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2020 Democratic Party Platform Declares Total War on Second Amendment Rights



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The national Democratic Party is no longer making any attempt to hide their antipathy towards guns and gun owners. Where the party once attempted to tailor their anti-gun messaging to appear moderate and appeal to some gun owners, the draft 2020 Democratic Party Platform contains a full-throated assault on firearms ownership and a blueprint for undermining every aspect of Second Amendment rights. Viewed in historical context, the draft 2020 Democratic Party Platform is the most anti-gun the party has ever put forward.

Released July 21, the draft platform contains the following passage:

Democrats will enact universal background checks, end online sales of guns and ammunition, close dangerous loopholes that currently allow stalkers and some individuals convicted of assault or battery to buy and possess firearms, and adequately fund the federal background check system. We will close the "Charleston loophole" and prevent individuals who have been convicted of hate crimes from possessing firearms. Democrats will ban the manufacture and sale of assault weapons and high capacity magazines. We will incentivize states to enact licensing requirements for owning firearms and "red flag" laws that allow courts to temporarily re-

move guns from the possession of those who are a danger to themselves or others. We will pass legislation requiring that guns be safely stored in homes. And Democrats believe that gun companies should be held responsible for their products, just like any other business, and will prioritize repealing the law that shields gun manufacturers from civil liability.

The proposals include so-called "universal" background checks, the elimination of the National Instant Criminal Background Check System's (NICS) three-day safety-valve provision, and gun owner licensing, which would turn the right to keep and bear arms into a privilege dependent on the whim of government bureaucrats.

The Democrats would empower government intrusions into the home to dictate how Americans keep and store firearms for self-defense and to confiscate firearms without due process based on the flimsiest of evidentiary standards. Moreover, the draft platform calls for a ban on commonly-owned semi-automatic firearms and their magazines, something explicitly prohibited under the U.S. Supreme Court's interpretation of the Second Amendment in *District of Columbia v. Heller*.

Another portion of the platform states, "Democrats will also ensure

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the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have sufficient resources to study gun violence as a public health issue.” At a time when the politically-biased Centers for Disease Control has come under severe criticism for its response to an actual communicable disease, the national Democratic Party platform would further distract the agency from its core mission by turning it back into a taxpayer-funded gun control factoid factory.

The gun control section of the draft 2020 Democratic platform is an escalation of the anti-gun position put forward in the 2016 platform, adding and expounding upon the positions in the earlier document. Both are notable for what they omit. Neither recognizes that Americans have a Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms

As recently as 2012, the national Democratic Party was willing to acknowledge that the Second Amendment protects an individual right to arms – something understood by the vast majority of Americans and the U.S. Supreme Court. The 2012 Democratic platform explained:

We recognize that the individual right to bear arms is an important part of the American tradition, and we will preserve Americans' Second Amendment right to own and use firearms.

Similarly, the 2008 Democratic platform noted:

We recognize that the right to bear arms is an important part of the American tradition, and we will preserve Americans' Second Amendment right to own and use firearms.

The 2004 Democratic platform stated:

We will protect Americans' Second Amendment right to own firearms...

Although the 2000 Democratic platform did not cite the Second Amendment, the platform stated the party sought to regulate firearms “in ways that respect the rights of hunters, sportsmen, and legitimate gun owners.”

Earlier Democratic platforms (1996, 1992, 1980, 1976) often offered language meant to assure hunters and target shooters that their rights would not come under threat.

The Democrats' inclusion of Second Amendment language in the platforms of the early 2000s wasn't by mistake. After George W. Bush defeated Al Gore in the 2000 presidential election, there was a concerted effort by Democrats to moderate, or at least give the appearance of

moderating, the prevailing party positions on gun control in order to better reflect the American electorate's respect for gun rights.

For instance, in 2002, the Washington Post reported on a Democratic Senate caucus retreat at which “several” senators suggested a move away from gun control. According to the item, this prompted freshman Sen. Hillary Clinton (D-N.Y.) to “[urge] her colleagues to keep their positions but change their language to be less inflammatory to swing voters.” In the mid-2000s Democratic National Committee chairman Howard Dean and Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee Chairman Rahm Emanuel also sought to shift the party's anti-gun perception.

With the nomination of Clinton in 2016, the pretense that the national Democratic Party would respect Second Amendment rights was no longer tenable.

During the campaign, Clinton repeatedly attacked the individual right to keep and bear arms. She even attacked the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Heller*, which recognized the individual right to arms. At a separate event in Connecticut, the former senator called *Heller* “a terrible decision.” When asked by ABC's George Stephanopolous to clarify her position on the Second Amendment, the former first lady refused to acknowledge that it protects an individual right.

In *Heller*, the Court concluded that the types of firearms protected by the Second Amendment include those “in common use at the time” for “lawful purposes like self-defense.” The AR-15, which Biden has made clear he seeks to ban, is the most popular rifle in America and undoubtedly “in common use” and protected by the Second Amendment. Similarly, industry data shows that 9mm pistols are the most common type of pistol produced.

The gun control section of the draft 2020 Democratic Party Platform is a perfect fit for the party's presumptive presidential nominee. Both the platform drafters and the former vice president have put forward a radical gun control agenda that would further burden every aspect of gun ownership. Above all, both have exhibited a complete disregard for the Second Amendment.



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The best marker for the merit of a society is how it treats the truth. Those that seek the truth and honor their truth-finders and truth-tellers have earned the approbation “civilized.” Those that do the opposite, at the intellectual and invariably the physical level of degenerative violence, garner the condemnation “savage.”

Robert Gore

Special Report

Below the Radar: Potential Gun Legislation you Need to Know About

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HR 3569 - Making America Safe and Secure Act of 2019

(AmmoLand.com)- One of the techniques anti-Second Amendment extremists use to try to get their agenda pass is to try to couch infringements on Second Amendment rights as making the country safer and more secure. We can see a classic example of this in HR 3569, the Making America Safe and Secure Act of 2019.

This legislation was introduced by Representative Joe Kennedy III (D-MA). The Kennedy family has, over the decades, worked against our right to keep and bear arms. In one sense, this crusade is understandable – President John F. Kennedy (a NRA member) and Senator Robert F. Kennedy were both killed by the misuse of firearms.

So, Representative Kennedy is a formidable foe, particularly since he can count on the media to try to shame those who attack him on his anti-Second Amendment extremism, especially should he launch smears against those who object to his agenda.

This bill purports to provide safety and security through bribing states via federal grants to establish licensing schemes. It is, in one sense, very similar to the Handgun Purchaser Licensing Act that Representative Jamie Raskin and



Senator Chris Van Hollen introduced. There is one big difference: Raskin and Van Hollen merely targeted handguns, while Kennedy wants to see all firearms covered under a licensing scheme. Even those who only have hunting rifles or shotguns would fall under that regime.

We've discussed licensing schemes before, and the variety of schemes that have been put forth range from the burdensome Illinois-style version proposed in the Blair Holt legislation introduced by Bobby Rush and Tammy Duckworth to the onerous New Jersey-style system pushed by Cory Booker to the massively unjust scheme Sheila Jackson Lee's Sabika Sheikh Act would impose.

Like the Raskin-Van Hollen bill, Kennedy doesn't set out a lot of specifics, but among the things his bill allows are clear signs that he intends to make millions of Americans who had nothing to do with the murders of JFK or RFK pay

penalties for those killings in the form of lost liberty. This includes fingerprinting (treating a law-abiding citizen who wants to exercise their Second Amendment rights like a common criminal) and also allowing those running a licensing scheme to consider unspecified "other factors relevant to the suitability of a license holder." This is a massive loophole for an abusive bureaucrat – with or without the direction of an anti-Second Amendment politician.

The Second Amendment is meaningless if the ability to possess a firearm can be denied on unspecified "other factors relevant to the suitability of a license holder." In addition, such restrictions are in place in a number of jurisdictions that have high crime rates – and which have really skyrocketed in recent weeks.

Second Amendment supporters should contact their Senators and Representatives and politely urge

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them to oppose HR 3569 and to instead support legislation like the Protecting Communities and Preserving the Second Amendment Act and the Prosecuting Gun Crimes Saves Lives Act. Representative Kennedy's family has seen some horrible tragedies involving those who misused their Second Amendment rights, but when he seeks to inflict injustice on millions of Americans who had nothing to do with those tragedies, he is in the wrong.

HR 420 - Regulate Marijuana Like Alcohol Act

any Second Amendment supporters don't follow the debate over the legalization of marijuana. For many, it doesn't seem to register. But right now, some of the effects of that debate could impact people's Second Amendment rights.

Put it this way – while some states have decriminalized even the recreational use of marijuana, the federal government has not. 21 USC 802(16) lists marijuana (spelled marihuana in the law) as a controlled substance, and it is listed among such substances that can get a person a felony drug conviction. Such a conviction means good-bye to your Second Amendment rights.

Under 18 USC 922, though, one doesn't need to be convicted on a drug charge to get hit with a 10-year federal sentence. All one has to be is an unlawful user of a controlled substance. This can include marijuana, as this case in Iowa illustrates. The United States Concealed Carry Association has outlined a lot of that on its site.

Here, a number of normal Second Amendment champions have not really been moving on this issue. But Representative Earl Blumenauer (D-OR) has introduced HR 420, the Regulate Marijuana Like

Alcohol Act. This legislation takes marijuana and puts it on the same tier as alcohol with regards to federal regulation. The most important feature is that marijuana no longer becomes a controlled substance, which ends a lot of legal jeopardy for those who exercise their Second Amendment rights while using marijuana.

There will be a secondary bit of impact – the law renames the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Marijuana, Firearms, and Explosives. There is no indication that extra funds would be given to this agency to handle the extra workload that would result from adding pot to its jurisdiction. That is a mixed blessing.

On the one hand, the additional workload might mean that there would be less chance of harassment of Americans who wish to exercise their Second Amendment rights. Simply put, if ATF has to also regulate marijuana on the same basis as alcohol, they will be a lot busier, especially in the months and years as marijuana is transitioned from "controlled substance" status.

But there is a flip side: There may be fewer agents available to prosecute some real cases that involve the misuse of firearms. Put it this way, depending on a presidential administration's priorities, we could see some gun laws that should be enforced not get enforced.

It should be noted Representative Blumenauer doesn't have the best record on our rights. That said, HR 420 marks a marginal improvement in advancing our Second Amendment freedoms on the margins. As was the case with another law that we covered, Second Amendment supporters should

read the text, think it over, and if they feel strongly about it, contact their Representative and Senators and politely urge them to act.

S 4068 - Background Check Completion Act of 2020

Sometimes, Second Amendment supporters do not need a lengthy discourse to show their fellow gun owners just how unreasonable anti-Second Amendment extremists are. Sometimes, it takes less than a half-dozen pieces of paper. Sound crazy? No, it isn't.

Here's how you can do it. First, you just need to print out the GPO's official version of S 4068, the Background Check Completion Act of 2020, introduced by Senator Richard Blumenthal, who has long had a record of attacking our Second Amendment rights. That takes two pages. Then you can print out the text of 18 USC 922(t), which covers the National Instant Check System (NICS). That takes three pages for just that section (all of 18 USC 922 runs about 28 pages).

With those five pieces of paper, you can prove that anti-Second Amendment extremists are lying when they say they claim to support the Second Amendment, but just want "reasonable" restrictions. Reading the text of S 4068, it makes a small deletion but causes a massive shift for those who are trying to exercise their rights.

Under current law, if NICS cannot be completed in three business days, a federally licensed dealer can still transfer a firearm. While the setup of NICS is not ideal, the current setup has several points that make it much fairer than various licensing and waiting period schemes:

- It presumes that someone seeking to buy a firearm is law-abiding.

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- It places the burden to deny a firearms transaction on the government.
- It also does not subject someone trying to exercise their rights into an indefinite wait.

Blumenthal's bill changes that. It removes the three business day limit on a delay. In other words, if there is a delay for whatever reason (NICS is down, confusion), a law-abiding citizen is denied the right to purchase a firearm until the delay gets resolved, and without the time limit, that can be potential for some serious, life-threatening abuse.

Imagine what IRS workers under Lois Lerner did to the Tea Party's applications for tax-exempt status being applied to firearm purchases run through NICS. The injustices faced by potentially millions of law-abiding gun owners (especially when demand for firearms shoots through the roof, as it has in recent weeks) would be appalling. Worse, the tragedy of Carol Bowne would be repeated across the entire country. And many of those trying to infringe on our Second Amendment rights claim they stand with women.

But in Blumenthal's mind, that's all okay. Because to him, gun ownership isn't a right – it's a privilege that should be determined by the government. Second Amendment supporters should contact their Senators and Representative and urge them to oppose S 4068.

HR 1817 - Firearm Due Process Protection Act

There is no denying that anti-Second Amendment extremists have wanted to keep law-abiding citizens from owning firearms. Ideally, as Sarah Brady famously put it, they want a "needs-based" licens-

ing scheme. There have been numerous bills introduced, like the Sabika Sheikh Firearm Licensing and Registration Act, which would create such restrictive schemes.

Right now, what exists is the National Instant Check System - NICS. The system is not without flaws, and it certainly needs improvements.

One such improvement is proposed by Representative Tom Emmer (R-MN), HR 1817, known as the Firearm Due Process Protection Act. According to a release by Representative Emmer in 2016, when he introduced the legislation in a previous Congress, the legislation will do several things, all of which are benefits to law-abiding citizens who wish to exercise their rights.

First, let's lay it out what is being addressed: A NICS denial can be a big deal. It is a warning that a prohibited person is trying to buy a firearm. But there are numerous cases of erroneous denials, which often have needed to be cleared up. They can be cleared up, though.

"The primary reasons for successful appeals are mismatched fingerprints and inaccurate criminal history records, and currently the amount of erroneous denials is not public information," the 2016 release said. But the Obama administration halted the appeals process.

This legislation requires a response to an appeal within 60 days. The bill also provides for people to sue in court to rectify erroneous information if the FBI fails to do so, and for the case to be heard in 30 days. Most importantly, in those proceedings, the text of the legislation states that the government "shall bear the burden of proving by clear and

convincing evidence that the individual is ineligible to receive or possess a firearm."

The bill also provides for an award of attorney's fees should someone appealing prevail in court, and it requires the FBI to report on the disposition of appeals as well. These are all very important, especially when it comes to establishing and reinforcing some constitutional basics.

First, it places the burden of proof on the government to deny a constitutional right. This is in marked contrast to the "needs-based" licensing schemes that Sarah Brady once wanted, which forces people to prove they'd need a given firearm. Second, it also holds the government responsible for when its mistakes cause law-abiding citizens to be delayed or denied in exercising their rights.

The Firearm Due Process Protection Act doesn't create a perfect scenario, but it represents a step forward. In addition, it also would expose anti-Second Amendment extremists as wanting to deny people the ability to own firearms. Second Amendment supporters should contact their Senators and Representative and politely urge passage of HR 1817. In addition, they should also ask for other improvements, like overriding the licensing regimes and waiting periods in states where such schemes exist.

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Gun Voter Alert: Everytown Anti-Gun Group Reveals Endorsements

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by Dave Workman

(AmmoLand.com)- Everytown for Gun Safety, the gun prohibition lobbying group founded by billionaire Michael Bloomberg, has done gun owners a favor by releasing to The Hill its political endorsements in an effort to retain a “gun sense” majority in the U.S. House of Representatives.

There are 58 names on the list, and not surprisingly, they are all Democrats. Essentially, for Second Amendment activists across the country, it amounts to a roster of incumbents and candidates they can oppose in November.

Nationally, Everytown promised to spend at least \$60 million on its “electoral program” this year. Several factors will play into the 2020 elections, including the coronavirus pandemic and how Democrats and Republicans responded, plus the Democrats’ failed impeachment effort against President Donald Trump, and perhaps even the embarrassing way Senate Democrats on the Senate Judiciary Committee treated Judge Brett Kavanaugh during the hearing process on his appointment to the high court.

But Everytown’s endorsements put another issue in the spotlight: Gun control and the Second Amendment. Anti-gunners seem fearful that another Second Amendment ruling could be devastating to their efforts by expanding the known parameters of the right to keep and bear arms. Still unsettled by either the 2008 Heller ruling or the 2010 McDonald decision are ques-

tions about concealed carry, and whether the amendment protects modern semiautomatic sporting rifles, the so-called “assault rifles” gun control proponents want banned.



Over the past three years, Trump and the Republican-controlled Senate have been quietly filling some 200 vacancies on the federal courts with presumably pro-Second Amendment judges. Trump has also put two conservatives on the Supreme Court, Neil Gorsuch and Kavanaugh.

Presently, the high court has at least ten pending Second Amendment cases seeking review. So far, none of those cases have been accepted.

The court will convene again on the first Monday in October, and any cases accepted for review will be heard during the next session.

With the release by Everytown of candidates it supports, grassroots activists have identifiable targets. It will be up to them to recruit challengers or support already-declared pro-rights candidates.

Everytown is expected to support state legislative candidates and those running for governor. Several current Democrat governors have become very unpopular with their constituents over the coronavirus shutdowns that put tens of millions of people out of work, put many small business operations out of business and resulted in something of a culture shock with social distancing, masking and other restrictions.

Among the more controversial restrictions put in place at the state level have been closures of gun shops and shooting ranges, despite the fact that the Trump administration announced weeks ago that gun stores are considered “essential” businesses. SAF, NRA, the Firearms Policy Coalition and other groups have been busy in court over the past two months challenging such closures in several states.

Colorado

- **John Hickenlooper, US Senate**
- **Joe Neguse, US House, District 2**
- **Jason Crow, US House, District 6**
- **Mary Parker, State House, District 22**
- **Tom Sullivan, State House, District 37**



Wayne LaPierre Has a Message for Members

by Wayne LaPierre, Executive Vice President

Dear NRA Members,

During my 40-plus years with your NRA, we've fought some tough and spirited battles.

We've beat back renegade anti-gun legislation, overcome villainous attacks on our collective character, and defeated deep-pocketed elitists trying to run roughshod over your constitutional freedoms.

But we've never seen anything like what is happening in New York.

Left wing politicians have cynically weaponized their legal and regulatory powers to try to take down our Association. As a result, the NRA recently filed a lawsuit against New York Attorney General (NYAG) Letitia James to confront her partisan campaign against the NRA.

Our lawsuit notes that, under the guise of protecting New York's NRA members, the NYAG's motive is nothing more than a gross misuse of regulatory power to undermine us as a political adversary.

In 2018, James infamously vowed to "target the NRA" and "investigate the legitimacy of the NRA as a charitable organization" while on the campaign trail – before spending even one day in office and without any evidence of compliance failures. She called us a "criminal enterprise" and a "terrorist organization."

Therefore, it was no surprise when James undertook an investigation of the NRA immediately after assuming office.

And now, despite an avalanche of evidence regarding the financial stability of our Association, years of clean audits by independent CPAs, and commitment to good governance, James filed a legal action against the NRA. She seeks to dissolve our Association and force us to close its doors.

It's all so pathetic. And predictable.

In fact, years ago, NRA board member Tom King was privately warned by then NYAG Eric Schneiderman that an attack was being engineered against the NRA. An "investigation" of our Association – from the high-

est levels of government – was on the horizon. That seems like a political nightmare that could only happen in a place where people live without our constitutional freedoms. But it happened right here – in America.

Having been through personal attacks and knowing that powerful billionaires and politicians were doggedly trying to raze the NRA, I took the Schneiderman forewarning seriously. I authorized an enterprise-wide review designed to improve our financial stability and ensure we could stand up to any scrutiny of our organization.

If there was any wrongdoing, I took swift, decisive action.

We terminated vendors and removed disgraced former partners and employees who abused the trust that was placed in them by the NRA. Many of these bad actors threatened me with a smear campaign – and then had the nerve to execute it when I would not succumb to their demands. I certainly paid a heavy price in the public arena.

These were hard but principled decisions. And I stand by every decision we've made in support of you – our members.

To be clear, the NYAG's actions are an affront to democracy and freedom. This is an unconstitutional, premeditated attack aiming to dismantle and destroy the NRA – the fiercest defender of America's freedoms.

As NRA President Carolyn Meadows observes, you could have set your watch by it: the NYAG "investigation" of the NRA was going to result in a lawsuit filed right as we began to shift into high gear for the 2020 election cycle.

It's a transparent attempt to score political points and attack the leading voice in opposition to the leftist agenda. This is a naked power grab by a political opportunist – a desperate move that is part of a rank political vendetta.

If only it ended with the NYAG.

Politics Over Principles: Trying to Silence the NRA

The NYAG's failing crusade follows an investigation of the NRA that began in 2017 by the New York State Department of Financial Services, who selectively pursued the NRA for its involvement in the Carry Guard insurance program.

The NRA never administered this insurance program – Lockton did. But that didn't stop regulators trying to silence (and harm) a political foe.

An unbridled regulatory attack ensued. This was, in part, because the attack was being driven by the machinery of billionaire anti-gun activist Michael Bloomberg. It was at his urging that state regulators came after us – simply because he opposed our point of view.

That was followed by yet another campaign, as New York Governor Andrew Cuomo "blacklisted" financial institutions for doing business with the NRA. Imagine that – an elected official tries to strong-arm legitimate businesses simply because they associate

with a law-abiding organization. The governor openly vowed to "put the NRA out of business."

We filed a lawsuit against the governor and his state insurance regulator.

None other than the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) came to our side – recognizing that elected officials can't abuse their power simply because they disagree with someone's political point of view.

Above the objections of the governor, a court ruled in our favor. Our case will go forward.

I know many of you are following these fights, and you are as troubled as me that we have to have them.

But the NRA is well-governed, financially strong, and committed to good governance.

We will not back down during this time: this is our moment of truth.

Recognizing the partisan nature of New York's anti-NRA campaign, the Republican Attorneys General Association (RAGA) wrote, "Lawless liberals have hit a new low" and "the New York Attorney General is shamefully abusing her power to target a political adversary. This action is no different than what Democrats did during the shameful impeachment of President Trump: an attempt to use the levers of government to go after political opponents."

RAGA believes the American people can read the tea leaves of the NYAG lawsuit – "It is a partisan hit job aimed at empowering the mob and endangering law-abiding citizens, who respect the Second Amendment."

It doesn't matter if it is the First Amendment or the Second. These are your constitutional freedoms – and we will defend them with energy and passion. You have a right to free speech and free association with others who share your desire to preserve the right to keep and bear arms. These are the freedoms that define you...and define the spirit of America.

New York's corrupt politicians sorely underestimate the spirit of the NRA. We are fighting back – with the might of more than 5 million patriots.

There can be no place in our country for the rank behavior of elected officials who target enemies, violate public trust, and use their offices to fuel personal political ambition.

Let's not allow Cuomo and James to weaponize government – and turn this nation into a place where those in power can shut down any organization or silence any voice with which they disagree.

We need to fight back against this attack like we're fighting for the Declaration of Independence, our Constitution, and our freedom – because it's ALL on the line.

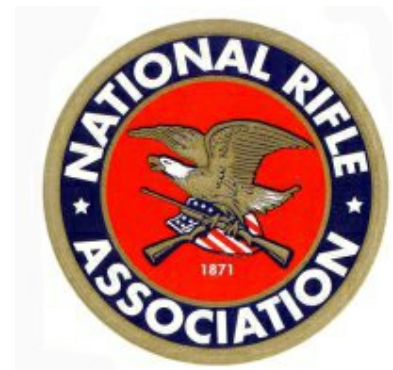
If we win this battle – and I'm confident with the continued support of our millions of members like you, we will win – you and I will score the biggest victory for freedom in the history of the NRA. We'll make an everlasting mark on the Second Amendment and the First Amendment that will be remembered and revered for generations! We will save our freedom, and because of that, we will save America.

In New York and beyond, the NRA will keep fighting. We will always represent you – and the freedoms in which you believe.

To Letitia James and the other government officials who seek to dismantle the NRA, we say this: We're ready for the fight. Bring it on!

Thanks for standing with us.

Yours in Freedom, **Wayne LaPierre**



July 2020 NICS - More Records, Headed for 20 Million Gun Sales in 2020

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by Dean Weingarten

(AmmoLand.com) - July 2020 was another record-breaking month for both National Instant background Check System (NICS) checks and gun sales. The total number of checks was 3,639,224, a record number of checks for the month, and the third-highest month ever. Both of the higher months (March and June) were also in 2020.

As noted before, more and more NICS checks are being done for carry permits and permit rechecks. There were nearly as many NICS checks done for permits in July of 2020 as there were for gun sales.

Fortunately, the FBI tells us what checks were actually done for gun sales. It is not absolute, as there can be multiple guns sold on one check. In about half of the states, people with permits to carry can buy guns using the check which was done for their permit. They are not counted as another check, because their sale is not recorded in the instant check system as a sale.

The formula for the approximate number of gun sales is handgun checks + Long guns checks + Other guns checks + 2.5 x multiple sales on 1 check = 1.84 million gun sales in July, 2020.

That is the all-time record number of sales for July. The next highest month was in July of 2016, of 1.22 million.

July is traditionally the lowest month for gun sales. This year, July was down a bit from June's 2.13 million guns sold. The total is about 11.84 million guns sold so far this year.

We are headed for an all time record of over 20 million guns in

2020, the greatest number of guns ever sold in one year.

NSSF estimates 40% of those gun sales are to new gun owners. That is eight million new gun owners added this year. Some proportion of those new gun owners are going to vote for their Second Amendment rights. They may decide whether the Republic continues and the Constitution is honored; or whether we continue to slide toward authoritarian socialism.

Here are the numbers for the last five July gun sales:

- July 2016 1,220,710 Presidential election year (Donald Trump gets elected)
- July 2017 916,586
- July 2018 849,837 Congressional elections. Republicans lose the House
- July 2019 853,963
- July 2020 1,842,550 Presidential election year

The reasons for the record high sales are fairly clear.

- Violent riots in many cities.
- The Democrats running on defunding the police.
- Democrats making infringing on gun sales and ownership part of their platform.
- Murder rates up in many Democrat run cities, and across the nation.
- High level of gun manufacturing infrastructure, created during the Obama administration.

- High demand + high level of supply = record levels of sales.

The question is, how long will this last? Probably past the election. If President Trump is reelected, his opponents will redouble their efforts to get him out of office by any means.

If President Trump loses, Conservatives and Second Amendment supporters will fear the worst tyranny the country has seen since Reconstruction.

Unrest is likely until one side wins and keeps the Presidency and majorities in both houses of Congress, then either restores the rule of law and the Constitution; or packs the Supreme Court and changes the rules to prevent another Trump from ever being elected again.



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Who's Who in Firearms - Part 4

Small Arms Lexicon and Encyclopedias, Chester Mueller and John Olson, Shooter's Bible, South Hackensack, News Jersey, 1st Ed., 1968

Demondton, Augustus - French inventor, granted a patent for a breech loader that was the forerunner of the successful pinfire cartridge, 1830

Deringer, Henry (1786-1868) - American gunsmith and firearms manufacturer, famous for the small, handheld single-shot gun he first made in 1825

Dimick, Horace E. (c1811-1873) - American gunsmith and manufacturer who supplied many of the weapons that won the West

Dreyse, Johann Nikolaus von (1787-1867) - German gunmaker and inventor who developed the

Dreyse Needle Gun, a variation on the bolt system

Elgin, George - invented a single-shot percussion pistol with a cutting blade attached to the underside of the barrel. The gun could be used as both a gun and a cutlass.

Ferguson, Patrick (1744-1780) - a Scottish firearms enthusiast and British officer killed at the Battle of Kings Mountain during the Revolutionary War. He developed and patented a breech-loading rifle in 1776 that became the first breech-loader used by the military.

Flobert, Nicolas (1819-1894) - French gunmaker who shaped a percussion cap to include a rim, combined it with a lead bullet, and used the priming mixture as a propellant. It is similar to the BB Cap used today.

Forsyth, Rev. Alexander John (1768-1843) - Scottish Presbyterian minister with an interest in mechanics, chemistry, and shooting. He developed the fulminate of mercury composition the later made percussion caps, primers, and pellets so successful beginning in 1793.

Gallagher, Mahlon J. - American inventor of the trigger-guard-lever operated breech system in 1860. It became a weapon used in the Civil War.

Garand, John C. - Canadian-born American citizen who came to the U.S. at the age of 10. He became an outstanding ordnance engineer at the Springfield Armory. He designed the Cal. 30 M1 Garand Rifle adopted by the Army in 1936.

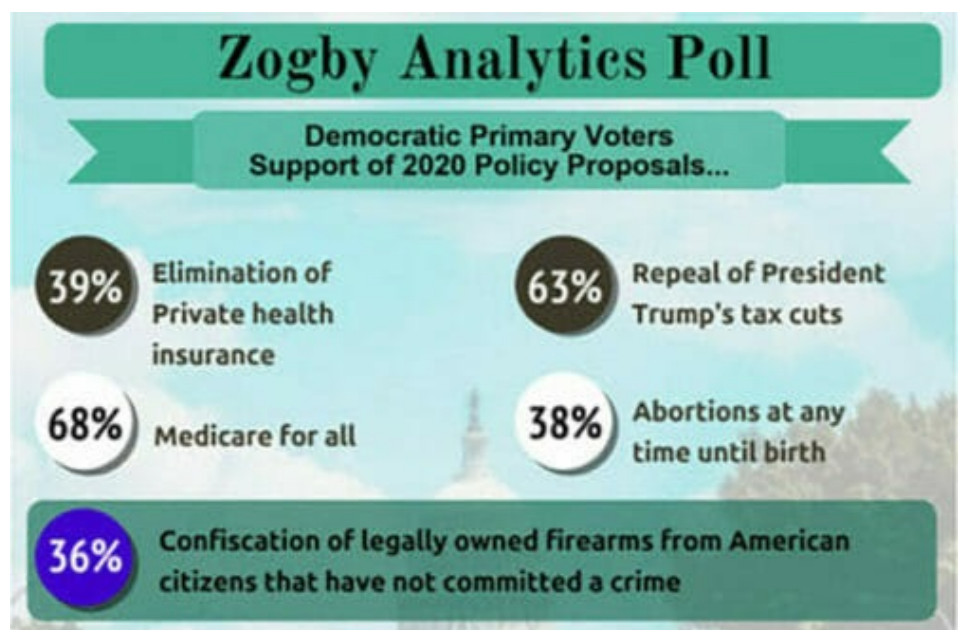
Gatling, Dr. Richard J. (1818-1903) - American medical doctor, mechanic and inventor. He first patented his multi-barrel design in 1862, but improved it in 1865. The latter version is the best-known.

Geiger, Leonard - American inventor of the first true rolling block lock in 1863. He later sold the design to the Remington Company.

Greene, James Durrell - U.S. Army Colonel, inventor of a carbine in which the forward trigger was pulled to unlock the barrel and allow it to be slid forward for loading. It also used the Maynard tape primer. In 1857, he invented an oval-bored bolt-action rifle.

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Guns & Accessories

Bass Pro Shop – <https://www.basspro.com/shop/en>
Big 5 Sporting Goods – <http://big5sportinggoods.com/store/>
Black Hills Shooters Supply - <http://www.bhshooters.com>
Brownells - <http://www.brownells.com>
Buffalo Arms Co. - <http://www.buffaloarms.com>
Cabela's – <https://www.cabelas.com>
Cave Armor Gun Safes – <http://cavearmor.com/>
CDNN Sports – <https://www.cdnnsports.com/>
Cheaper Than Dirt – <https://www.cheaperthandirt.com/>
Dixie Gun Works - <http://www.dixiegunworks.com>
Fix-It-Sticks Tools – <https://store.fixitsticks.com/>
Grab-A-Gun Gun Sales – <http://grabaqun.com>
Graf & Sons, Inc. - <http://www.grafs.com>
Gun Broker – <https://www.gunbroker.com/>
Gun Mag Warehouse - <https://gunmagwarehouse.com>
Guns.com (gun sales + newsletter) – <http://guns.com>
MidwayUSA – <http://midwayusa.com>
Natchez Shooting Supplies – <http://natchezss.com>
Northwoods Shooting Sports –
<http://www.northwoodshootingsports.com/>
Ohio Ordnance Works - <http://www.ohioordnanceworks.com>
Palmetto State Armory - <http://www.palmettostatearmory.com>
Prolix - <http://www.prolixlubricant.com>
Sinclair International, Inc. - <http://www.sinclairintl.com>
Smith & Alexander - <http://www.smithandalexander.com>
Sportsman's Guide – <https://www.sportsmansguide.com/>
Sportsman's Warehouse – <https://www.sportsmans.com/>
The Shooter's Box – <http://www.theshootersbox.com/>
Target Barn – <https://www.targetbarn.com/>
The Gear Hunt – <https://thegearhunt.com>

Manufacturers

Beretta USA – <http://www.beretta.com/en-us/>
Bersa – Eagle Imports – <https://bersa.eagleimportsinc.com/>
Browning North America – <https://www.browning.com/>
Bushmaster Firearms – <https://www.bushmaster.com/>
Colt Manufacturing – <https://colt.com/>
Christianson Arms - <https://christensenarms.com>
CVA – <https://cva.com/>
CZ-USA – <https://cz-usa.com/>
Glock USA – <https://us.glock.com/en>
HK – Heckler & Koch USA – <https://hk-usa.com/>
Henry Repeating Arms – <https://www.henryusa.com/>
Kahr Arms – <https://www.kahr.com/>
Kimber America – <https://www.kimberamerica.com/>
Marlin Firearms – <https://www.marlinfirearms.com/>
Mossberg – <https://www.mossberg.com/>
Remington Arms – <https://www.remington.com/>
Ruger Firearms – <https://ruger.com/>
Savage Arms – <https://savagearms.com/>
Sig Sauer – <https://www.sigsauer.com>
Smith & Wesson – <https://www.smith-wesson.com/>
Springfield Armory – <https://www.springfield-armory.com/>
Taurus USA – <https://www.taurususa.com>
Thompson/Center – <https://www.tcarms.com/firearms>

Newsletters and Publications

A&J Arms Booksellers - <http://ajarmsbooksellers.com>
AR-15 Newsletter - <http://ar15.com>
Art of the Rifle - <https://artoftherifle.com/>
Accurate Shooter – <http://accurateshooter.com>
Ammoland News Aggregator – <http://www.ammoland.com>
Avalon Forge - <http://www.avalonforge.com>
Bev Fitchett - <https://www.bevfitchett.us>
Blue Book Publications - <http://www.bluebookinc.com>
Chuck Hawks - <http://www.chuckhawks.com>
Everyday Marksman – <http://everydaymarksman.co>
FMG Publications - <http://www.fmgpublications.com>
F+W Publications - <http://gundigeststore.com>
Gun Digest – <http://gundigest.com>
Gun News Daily – <https://gunnewsdaily.com/>
Guns America – <http://gunsamerica.com>
Gun Pros - <https://gunpros.com>
Hunting Wire - <http://www.huntingwire.com>
IDSA Books - <http://idsabooks.com>
K-Var – <http://k-var.com>
Mowbray Publishing - <http://www.manalarmsbooks.com>
My Gun Culture – <http://mygunculture.com>
North Cape Publications - <http://www.northcapepubs.com>
Pew Tactical – <http://pewpewtactical.com>
Recoil Magazine (from Gun Digest) - <http://www.recoilweb.com>
Recoil OffGrid Magazine - <https://www.offgridweb.com>
Rifle Craft - <https://www.rifle-craft.com>
Schiffer Publishing - <http://www.schifferbooks.com>
Skyhorse Publishing - <http://www.skyhorsepublishing.com>
Tactical Hyve - <https://tacticalhyve.com/>

Organizations/Clubs

Ben Lomond Gun Club, Elbert County, Colorado –
<https://www.blqc.org/>
Buffalo Creek Gun Club, Bailey, Colorado –
<https://www.bcqc.com/>
Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) – <http://cmp.org>
Colorado Gun Collectors Association(CGCA) –
<http://www.cgca.com/>
Colorado Firearms Safety Coalition -
<http://coloradofirearmsafetycoalition.org>
Colorado State Shooting Association (CSSA) –
<http://www.cssa.org>
Concealed Nation – <http://concealednation.org>
Firearms Coalition - <https://firearmscoalition.org/>
Gun Owners of America (GOA) – <http://www.gunowners.org>
National Association for Gun Rights (NAGR) –
<https://nationalgunrights.org/>
National Rifle Association (NRA) – <http://nramedia.org>
National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) – <http://nssf.org>
Rocky Mountain Gun Owners (RMGO) – <https://rmgo.org/>
Texas State Rifle Association (TSRA) – <https://tsra.com/>
United States Concealed Carry Assn. (USCCA) –
<http://uscca.org>
USA Shooting Team – <https://www.usashooting.org/>

Online Resources for Shooters - 2

Politics/Gun Control

Colorado General Assembly – <http://leg.colorado.gov>
Contact Your Elected Officials – <https://www.usa.gov/elected-officials/>

Gun Control and Second Amendment Issues

Arbalest Quarrel - <http://www.arbalestquarrel.com>
Crime Prevention Research Center - Dr. John Lott, Ph.D. - <http://www.crimeresearch.org>
Handgun Law USA – <http://www.handgunlaw.us/>
NRA Institute for Legal Action (NRA-ILA) – <https://www.nraila.org/>
Second Amendment Foundation - <http://www.saf.org>
2nd Amendment Learning Guide – <https://www.daytonohlawyer.com/blog/2018/10/2nd-amendment-learning-guide/>

Prepping/Survival Skills

Archery Guide - <http://www.completeguidetoarchery.com>
Survival Still – <http://survivalstill.com>

Shows/Exhibitions

Colorado Gun Collectors Assn. – <http://www.cgca.com>
Tanner Gun Show – <http://tannergunshow.com>

Social Media/Podcasts

Down Range Radio – <http://www.downrange.tv/blog/category/down-range-radio/>
Guns and Ham/Amateur Radio – <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1101562313308836/>
Gun Talk Media – <https://guntalk.com/>
The Gun Nation Podcast – <http://www.gunnation.us/>

Airguns

Airsoft Station Guide for Scouts BSA shooting programs – <https://www.airsoftstation.com/content/resources/boy-scout-airsoft-rifle-safety-information.html>
<https://airgunstation.com/resources/all-about-air-guns/>
American Airguns – <http://www.airguns.net/index.php>
Get Airsoft Gun Blog – <https://getairsoftgun.com/>

Ammunition

Ammo.com – <https://ammo.com/>
Ammo For Sale – <http://https://www.ammo4sale.com/>
Ammo To Go – <https://www.ammunitontogo.com/>
ASYM Precision Ammunition - <http://asymammo.com>
Barnes Bullets - <http://barnesbullets.com>
Black Hills Ammunition - <http://www.black-hills.com>
CCI - <http://www.cci-ammunition.com>
Corbon Dakota Ammo, Inc. - <http://www.corbon.com>
Doubletap Ammunition - <http://doubletapammo.com>
Federal Cartridge Co. - <http://federalpremium.com>
Fiocchi Ammunition - <http://fiocchiusa.com>

Hornady - <http://www.hornady.com>
Missouri Bullets - <http://missouribullet.com>
Montana Bullet Works - <http://montanabulletworks.com>
PMC Ammunition - <http://pmcammo.com>
Remington Arms - <http://www.remington.com>
Sierra Bullets - <http://sierrabullets.com>
Wilson Combat - <http://www.wilsoncombat.com>
Winchester Ammunition - <http://www.winchester.com>

Reloading

Boomers Bullet Moulds - <http://boomersmoulds.com>
C&H/4D Dies - <http://www.ch4d.com>
Colorado Brass – <http://www.coloradooncefiredbrass.com>
Forster Products - <http://forsterproducts.com>

How to Reload Ammo: Basic Equipment –

<https://www.ammoland.com/2012/09/how-to-reload-ammunition/#axzz2jgtuZpZs>

Graf & Sons Reloading - <http://grafs.com>
Huntingdon Die Specialties - <http://www.huntingtons.com>
Lee Precision - <http://leeprecision.com>
Lyman Products - <http://lymanproducts.com>
M.D. Smith's Reloading – <http://www.reloadammo.com/>
Precision Reloading - <http://www.precisionreloading.com>
Products for the Beginning Reloader – <https://www.midwayusa.com/how-to-guides/beginning-reloader>
RCBS - <http://www.rcbs.com>
Redding Reloading Equipment - <http://redding-reloading.com>
Reloading Your Own Ammo – <https://www.gunsamerica.com/digest/how-to-get-started-reloading-ammunition/>
Smartreloader Products - <http://www.smartreloader-usa.com>
Starline Brass - <http://www.starlinebrass.com>
Speer Ammo - <http://www.speer-bullets.com>
Top Brass - <http://www.topbrass-inc.com>
Widener's Reloading & Shooting Supply - <http://wideners.com>
X-Reload - <http://x-reload.com>

Bullseye/Action Shooting

The Encyclopedia of Bullseye Pistol – <http://www.bullseyepistol.com/>
NRA Competition Rules (rev. 2018) – <https://compete.nra.org/documents/pdf/compete/RuleBooks/Pistol/pistol-book.pdf>
NRA Precision Pistol Competition – https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/NRA_Precision_Pistol

Black Powder Guns

Beauchamp & Son Flintlocks etc. - <http://www.flintlocksetc.com>
Dixie Gun Works - <http://www.dixiegunworks.com>
Navy Arms - <http://www.navyarms.com>
S&S Firearms - <http://www.ssfirearms.com>
Traditions Performance - <http://www.traditionsfirearms.com>

Online Resources for Shooters - 3

Gun Safety

NRA Eddie Eagle Program for Primary-3rd Grade –

<https://eddieeagle.nra.org/information-for-parents.asp>

NRA Refuse To Be A Victim Promotional Video –

<https://rtbav.nra.org/promotional-video.aspx>

Youth Gun Safety – <https://ammo.com/articles/parents-guide-to-gun-safety>

Gunsmithing

American Gunsmithing – Training Courses –

<http://americangunsmith.com>

Colorado School of Trades – <http://schooloftrades.edu>

Do-It-Yourself

Accurate Shooter –

<http://bulletin accurateshooter.com/2008/12/gunsmithing-reference-articles-for-home-smiths/>

Checking the 1911 Frontstrap – Steve Locatelli, CCGC –

<http://cherrycreekgunclub.org/skills/documents/CHECKERING%20THE%201911%20FRONTSTRAP-wpf.htm>

Maintenance/Cleaning

BING Search – Gun Maintenance Videos –

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=gun+maintenance&qpv=gun+maintenance&FORM=VDRE>

Scopes/Optics

E. Arthur Brown Co. – How to Choose a Hunting Rifle Scope –

<https://www.eabco.com/Reports/report01.html>

Nikon Spot On Scopes –

<http://spoton.nikonssportoptics.com/spoton/spoton.html#Index:4>

On Target Enterprises LLC – How to Use a Scope –

<http://www.ontargetcfl.com/howtoscope.html>

US Optics – Practical Long-Range Rifle Shooting –

<http://demigodllc.com/articles/practical-long-range-rifle-shooting-optics/?p=1>

Training/Techniques

Able Shepard Training – <https://ableshepherd.com/>

Colorado Parks & Wildlife – Hunter Education –

<http://cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/HunterEducation.aspx>

Family Shooting Center, Cherry Creek State Park –

<http://www.familyshootingcenter.com/>

Foothills Firearm Instruction – Brett Denison, CCGC –

<http://www.foothillsfirearminstruction.com/>

Law Enforcement Services LLC – Basic Pistol Shooting Techniques –

<http://www.lawenforcementservices.biz/Web%20Page%20Graphics/Basic%20Pistol%20Shooting%20Techniques.pdf>

Home Security

<https://reviews.thedenverchannel.com/home-security-systems-denver/>

<https://www.militaryhomesearch.com/home-security-guide.php>

<https://www.safety.com/best-home-security-systems/>





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