagine they might do the same to law-abiding citizens who engage in other completely legal, constitutionally protected activities, simply because these activities are frowned upon by the government?

Social networks have replaced face-to-face speech. Government initiated indirect censorship of these networks violates the 1st Amendment.

Legal activities like the 6th Amendment right to a speedy trial and the 5th Amendment right to not be deprived of liberty without due process of law. These don't apply in Washington D. C. to January 6th defendants.

Legal activities like the 4th Amendment's right to not be subject to unreasonable searches and seizures. Red Flag Laws are exceptions in the minds of the left.

Our Constitution and especially the 2nd Amendment are what separates America from other nations. Every time Biden does something stupid, Americans buy another gun. Defund the police? Try

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FIREARMS - FACTS VS. MISINFORMATION

By Richard Rossi

As an NRA Certified instructor in, Pistol, Rifle, Shotgun and Personal Protection in the Home, I was somewhat shocked at some very disturbing suggestions involving firearms usage for self Defense. This is my personal opinion as I am not a lawyer. But I did check with local law enforcement to see if my understanding was correct. The comments that disturb me came for two politicians: President Joe Biden and NY City Mayor Eric Adams.

Let me be perfectly clear - DO NOT follow either of their suggestions - it will result in legal ramifications, possibly prison time or bodily injury (yours).

President Biden was speaking about his proposal for an Assault Weapon Ban and about personal protection in your home. However, his advice was both disturbing and completely illegal. His suggestion to his wife Jill was: "*IF THERE'S EVER A PROBLEM, JUST WALK OUT ON THE BALCONY HERE, AND FIRE TWO BLASTS IN THE AIR WITH THAT DOUBLE-BARREL SHOTGUN.*"

Under no circumstances should you fire a weapon in the air or into the ground as warning shots to scare someone. That can be considered the use of deadly force, which is a serious matter and will be scrutinized carefully by legal authorities. When you discharge your firearm in self-defense - you better have *fear for your life or someone else's life* (personal property does not qualify.) And you better know where that bullet will end up, which negates firing into the air.

And don't forget, we live in New York State where gun owners will probably be considered guilty until

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breaking into an American home and you may not leave, whether or not the police are defunded.

Biden, Hochul and their minions have undeniably made the United States Constitution their enemy. It stands in their way of absolute power. This is not just a 2nd Amendment fight. We need to recognize that our entire Constitution is at risk and reach out to those defending the rest of the Constitution.

The enemy of my enemy is my friend.



proven innocent by Cuomo and Hochul appointed judges.

This brings me to the second comment that both President Biden and Mayor Eric Adams stated; Just "*shoot to wound - never shoot to kill.*" Another bad idea. Do not do this.

This comment was made concerning police officers' shootings, but has implications, as well, for Law-abiding citizens in a Self Defense scenario. It might get you killed or gravely injured or raise issues involving the use of deadly force in a self-defense scenario.

Normally when police officers draw their weapons, it is because they are in fear for their life or that of bystanders. The same standard will apply to a citizen in a Self Defense scenario. Under the assumption that you are in fear for your life or someone else's, which is basically the only legally valid reason to use deadly force, it's wishful thinking to hope that wounding the attacker will stop the aggression?

The main purpose in firing a weapon is to stop the threat. Under a high stress scenario, shooting to just wound the individual (hit your assailant's leg or arm) is extremely hard and unlikely. Furthermore, even if you hit your target, will that stop the aggression and prevent bodily injury to you or the individual you are attempting to protect? And what if there is more than one attacker?

Shooting at body mass, which is a bigger target area, can be deadly. But there is less possibility of your shot missing your intended target area and, perhaps, hurting an innocent bystander!

Remember and definitely keep in mind - you will be required to defend your actions, after the shooting, to the police and/or the D.A. You as the shooter are responsible for every bullet you fire and where it ultimately stops and why you made the decisions you did.

You must prove that there was justification for using deadly force and you felt that your life or someone else's was in grave danger.

"Warning shots" don't indicate fear for your life, under the law. An able lawyer might twist your intentions by saying that you were not in reasonable fear for your life since, if you were in fear for your life, you would have shot to stop the aggression, immediately. You had other choices!

With crime on the rise around the country, more law-abiding individuals are purchasing firearms for self-protection as is their *RIGHT* under the 2nd Amendment of our Bill of Rights. However, with this "**RIGHT**" - you do have grave *Responsibilities* for your actions with any firearms.



The Bill for Our Rights

DRGO Editor Robert B. Young

[Ed: We (DRGO) have published this piece annually since 2015 for Bill of Rights Day each December 15. The Bill's Second Amendment is the reason for our being, in more ways than one.]

Today we all should be jubilantly celebrating the 230th anniversary of the ratification of the Bill of Rights, the original 10 amendments to the United States' federal constitution. Remarkably, it slips by relatively unremarked. Yet our Bill of Rights may actually be the most significant of our republic's founding documents.

The Declaration of Independence announced our nationhood. The Constitution defined our government. The Bill of Rights confirms our liberty as free people who are not subservient to our government.

There is a lot wrong today that the authors of the Bill of Rights anticipated and meant to preclude. But the Framers knew that natural and civil rights, including these broad and individual ones that were defined so early on, are actually not worth the parchment they're inked on. They're worth what each generation holds they mean regardless of original intent. That's how they've often become too loosely interpreted.

There was strong agreement among the Founders about the importance of these principles to a civil, democratic society and in their belief that they were codifying rights that were mostly pre-existent and inherent to the dignity of human beings.

The conflict between Federalists and Anti-Federalists over whether to formalize these was about the impact of leaving unstated other rights "retained by the people" or "reserved to the states". There was no disagreement about the importance of any of the rights for which the colonists had fought and died.

Federalists worried that documenting any rights implied disregard for those not enumerated. Anti-Federalists feared that not including these in the Constitution would eventually make it easier to ignore them. Over 200 years later, it appears the Anti-Federalists showed the greater foresight on this question.

The Second Amendment (in James Madison's original draft, beginning with "The right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed") is our particular concern here at Doctors for Responsible Gun Ownership. Not just to protect the Right to Keep and Bear Arms, but also because this individual right is so basic to all other rights of Americans. It is, in St. George Tucker's words, our "palladium of liberty". Just having this enumerated right for individuals to own and use weapons makes us unique among nations.

One reason Americans have always seen

ourselves as exceptional is because of the individual obligation for self-responsibility that is required by minimizing dependence on government. We've been realists since the first boots trod the Atlantic coast, taught by the frontier experience that we have to take care of ourselves.

We discovered that people have the right "to the pursuit of Happiness", not to be made happy. We learned that we have the right, and therefore the duty, to protect ourselves because there is no right to be free from harm. If we do not comprehend these core truths, we become dependent on government for happiness and protection—according to others' standards, not our own.

As Americans moved westward, they outpaced the advance of existing government, an unusual pattern throughout the hemisphere. Sometimes alone, often in scattered clusters of neighboring settlers, they had to meet their own needs. They were guided in establishing their own local authorities by the same traditions we look to today to understand our relationship to government that now envelops us.

That historical ethic of self-reliance without a safety net is a recent enough phenomenon to continue influencing our psyches. That's good because this world, and too often our own part of it, is an unpredictable and dangerous place.

Accepting the responsibility to care for oneself, one's families and fellow citizens must be at the heart of any successful society. A hard-nosed, far-sighted understanding of that reality is central to American history, coupled with our optimism and generosity.

This is why DRGO speaks out on behalf of our fellow citizens. We oppose professional and cultural group -think that would have us ask more what our country can do for us, than what we can do for ourselves and our country.

DRGO vouches for the capacity of people to do the right things for themselves and each other, even with powerful tools like firearms. If we don't, we'll lose our history, our liberty, and each other.

Note: Dr Young is one of our speakers at the Members Meeting on April 29th in Montour Falls.

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Non Citizen Voting

By Tom Reynolds

Federal law requires citizenship in order to vote in a federal election but the federal law does not apply to state and local elections. Unless a state's constitution specifically says that only citizens can vote, the possibility of non-citizens legally voting exists.

Voting is a fundamental right of citizenship, and four amendments to the Constitution (15th, 19th, 24th, and 26th) specifically recognize and protect this right, guaranteeing it to citizens of all races and genders and economic means.

A plain reading of the U.S. Constitution and the states' constitutions leads most people to assume that only citizens can vote but a handful of activist city councils have made it necessary to amend state constitutions to more clearly define voter eligibility. Without doubt, more activist cities will choose to allow non-citizens to vote unless action is taken now!

Vermont's largest city has voted to allow noncitizens who are in the country legally to vote in local elections. The proposed charter change for Burlington now must be considered by the Legislature and the Republican governor.

Closer to home, NY City passed a law in 2021 allowing non-citizens to vote in city elections but, in 2022, a NY state judge struck down the law. State Supreme Court Justice Ralph Porzio, based in Staten Island, said that the legislation is illegal and violates the state constitution, which only provides for citizens to vote.

Porzio wrote, "*There is no statutory ability for the City of New York to issue inconsistent laws permitting non-citizens to vote and exceed the authority granted to it by the New York State Constitution. Though voting is a right that so many citizens take for granted, the City of New York cannot obviate the restrictions imposed by the constitution.*"

A referendum would be required to give noncitizens the voting rights intended in the legislation, Porzio said in his ruling.

So, the issue is not dead. In an overwhelmingly blue state like New York, such a proposition (state constitution amendment) might just pass.

Remember when the Democrats accused Trump (without evidence) of foreign meddling in our election?

Now that they have opened the borders, the next step is non-citizens voting. They want to legalize foreign meddling since they believe it would be beneficial to them. And being here illegally has not proven to be an issue for the Leftists.

There are other voices raised against these radical steps.

Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose said: "*Last*

year, Ohio sent a clear message that American elections are only for American citizens. These radical measures proposed in D.C. and across our nation not only violate one of the most fundamental rights of citizenship but also threaten the integrity of our elections. They must be stopped."

Senator Ted Cruz said: "*Allowing non-citizens to vote is a direct assault on what it means to be an American citizen and it is a brazen attack on the rule of law. Not only does it violate the principles our nation was founded upon, but also invites foreign meddling in our elections. Voting is a privilege and responsibility for American citizens and I will not stop fighting to defend the rights of American citizens to vote.*"

It's worthwhile to read the oath people take to become naturalized citizens and gain the right to vote:

*"I hereby declare, on oath,
that I absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, of whom or which I have heretofore been a subject or citizen;*

that I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States of America against all enemies, foreign and domestic;

that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same;

that I will bear arms on behalf of the United States when required by the law;

that I will perform noncombatant service in the Armed Forces of the United States when required by the law;

that I will perform work of national importance under civilian direction when required by the law; and

that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; so help me God."

If non-citizens voted:

And they maintain allegiance to a foreign government? No problem?

And they would not defend the Constitution? No problem? Liberal citizens aren't exactly rabid about that idea, anyway.

And they dramatically increase the pool of eligible voters, which will dilute the votes of United States citizens? No problem?

So, if you believe that your vote, as a U S citizen would be cancelled by the vote of a non-citizen, and you are okay with that, this kind of law is for you.

If you believe in the issues addressed in the oath of allegiance and don't want foreigners to control your life, you might consider letting your state and federal representatives know how you feel, before this issue gains more momentum – and remember the possibilities the next time you vote.

And for all you gun owners who don't vote, you will be ceding control of your state, your county and your school district to foreigners. No problem?

Defensive Gun Uses

By Tom Reynolds

In the early 1990's, the Department of Justice's National Crime Victim Survey (NCVS) reported 'only' 68,000 annual Defensive Gun Uses(DGU) in connection with assaults and robberies (about 80,000 to 82,000 if one adds in household burglaries.) That number was low according to a later study.

In the 1995 study: Armed Resistance to Crime: The Prevalence and Nature of Self-Defense with a Gun by Kleck and Gertz, they took issue with NCVS and listed the estimated number of annual "Defensive Gun Uses" from numerous studies. There were a lot more:

- 3,609,000
- 3,052,000
- 2,141,000
- 1,797,000
- 1,621,000
- 1,414,000
- 777,000
- 771,000
- 764,000

Kleck and Gertz used these studies to prove that the NCVS report was drastically wrong.

In 2018, Kleck's new paper—"What Do CDC's Surveys Say About the Frequency of Defensive Gun Uses?" found that the CDC had later asked about Defensive Gun Uses in its 'Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey' (BRFSS) in 1996, 1997, and 1998. But never reported it. Using the CDC's data, Kleck summarized the CDC findings:

"I obtained the unpublished raw data and computed the prevalence of DGU. CDC's findings indicated that an average of 2.46 million U.S. adults used a gun for self-defense in each of the years from 1996 through 1998."

But then, a sharp-eyed reviewer pointed out a method error in Kleck's latest work (not the 1995 original). Kleck agreed and reworked the 1996, 1997 and 1998 data and came up with a lower estimate, but still over 1 million Defensive Gun Uses.

Gun control fans like to now refer to Keck as 'discredited' because of an error he admitted and corrected, while they never reference the corrected 1 million number.

At some later date, the CDC published statistics on DGU in its 'Fast Facts'

web site. It's not clear what those statistics were since they are not there anymore. In December 2022, multiple sources reported that the CDC quietly removed a range of gun statistics from its website after gun control advocates complained that the statistics made gun control laws harder to pass.

Researchers with the time - and with a grant to pay for that time - can argue and nitpick about the validity of every study they do not agree with. But the sheer size of Kleck's numbers should give everyone pause.

Take only the median number of Kleck's original study, 1,621,000 crimes prevented. If only 1% had ended in serious injury or death to the victim, that is 16,210 prevented.

Use the later study of 1 million and you still get 10,000 serious injuries or deaths prevented.

In an average year, in the United States there are about 14,000 non suicide gun deaths from all other sources, legal and illegal.

Clearly, possession of a gun by the average citizen is beneficial, not harmful, and the numbers clearly outweigh gun usage by criminals.

Just as clearly, when gun control is advocated by the Left, Defensive Gun Uses is missing from the conversation. But now you know the complete story, in context.



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USA Clay Target League

By Jim Griffin (Steuben County SCOPE)

In Minnesota in 2007, the USA Clay Target League was formed. The leading reason for the league was to get young people to participate in shooting activities and to help offset declining membership in shooting clubs. From its onset the league has promoted safety while having fun and improving the individuals' shooting skills.

The Target League is the fastest growing high school sport in the United States:

- In 2007 the league was limited to Minnesota with 3 teams with 30 participants.
- In 2013 the league expanded to 2 states with 191 teams and 7,046 participants.
- In 2022 the league is in 34 states with 1,466 teams with 43,009 participants.
- This is the fastest growing sport in New York State,
- It started in the spring of 2016 with 5 teams and 128 participants
- In the Spring of 2022, it had 122 teams with 2,142 participants
- New teams are being added for the spring 2023 season, and it looks like it will be another record year

The league is creating the next generation of outdoor enthusiasts as it is open to all Students from 6th to 12th grade.

All shooters must take safety instruction before they can participate in the league, which creates a new generation of safer gun enthusiasts. The league has a pristine safety record with well over 120 million rounds of

shotgun shells shot since the beginning. 77 million rounds were shot in 2022 with **NO** incidents. (The league is safer than Band.)

The league is open to anyone, no matter what race or sex and those who are physically challenged are all welcome.

The League is empowering young people and boosting their self-confidence.

Experienced shooters and novices can participate and help each other to improve as they compete against themselves.

You don't need to buy expensive equipment, a Remington 870 works as well as a \$20,000 Krieghoff.

One of the hidden benefits that the league has generated are the contributions to the Pittman Robinson Act, which is a tax on sporting goods that we pay when we purchase sporting equipment. The act was passed in 1937 to let state's wildlife agencies use certain funds allocated from the Wildlife Restoration Account to build and maintain shooting ranges and bolster marketing and communications efforts to recruit, retain, and re-activate hunters and recreational shooters. The league in 2022 added \$97.5 million in sports related expenditures which generated an estimated \$4.5 million added to the Pittman Robinson fund.

In 2022: 12,347 first year student athletes joined the league 35% of the athletes earned firearm safety certification

- Specifically to participate in the league
- 70% learned about the league through their school there was a 99% team retention rate with 95% athlete retention
- 63% of teams have a lettering program
- 80% were included in the school yearbook
- 81% of shooting ranges reported increases in non-youth

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S.C.O.P.E. Inc.

Shooters Committee On Political Education
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 Dutchess County
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 & Game Assoc
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 Lime Lake Sportsman's Club
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SCOPE Chapter Activities

By Susan Maressa

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. 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.

Allegany County: The January meeting of the Allegany SCOPE chapter was a *good & welfare* meeting: discussed was the Amish Glider raffle the chapter is holding (1,000 tickets will be printed); information about the upcoming April SCOPE member meeting was given out; we will again have a 'Spaghetti dinner' themed raffle basket at the 2023 Garlic Festival (last year's basket was a huge success).

A vote was taken – and passed unanimously – to start having food at the Chapter meetings; sub sandwiches from Harrington's Grocery in Belfast will now be provided at meetings.

On February 21st, it was decided to continue with the Allegany chapter membership drive; a \$10 discount is given to anyone who signs up to be a new SCOPE member; regardless of their 'home county'.

Pistol Permits; NY Pistol Permit Renewals have dropped from 5 years to 3 years. The state government will probably not notify you of your renewal (but there is a proposed law to force them to notify you). You can check the status of your permit by visiting firearms.troopers.ny.gov. You will need ID to check your permit status.

The upcoming *Wellsville chapter of the National Deer Association* seminar was discussed; Guest speakers include DEC Biologist Ryan Rockefeller and a representative from the Allegany County Sheriff's Office. The seminar is free to NDA members.

Allegany SCOPE will be looking into purchasing a firearm for an upcoming chapter raffle.

Cattaraugus County: Met on February 9th.

The upcoming Sportsman Show at the Seneca Allegany Resort and Casino on February 24th was discussed – volunteers are needed.

New signs are available; "No more gun laws". They were received from the Monroe County SCOPE Chapter.

Mark Haberling, Cattaraugus Co. Republican Party Chairman and Jay Frantz, Cattaraugus Co. Conservative Party Chairman were tonight's speakers. Mr. Haberling shared the website for the Catt Co. Republican Party. It is Cattcogop.com. He noted that all Catt. Co. legislators are up for election this year. The number of legislators has been reduced from 17 to 15. We need to engage our 2nd Amendment people and get people registered to vote. The Republicans need to use early voting like the Democrats do. Mr. Frantz reported on the lawsuit he was a part of against the re-districting map. The lawsuit was won and we now have a decent map to work with for the next 10 years.

Monroe County: Held their meeting on February 28th.

Nominations for Chapter Officers were taken for the election to be held in March.

6:30 PM was the new 'start' time voted on for meetings going forward.

A list of Monroe County Legislators was discussed and names were drawn for invitations to the April Chapter meeting; Paul Dondorfer (R), Sean Dellehanty (R), Rachel Barnhart (D), John Baynes (D), Yversha Roman (D), Mark Johns (R) were the names drawn.

2023 membership drive: Where are all of the people interested in saving our 2nd Amendment Rights? We need to promote attendance to our existing members and get our youth and clubs more involved.

Oneida-Herkimer: The main topic of conversation at the January 9th meeting was the Concealed Carry Improvement Act (CCIA) and the lawsuits occurring because of it. Chairman Rabarsky read the Oneida County resolution condemning the new law.

The guest speaker was Jeremy Zogby; a managing partner with Zogby Strategies. There was a very long discussion on insights into how citizens feel about the 2nd Amendment, gun rights and gun control.

Saratoga County: Is now known as the SCOPE Capital District-Saratoga County Chapter. Meetings have started back up and participation via zoom is available; check the Capital District-Saratoga County page of the SCOPE website for information. <https://Scopeny2a.org/CapitalDistrict>

Schuyler County: Legal updates for January and February have been posted.

January's Legal update is an eye-opener that every gun owner should read. Lawsuits and proposed laws are:

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- *Gun Rights Advocates Seek Supreme Court Intervention to Block New York Restrictions*
- *Federal Court (Again) Blocks New York State Ban on Firearms in Houses of Worship*
- *City of Buffalo files first of its kind lawsuit against gun industry*
- *Rochester announces lawsuit against gun companies*
- *New York bill would end NRA's ability to certify gun-safety trainers*
- *New laws in NY on social media and illegal gun reporting*
- *DEC addresses new semi-automatic gun laws*
- *Democrats Introduce Gun Law Tweaks*

February's Legal Update includes local, state, and federal updates; as well as updates about laws and lawsuits affecting states other than NY.

These Legal Updates are put together by the Schuyler County SCOPE Chairman; they are updates that everyone, not just Schuyler County residents should read.

They are available at www.SCOPEny2a.org/Schuyler

Steuben County: Holds their meetings on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month.

At each meeting there is also an update from the Steuben Chapter of Armed Women of America (AWA). Steuben SCOPE has been instrumental in helping Steuben AWA. .

In January SCOPE President Tom Reynolds gave an update on the change for length of time between NYS pistol permit recertification; time frame went from 5 years to 3 years without notification. Make sure you check your recertification date!

Joe Sempolinski was the guest speaker on the 16th, he discussed his experiences as a member of the House of Representatives. He explained procedures for being put on a ballot for county office. Also discussed climate change views and the thought behind them. He also discussed getting the message out to people about 'Common Sense' solutions to problems.

In February Steuben started putting together their Fall Raffle Committee; the raffle this year will be on Sept. 17th. Proceeds from the annual Steuben Raffle go to the local High School Trap Teams.

There was a discussion on various lawsuits and a contribution was made to State SCOPE for donation to GOA (Gun Owners of America) and their efforts in this area. There was talk about putting together an *Advisory Panel* for county legislators to guide their gun legislation.

Important events:

- Lincoln Day Dinner to be held in Hornell
- Trap competitions within the local high school leagues
- July 8th Youth Turkey Shoot
- Future dish-to-pass dinners
- Ducks Unlimited raffle

And the list of things discussed goes on. Be involved; it takes a team of individuals with many different talents to accomplish what this 2A organization is all about... whether it's manning a booth, planning an event, collecting raffle items, researching legislation, keeping records or so many other important parts of the machinery.

Wayne County: On January 11th, the group was addressed regarding signing letters to 15 senators and assemblymen to thank them for voting against the most recent NY gun laws.

Chairman Don Smith reviewed HR38 bill. It was re-introduced and co-sponsored by Claudia Tenney.

An update on *Gazzaola vs Hochel* lawsuit was given - need to spread the word and get more people involved especially younger people.

Chairman Smith also introduced a program started by Niagara County's 2nd Amendment group SAfE (Second Amendment for Ever). This program is the *Niagara County gun owners' rights advisory panel*; a group that is a conduit between gun owners and county legislators/supervisors. The panel writes resolutions against gun laws to be sent to Albany, and proposes process improvements to county regulations. The Panel consists of 1 legislator, 1 Safe member and 4 volunteers who meet monthly, review action items and propose new items.

It was suggested starting the same type of panel in Wayne county and other counties in 24th congressional district. Congresswoman Claudia Tenney is supportive of the effort.

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participation as a result of hosting a USA Clay Target League Teams.

26% of head coaches expect their shooting ranges will expand participant capacity within the next 2 years.

43% of league parents reported an increase in hunting and shooting sports participation since their child become active in the league.

The league has expanded to include Home schooled students, a skeet discipline and a new college league.

At the 2022 High School National Championship in Mason, Michigan:

- 230 Teams
- 2,950 Registered Athletes
- 375, 000 targets were thrown
- 7,500 Total Attendees

What is the vision for the future of the League at a National Level?

100,000 participants by 2025.

- 20,000 Team Coaches and Staff Members
- 3,000 High Schools-Approved Teams
- 1,800 Shooting Ranges Hosting Teams across the Country
- 65,000 Tournament Participants

With all the bad publicity when it comes to guns, this is a bright spot that we need to talk about. The High School league benefits all shooting enthusiasts in New York. Anyone who knows of a High School that wants to start a team, have them go to the web site nyclaytarget.com to get the information on how to get started.

With everyone's help, continued growth is not just attainable but likely. This is a great way to offset the media's anti-2A bias. Let's do our part in New York!

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18-20 Year Olds Buy Firearms?

By Henry S. Kramer

SCOPE members and those interested in the right to purchase firearms may find interesting a decision of the Eleventh Circuit United States Court of Appeals, which is one level lower than the United States Supreme Court (SCOTUS). It concerns a Florida law that prohibits 18 through 20 year old persons from purchasing firearms in Florida. The case is *National Rifle Association v. Bondi*, Case 21-12314 (11th Circuit, March 9, 2023).

The case was heard before a three judge panel consisting of: Judges Robin Rosenbaum, Obama appointee; Charles Wilson, Clinton appointee; and U.S. District Judge Conway, appointed by George H.W. Bush.

The case follows in the wake of the SCOTUS' decision in *Bruen*, in which the Court upheld the right of the people to keep and bear arms under the Second Amendment. *Bruen* emphasized that interpretations of the meaning of the Second Amendment should be based on the historical meaning of the words, at the time the Second Amendment was enacted.

The Fourteenth Amendment of 1868 made the Bill of Rights' amendments of 1791 applicable to the states. Because *Bondi* involved a state law, the case raised issues about federal constitutional law under the Second Amendment (enacted 1791) and under the Fourteenth Amendment (enacted 1868); which date should the *Bondi* court use to trigger the historical meaning?

Why does this matter?

From 1791 to 1868, the Second Amendment applied only to the federal government, not the states. In applying *Bruen's* historical meaning rule, the Eleventh Circuit held that since the *Bondi* case involves state law, the proper historical reference for interpreting the right to bear arms is found in analogous state laws in 1868 (and similar enactments carrying over through the Reconstruction period), rather than those dating to the time of the ratification of the Constitution's Second Amendment.

The Eleventh Circuit found that there were many historical analogous (though not identical) age related gun purchase laws in 1868, which were considered constitutional. So, Florida's law prohibiting 18 through 20 year old persons from purchasing firearms was found to be historically in sync with the understanding of the Fourteenth Amendment at time of its ratification in 1868.

Under *Bondi*, a constitutional right to buy arms may vary depending on whether the Fourteenth or Second Amendment controls the case. On such nuances, lawyers make their livings and constitutional rights hang in the balance.

Bondi was decided by a three judge panel. It

would not be surprising if the NRA seeks a rehearing in banc (with all the judges of the Eleventh Circuit rehearing the case). NRA might also petition SCOTUS to hear the case. Or, the Florida legislature may decide whether to amend the law.

Assuming SCOTUS decides to exercise its discretion and take the case, NRA might challenge the entire premise of the *Bondi* court, arguing that the proper historical precedent is the Second Amendment and that the Fourteenth Amendment must be read in that same historical way under *Bruen*.

The *Bondi* court notes that persons in the ages covered by the Florida law can still obtain these weapons by means other than purchase and sale. This raises an interesting question: what if a gun store sells a person in those age blocks ammunition and throws in a gun for free (pricing the ammunition to include the value of the gun)?

At some point, this country must decide if persons 18 through 20 years old are second class adults who can vote but cannot buy guns, drink beer, or smoke.

Historically, the age of majority has changed for different purposes. 18 year old adults could once buy alcohol and tobacco but could not vote. Now they can vote but not buy alcohol or tobacco.

Should the age of majority be a cliff, with all rights vested at once?

Can the constitution grant adult rights piecemeal, by issue? If so, what about the constitutional rights of persons over 21; can they be piecemealed? Can those rights also now be limited by age? (The U S Constitution does that explicitly in a few places; you must be 35 to be President.)

If a person is responsible enough to vote, should they also have all other the rights currently denied them - such as buying a gun?

Please SHARE

A reminder from Ed Borkowski, 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.

FED UP

By Attilio Contini

Last June, the United States Supreme Court rendered a land mark decision: *NYSRPA v. Bruen*. Within days the NY State Legislature passed and the Governor signed the Pistol Permit Registration Law/ Concealed Carry Improvement Act (CCIA) in complete defiance of the Supreme Court and their ruling. This new law strips us of our Right to Bear Arms in most of the state, makes it more difficult and very expensive to get a pistol permit, and requires semi- automatic rifles and shotguns to be registered when purchased. New York State is now almost entirely a “Gun Free Zone”.

I only wish the federal Department of Justice could have charged the Governor and State Legislature with contempt of court. Why weren't they ordered to rescind their new law?

I am tired of government officials being allowed to get away with blatantly unconstitutional acts.

I am sick and tired of Democrats accusing Republicans, especially Donald Trump, of things that they themselves have been doing for many years. For instance, a Democrat Congressman said former President Trump called Facebook and asked them to censor Democrats.

I am fed up with Left Wing Extremists and the Mass Media labeling conservative thinkers and Republicans as Right-Wing Extremists. Since when is believing in the Constitution as written, law and order, and advocating equal justice for all a Right-Wing Extremist Ideology? It used to be patriotic.

I am tired of the way the Left defines Right Wing, and Middle of the Road and Left Wing.

I used to be considered a Moderate Republican and I have not changed my basic political beliefs or principles in over sixty years. How did I become an extreme Right-Wing Fascist or Nazi? On their new spectrum, 1970 Moderates have been pushed so far to the Right that they're now consider as racist, bigoted, fascist, Right-Wing Extremists.

The reality of the situation is that during the past fifty years, Democrats and liberals moved the political spectrum so far to the left that, in their eyes, Socialists and Communists are now considered moderates. Is it possible, in their eyes, for anyone to be so far left that they would be considered Left-Wing Extremist?

Their tyrannical, extreme Left principles are now considered by many to be normal, mainstream, acceptable beliefs. Big Government, massive control of our everyday lives, limited freedom, racist bigoted behavior and criminal corruption are normal. Law and order, honesty, belief in God, and integrity are considered evil extremism.

They no longer consider the supreme Law of the Land to be the Constitution. Only their opinion is legal

and proper. They are replacing the Constitution with the United Nations Charter. This is how they want to take away, not only our 2nd Amendment Rights, but all our freedoms. The U N Small Arms Treaty, if ratified, will authorize them to confiscate our guns.

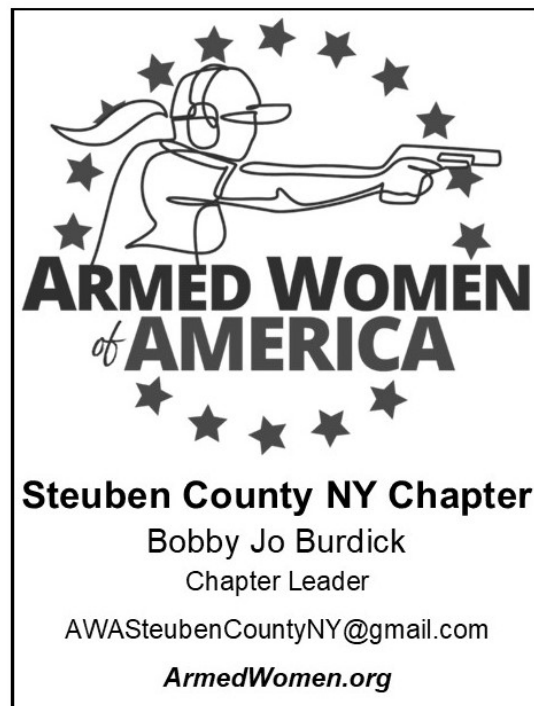
Biden has not only sold his soul to the Chinese Communist Party, he is governing as though we are subservient to the CCP and the “One World Order”.

We cannot just blame the Democrats; at least nineteen Republican Senators and the National Republican Party Leadership, (anti-Trumpers all), have been accomplices to this sinister plot.

The Educational system has been brainwashing our children so that most of them think Socialism is good and Capitalism is evil. It now appears that the Secretary of Defense and the Joint Chiefs of Staff are part of the SWAMP.

Many people including Gun owners have been lulled into thinking that they can “get even” by refusing to vote. A huge mistake. That is exactly what the Left wants us to do. Our failure to respond and fight back makes it easier for them to overpower us, control us and take our country away from us. I wish we could have woken up the 5.6 million sportsmen in this state to this reality before last year's election.

They have divided us fifty ways to Sunday. When are true conservative thinking patriots going to wake up, say “enough” and develop a united plan to stop them and take back our country? Is it too late for us to recover from the damage they are doing today?



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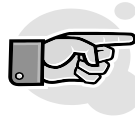
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