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Halting Hickenlooper is Crucial for Colorado and the Country



by Harold Hutchison

(AmmoLand.com)- Colorado, like Virginia, was once a stronghold for those who cherished Second Amendment rights. But over the last 12 years, the Second Amendment has been repeatedly infringed. Now, a supporter of our Second Amendment rights is at risk of losing.

Cory Gardner has been a solid, if quiet, supporter of our rights during his term in the Senate. He also served two terms in the House. More importantly, he has voted to confirm pro-Second Amendment federal judges at all levels of the federal court system. In addition, his first vote every Congress is for Senate Majority Leader, which determines who controls the agenda in that body.

In 2014, he beat Mark Udall by just under 50,000 votes. Udall had been no friend of Second Amendment supporters. Udall backed all sorts of anti-Second Amendment initiatives and also was confirming judges who would have upheld laws that infringed on our rights. Now, he faces another tough race, this time against former Colorado governor John Hickenlooper.

Hickenlooper is no friend of law-abiding gun owners. During his relatively brief and unsuccessful primary campaign for President, he pushed a federal gun-licensing scheme. This was on top of signing a heap of laws that punished law-abiding gun owners for a pair of mass shootings they did not commit in 2012.

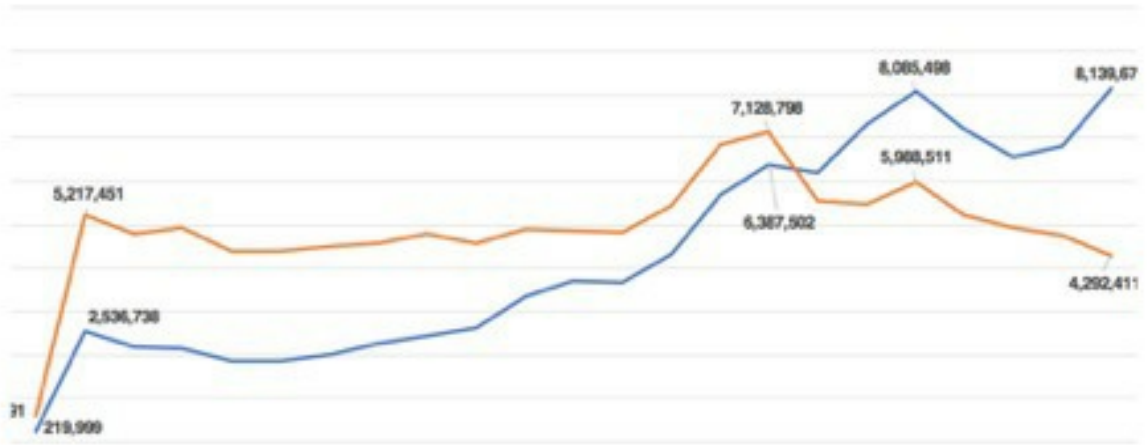
On his campaign site, Hickenlooper seems to have backed off calls for

licensing. But he is willing to back the entirety of Bloomberg's agenda. We should note, though, that it only takes one look at California, New York, or New Jersey to see that more and more unjust infringements will be pushed – usually after the past restrictions fail as they did for decades in Washington, D.C. and Chicago.

Put Hickenlooper in the Senate, and his first vote would be to put an avowed enemy of our rights, one Charles Schumer, in charge of that body. He would also vote against federal judges who would honestly interpret the Second Amendment. In addition, with the flurry of licensing bills, ranging from the one pushed by Illinois Representative Bobby Rush, or Cory Booker's scheme, to the multiple schemes to bribe states to enact licensing regimes. He would have plenty of chances to move on his presidential campaign's agenda.

Second Amendment supporters will need to work hard to keep Cory Gardner in the United States Senate. This is one of those seats that could well determine the future of pro-Second Amendment nominees to the federal courts, as well as the legislation that is passed.





NRA-ILA: Context for the Guns of 2020

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(AmmoLand.com)- We've written extensively about NICS background checks records this year and the potential implications. Large numbers are now used routinely. There were 3,115,063 total NICS firearm background checks last month, but what does that actually mean?

The typical format for an article on the monthly NICS report would include various statistics, like August 2020 was the fifth-busiest month all-time for the NICS office or that it was the busiest August ever (both of which are true) but we do not want to become so conditioned to these large numbers that we lose context. So, yes – there was a 31.6% increase in total NICS checks last month as compared to August 2019, and, yes, four of the five busiest months all-time have been in 2020, but let's take a look at what these numbers actually mean.

We have NICS data for eight months of 2020, and there have been more total NICS checks in those eight months than in 18 of the 21 complete years NICS has been in operation (the first full year was 1999). Only three years saw more total NICS checks and the annual record was set in 2019. We are “only” 2,435,416 checks away from setting a new annual record. This difference is fewer NICS checks than have been run in any single month so far this year so that record should be soon shattered – especially with hunting season and a critical Presidential election coming up in the next few months.

Again – discussion of very large numbers may not allow the appropriate context. The number of NICS checks related to long gun sales so far in 2020 total 4,294,411, which is more than the estimated population of the City of Los Angeles (estimated to be 3.98 million).

There have been 8,139,676 NICS background checks related to the sale of handguns so far in 2020. For comparison: 38 states and the District of Columbia each have a smaller population than the total number of handgun sales checks. The number of such checks so far in 2020 has been nearly equal to the population of New York City (estimated to be 8.34 million).

There have been more handgun related NICS checks through the first eight months of 2020 than in any year since NICS came online. Having trouble finding 9mm ammunition right now? If every handgun related NICS check was a single 9mm round laid end-to-end, we'd have over 150 miles of ammunition.

Look at the trend; there has been a long, steady increase in handgun related checks and the number of long gun checks has more fluctuation but also a general upward

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James Mattis

Special Report

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

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by Harold Hutchison

HR7468 - Stop Home Manufacture of Ghost Guns Act of 2020

“Ghost guns” have become one of the boogeymen that many anti-Second Amendment extremists are hyping. One of the major reasons has been the development of 3D printing and the increasing popularity of the unfinished receivers. For Second Amendment supporters, the technological advances are exciting – they could make it easier to exercise our constitutional rights.

Those developments, though, are intolerable to anti-Second Amendment extremists. If that technology were to spread – and things like 3D printers and CNC machines are getting cheaper, and thus, more accessible to the public. If that were to happen, enforcing gun bans would be practically impossible.

So, the fear-mongering gets ratcheted up, and to capitalize on that fear-mongering is Representative Jamie Raskin (D-MD), who is introducing HR 7468, the Stop Home Manufacture of Ghost Guns Act of 2020. This legislation would make it a federal crime for anyone but a licensed firearm manufacturer to have a “firearm manufacturing machine.”

This is a bill written with a lot of wiggle room for bureaucrats to go after people they don't like. Keep in mind, a 3D printer or CNC machine could make a firearm. What determines if it is made is whether the right code is provided to those machines.



We've seen the efforts anti-Second Amendment extremists have made to silence efforts to put 3D printing code out there. As was noted here back in March, their efforts to remove access to technical data about firearms isn't going to stop at 3D printers or CNC machines.

What Raskin also counts on the media not telling Americans is that current laws already address the possession of a firearm by those prohibited persons and they also address the misuse of firearms in crimes, whether the firearms are home-made or if they were produced by a licensed manufacturer. Either way, violating 18 USC 922(g)'s felon-in-possession provisions (just one example) is good for 10 years in federal prison.

It's a quintessential inconvenient truth that exposes that Raskin's push for this legislation isn't so much about public safety, but instead about again finding a way to punish law-abiding Americans who wish to exercise their Second Amendment rights for crimes they

have not committed. We shouldn't be surprised: Raskin has proposed legislation that would bribe states to implement handgun licensing schemes.

Raskin's approach isn't just going to pile on lots of needless hoops and bureaucracy. It will actually make things worse all around. Second Amendment supporters need to contact their Representative and Senators and politely urge them to defeat HR 7468.

HR 1116 - Keeping Guns from High-Risk Individuals Act

Second Amendment supporters often focus on efforts by anti-Second Amendment extremists to do one of two things: Either ban firearms or to make it harder for Americans to exercise their Second Amendment rights. There is a third tack that anti-Second Amendment extremists also take: They try to expand the number of people who are ineligible to even possess a firearm.

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This is the approach that Representative Robin Kelly (D-IL) took with HR 1116, the Keeping Guns from High-Risk Individuals Act. It is the sort of attack that Second Amendment supporters need to defend against but doing so can be a bit risky.

Why? Because, in some instances, people who pass background checks, and who then proceed to misuse firearms often had criminal charges that while they didn't trigger the provisions of 18 USC 922, they did point to a potential for violence. Now, some folks probably should be denied firearms, something that is contemplated in the Heller decision, which states, "nothing in our opinion should be taken to cast doubt on longstanding prohibitions on the possession of firearms by felons and the mentally ill."

However, Kelly's legislation is way outside the bounds established by Heller. The text of the legislation adds four new disqualifying conditions, and none of them are really well-established historically as valid reasons to deny rights. For instance, it has long been the case that juvenile records are sealed once a person is an adult, yet Kelly's bill seeks to use juvenile convictions as reason to deny Second Amendment rights.

The provision on alcohol and controlled substances seems to be duplicative of what is already in 18 USC 922. The other two provisions, on crimes of violence and stalking, would catch a number of people convicted of misdemeanors into the "prohibited person" category.

Those are all bad enough, but this bill also appears to violate Constitutional provisions against ex post facto laws. In this case, as was the case with the 1996 Lautenberg Amendment involving domestic violence, new punishments are added to crimes adjudicated long before the bill was proposed. Someone who agreed to plead guilty to a misdemeanor battery charge over a bar

fight would find themselves a federal felon with the stroke of a pen if they kept a hunting rifle under this law's provisions.

If stalking and crimes of violence are serious enough to take rights away, then politicians should be willing to take the heat of increasing the penalties so that they become felonies. Even if new categories are added to "prohibited persons," then it should be made clear that such additions only take effect after the law is signed.

The fact is, there is no way to make HR 1116 even remotely acceptable. Second Amendment supporters should contact their Senators and Representative and politely ask that they oppose this legislation.

HR 3553 - Untraceable Firearms Act of 2019

Second Amendment supporters should always remember the comments of Nelson "Pete" Shields – not only because it is a warning of what anti-Second Amendment extremists want, but because what Shields described is a multi-step solution.

The first problem was to slow down the number of firearms, which isn't quite happening. In some cases, they are now trying to skip to the "second problem" Shields outlined, getting guns registered. One of the tools they are trying is HR 3553, the Untraceable Firearms Act of 2019, introduced by Representative David Cicilline (D-RI).

Cicilline has introduced a number of anti-Second Amendment bills, and we will undoubtedly go over more of them later. But this one merits attention, as it targets one growing hobby of Second Amendment supporters: Building their own guns.

This is particularly the case with AR-15-type modern multi-purpose semi-automatic rifles. What is known as 80 percent receivers are sold, and people can then build their own fire-

arms. This has gone on since before the United States declared independence. The 80 percent receivers are just the latest iteration.

Of course, if you build a firearm for yourself, you don't need a Federal Firearms License. You don't have to put a serial number on the gun. In short, this is a gun that is very hard to confiscate, which doesn't make anti-Second Amendment extremists happy.

Cicilline's legislation intends to change that, by making this longstanding hobby illegal, and slaps the hobbyists with a potential five-year federal prison sentence. It's not like there aren't already laws that address providing any sort of firearm to bad guys. Oh, yeah, there are – 18 USC 922(d) and 18 USC 922(g), along with provisions in 18 USC 924.

Really, if you want to deal with the alleged "issues" of those who make guns with the intention of providing them to bad guys, the tools are already there. They just have to be used. This is where programs like Project Guardian can make a difference, not just in reducing the types of incidents used to whip up attacks on our rights, but also in pointing out that we don't need new laws – we can use existing laws and not attack the Second Amendment.

This sort of logic is quite obvious, so we certainly have every right to wonder why Representative Cicilline wants to push a new law that won't solve the problem. Second Amendment supporters should contact their Senators and Representative and politely urge them to oppose HR 3553, and to instead support efforts like Project Guardian.

HR 4116 - Prevent Gun Trafficking Act

It seems there are a lot of efforts to attack so-called "gun trafficking." This isn't to say that guns don't get smuggled to places like Chicago,

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New York City, or Baltimore. But “gun trafficking” is one issue that a lot of politicians use to make noise, and “solve.”

With rare exceptions, like the STOP Straw Purchasers Act (which increased penalties for straw purchases), most of the proposals to address this problem involve either direct attacks on Second Amendment rights (see gun rationing schemes like the one Virginia re-imposed), they involve some sort of registration scheme, or they simply add new laws when existing ones aren’t enforced.

One of those that falls into the third category is HR 4116, introduced by Representative Robin Kelly (D-IL). We’ve covered some of her past legislation, including the Keeping Guns From High-Risk Individuals Act and the Urban Progress Act. With that track record, this legislation clearly cannot be given the benefit of the doubt.

Here’s a reason why: One of the things Kelly does is to add another category of prohibited persons under 18 USC 922(d). This time, according to her legislation, it would be someone who “intends to sell or otherwise dispose of the firearm or ammunition in violation of a Federal law, or to sell or otherwise dispose of the firearm or ammunition to a person in another State in violation of a law of that State.”

Now, this seems unobjectionable at first. But first impressions can be deceiving. Where it gets tricky – and becomes a land mine for any honest Federal Firearms Licensee – is the fact that in the case of a straw purchaser, the person actually buying the gun is legally able to own a firearm. How is an FFL supposed to get that “reasonable belief” the gun is really going to someone else? Mind reading?

In addition, there are already plenty of tools that can be used to address a convicted felon who is running

guns from Indiana to Chicago. Let’s just look at a few from 18 USC 922:

- 18 USC 922(a)(6) makes it a federal crime to make any false statement or to present a false ID to a FFL. Penalty: 10 years in prison.
- 18 USC 922(d) makes it a federal crime to provide a felon a firearm. Penalty: 10 years in prison.
- 18 USC 922(g) makes it a federal crime for a felon to possess a firearm. Penalty: 10 years in prison.

Then there are these provisions from 18 USC 924:

- 18 USC 924(b) provides for a 10-year sentence to ship, transport, or receive a firearm in interstate or foreign commerce if they know or have reason to believe a felony would be committed in that transaction.
- 19 USC 942(h) provides for a 10-year sentence for anyone provides a firearm knowing or having reason to believe it will be used in a crime of violence or drug-related crime.

Add it up and smuggling just one gun can put an undeniably bad guy away for a minimum of 20 years, and as many as 50 years. You can bet the folks who run guns from Indiana or other neighboring states to Chicago, or up I-95 to Baltimore and New York City aren’t just running one gun per trip. They’re probably carting a fair amount to make the trip worthwhile. There’s a similar calculation the NRA ran in 1999.

We really don’t need to discuss the other provision of Kelly’s bill – the new section 932 she would add – although it should be noted it makes giving your best friend a firearm as a gift illegal. It goes without saying

that Second Amendment supporters need to contact their Senators and Representative and politely urge them to oppose HR 4116, and to instead support efforts like Project Guardian.

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trend. Here’s the thing: firearms are durable goods. They can be passed down from generation to generation. Firearms purchased 20, 30, or even 50 or more years ago are still in existence. Since NICS came online in November 1998, there have been over 97.5 million handgun related checks and more than 113 million related to long gun sales.

We’ve also welcomed nearly five million new gun owners into the gun-owning community this year but think of the millions more that purchased their first firearm over the last 23 years. At some point, every single one of us was a first-time gun owner.

Maybe there are more first-time gun owners in the present than in previous years, but ours was never a small community. Recent data indicates that 47% of likely voters or someone in their household owns a firearm.

Those 97.5 million handguns didn’t buy themselves.

Conundrums

Contributed by Don Eyser

The definition of the word Conundrum is: something that is puzzling or confusing (and each one is related to the prior one)

Here are six Conundrums of socialism in the United States of America:

1. America is capitalist and greedy - yet half of the population is subsidized.

2. Half of the population is subsidized - yet they think they are victims.

3. They think they are victims - yet their representatives run the government.

4. Their representatives run the government - yet the poor keep getting poorer.

5. The poor keep getting poorer - yet they have things that people in other countries only dream about.

6. They have things that people in other countries only dream about - yet they want America to be more like those other countries.

Think about it! And that, my friends, pretty much sums up the USA in the 21st Century.

Makes you wonder who is doing the math?

These three, short sentences tell you a lot about the direction of our current government and cultural environment:

We are advised to NOT judge ALL Muslims by the actions of a few lunatics, but we are encouraged to judge ALL gun owners by the actions of a few lunatics. Funny how that works.

and here's another one worth considering...

Seems we constantly hear about how Social Security is going to run out of money. How come we never hear about welfare or food stamps running out of money? What's interesting is the first group "worked for" their money, but the second didn't. Think about it.....

and last but not least,

Why are we cutting benefits for our veterans, no pay raises for our military and cutting our army to a level lower than before WWII, but we are not stopping the payments or benefits to illegal aliens.

Am I the only one missing something here ?



Who's Who in Firearms - Part 5

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

Hall, John Harris (1778-1841) - an American inventor who, in 1811, patented the breech-loader that bore his name. He was also a pioneer in making interchangeable parts for his rifles.

Henry, Alexander (1828-1894) - Scottish inventor of a rifling system that, when combined with; the firing system of Frederick von Martini became the Martini-Henry rifle adopted by the British Army in 1871.

Henry, Benjamin Taylor (1821-1898) - American gunsmith and manufacturer who developed a rim-fire cartridge in 1858. In 1860, he patented improvements to the Volcanic rifle, which became known as the Henry rifle. Other minor changes allowed it to become the Winchester rifles of 1866 and 1873.

Henry, William (1729-1786) - American inventor and manufacturer. His rifles achieved a good reputation for excellence.

Hoppe, Frank A. - Philadelphia manufacturer of lubricants and cleaning materials for firearms.

Hotchkiss, Benjamin Berkley (1826-1885) - American living in France who developed the rifle adopted by the U.S. as its first bolt-action arm with a magazine. In 1875 he built a hand-operated machine gun that resembled the Gatling Gun.

Houiller, B. - French inventor with patents related to pin, rim and center fire ignition in full metal cases, 1847-1850.

Hunt, Walter (1796-1859) - American machinist and inventor, developed a repeating rifle that became the basis for improvements to the Winchester rifle.

The Bank Guard

Police Jokes

Submitted by D-Gellybean

Al: I got fired from my job as a bank guard.

Sam: What happened?

Al: A thief came into the bank. I drew the weapon and told him that if he took one more step, I'd let him have it.

Sam: What did he do then?

Al: He took one more step, so I let him have it. Who wanted that stupid old gun, anyway?

As you probably know, Charlie Daniels died in June from a stroke, at 83 years old. Below is an article he wrote just a week earlier. Wise words indeed:

Soap Box – Posted on 06.26.2020

Pick a Side

The time is swiftly coming in America when everybody who cares about having a future is going to have to pick a side.

When you get past the very thin patina of “peaceful” protest and look beyond the fallacy that violence and destruction brings about racial equality, you have to come to the conclusion that there is a radical fringe of people who would literally burn this country down, given the opportunity.

You’ll never hear it in the media, but if you’re willing to scratch the surface and dig a little bit, it will dawn on you that this is not a simple protest against the unjust killing of a black man, but a revolutionary street battle against America and everything we stand for and it IS funded and lead by socialist factions, and it’s not just in the US but in many democratic nations around the world.

In other words, an all-out socialist attack on our Republic.

I don’t remember a time in my 83 years when the cowardice, incompetence, indifference and downright impotence of governors, mayors and others responsible for the protection of citizens and their property have been more evident, disappointing and disgusting.

What’s going on in our nation is not a “Block Party” or a “Summer Of Love” and any politician naive enough to describe it as such is, not only unworthy of their office, but a clear and present danger to the well-being of every human being in their constituency, and thereby America at large.

This is anarchy, plain and simple and the laxity of the curriculum we have allowed to be taught in our schools and the doctrine that socialist university faculties have drummed into the heads of our young people is coming home to roost, as deceived twenty-somethings cause havoc for a cause they have no way of understanding, under the impression they are in a struggle for justice, when all along they are joining the battle to dismantle their whole way of life.

One of the first tenets of communism is destroying and discrediting history and the destruction of historical statues is just that.

Communism cannot exist where there is a strong belief in God and now there is a move afoot to remove any statues of Jesus Christ.

A statue of Stevie Ray Vaughan was vandalized in Austin, Texas recently, a musician who had nothing to do with politics or activism.

Communism cannot exist in a well-informed society, and to their everlasting shame and tacit treason, the media hides the truth and takes sides with the people who, if they ever came to power, would demolish the media.

Already the signs of pushback, the serious kind, are showing up,

Patriotic bikers have called for a rally in Seattle on the fourth of July to reclaim the CHAZ/CHOP area – or whatever they’re calling it today - return the police precinct to the police it was taken from and in their words, “Clean up the mess these Commie kids have made.” But the mayor finally seems to have come to her senses, so it may not come to that.

Gun sales are through the roof and America is locked and loaded to protect their families and their neighborhoods.

If things are allowed to fester and spread, in my opinion, and at least amongst the people I am familiar with and the area I live in, they will not allow their cities to be occupied, their businesses destroyed nor their lives interrupted without a fight and almost everybody I know has guns and knows how to use them.

I hope and pray that cooler heads will prevail and bloodshed can be avoided, but, as things stand, that’s exactly where this thing is headed.

So, America, in the next few months you’re going to have to make a choice, about how far you’ll be pushed, the priorities of your vote, the kind of world you want your children to grow up in and which side of this debacle you stand on.

Stand tall or crawl, those are the choices.

What do you think?

Pray for our troops our police and the peace of Jerusalem. God Bless America.

Charlie Daniels

Shooters, How's Your Lead Level?

Adapted from *The Firing Line*, Sept. 2020

If you go to a gun range, or do anything with guns or ammunition, you can't avoid contact with lead. Most of what we know comes from what we hear about old homes with lead paint that must be removed when remodeling, or lead in drinking water and the medical issues, especially in children, that can occur.

Earlier this Summer, I was doing a lot of bullet casting and reloading. Even handling something as small

as a primer can expose you to dangerous levels of lead over time.

I needed to have some blood work done, so I asked my doctor if he could add a lead test. It had been several years since I had one. This is what I got back:

After looking into the lead issue further, I learned that the goal of treatment for lead toxicity is to get the blood level under 10 mcg/dl.

Your level is 5 mcg/d, so it's well below

target levels.

Treatment for levels over 10 is basically removing the person from the lead exposure.

Referral to a specialist is done if the level is over 40.

It may be reasonable to repeat the blood test in a year.

If you haven't had a test, you might consider getting one, just for the peace of mind. Good luck!



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outstanding work in Colorado, but we always need grassroots talent and support to meet today's challenges and opportunities.

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Join the Colorado State Shooting Association's efforts by becoming a member of your NRA State Association. Please go to www.cssa.org/index.php/join-renew and sign up today!



Laying the Anti-Gun Groundwork for 2021

Anti-gun activists are laying the groundwork now to blame gun owners for any increase in violent crime this year. First came desperate attempts to tie “gun violence” to COVID-19 when the pandemic dominated the news cycle. Now, anti-gun academics are rushing to produce research that can be used to blame gun owners for any increases in crime in this unprecedented year.

The Washington Post covers the latest research and claims that a “gun-buying binge is associated with a significant increase in gun violence across the United States.” A

from March through May, and that Americans exercising their right to keep and bear arms are somehow associated with an increase in fatal and non-fatal injuries.

The Brookings Institution article used the wrong numbers. The authors used the total NICS numbers that include permit checks and re-checks instead of limiting the numbers to only checks related to the sale of a firearm. If anything, the numbers the economics professors used included some of the most law-abiding Americans possible, and likely double-counted any of

That reality does not fit with the anti-gun agenda. In their final paragraphs, the Brookings Institution authors say that “The presence of so many guns complicates discussions of public policy.”

How does more Americans lawfully exercising their Constitutional right complicate any public policy discussion?

You already know the answer to that question.

We’ve seen radical lawmakers try to use the pandemic to push their anti-gun agenda. High ranking elected officials blame firearms instead of addressing underlying problems driving crime in their cities. Activists deliberately ignore data that contradicts their time-sensitive anti-gun talking points. We also know from the real-world that focusing on criminals reduces crime.

But here we are. A pair of new studies attempting to frame law-abiding gun owners as the antagonists in the story of 2020. These studies will be used as evidence to push gun control.

The Washington Post article concludes with this statement: “And while many new gun buyers are motivated by wanting to secure their safety, the research also suggests that every gun purchased is a step toward a more violent society.”

These researchers and those funding them want the narrative to be that every woman and man who follows the law and acquires a firearm is somehow inching us toward a more violent society.

Remember that when anti-gun politicians and activists tell you they don’t want to take your guns, or they “only” want a “reasonable” gun control policy.

All law-abiding gun owners are complicating their plans.



UC Davis study is based on the idea that Americans bought an “excess” of firearms this spring. A Brookings Institution analysis also focuses on the spike in firearm sales but tries to assign despicable motivation to the millions of Americans who purchased a firearm in this time period. Each set of authors made questionable decisions on data selection, seemingly to prioritize obtaining rapid results over using appropriate measures.

The UC Davis study uses data from a web scraper with a history of coding problems to tie law-abiding gun buyers to the actions of gang members, drug dealers, known criminals, and even police officers using rubber bullets. The underlying claim in the UC Davis paper is that an “excess” number of firearms were sold

these permit holders who acquired a permit and then a firearm within the study period.

The authors wanted to tie the increase in gun sales to perceptions of civil unrest and used spurious reasoning to paint law-abiding gun owners with as narrow and negative a brush as possible, despite admitting that “it is unclear who was buying these firearms.”

If they took an open-minded look at the gun-owning community or first-hand data sources, they would know that our community is diverse and vibrant, with more first-time gun owners joining every day. If they looked at prior research, they’d know that criminals don’t legally acquire the guns they use in crime.

DIRECTORY OF SERVICES

The Firing Line presents this Directory of Services for the use of CCGC members. Members who have a service to provide other members, whether firearms-related or not, are invited for inclusion.

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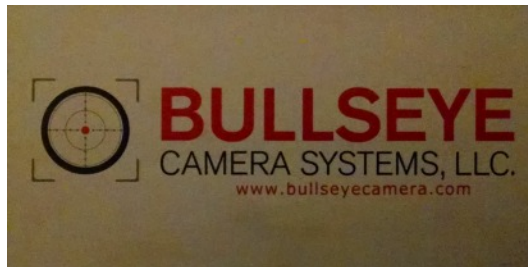
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Six Ammo Terms You Need to Know

by Richard Mann, *Shooting Illustrated*

“Mama told me, when I was young...” If you have to Google those lyrics to find out what song they belong to, you’re definitely not a redneck. You are, however, either past your prime in life or are not there yet. I didn’t think of this song because I was looking at the bottom of an empty bourbon bottle, or because I was having a sentimental moment recalling my high school days. I thought of it because firearm manufacturers, gun writers and the guy behind the counter at your local gun shop often over-complicate ammo.

A number of terms are thrown around with regard to ammunition and their importance, and sometimes meanings are misunderstood. Since I am a “simple man,” I’m going to—like my Grandpa used to say—set you on the straight and narrow.

Velocity

Velocity (or the speed of the bullet) is rather important. In conjunction with the ballistic coefficient (BC), it determines trajectory. In conjunction with bullet weight and design, it determines power. Depending on how the bullet is made, velocity directly influences expansion. And, in most cases, higher velocities mean more tissue damage. This is why the .357 Mag. expands more in media than a .38 Spl., why a .300 Win. Mag. shoots flatter than a .308 Win. and why ammunition marked “+P” sells so well. (We’ll get to +P in a minute.)

Kinetic Energy (KE)

This is a number that is obtained by squaring a bullet’s velocity and then multiplying the result by its weight. The product of this mathematical function is then divided by 450,400. By itself, KE means very little. It will not tell you how deep a bullet will penetrate, how much tissue it will damage or how wide it will expand. Yes, it is an expression of power but without consideration for bullet design, it’s meaningless. It does correlate fairly



well to recoil; the more KE a cartridge generates, the harder it will kick.

Momentum

This is basically another way of talking about energy, but momentum favors heavy bullets as opposed to high velocity. If you like heavy bullets, only recite momentum figures. If you like fast bullets, stick with KE numbers. Both are best used for winning arguments and little else.

Ballistic Coefficient

This is a somewhat magical term that’s supposed to reflect a bullet’s ability to overcome air resistance. It is not a constant, it’s often guessed at and it has very little bearing on anything unless you’re shooting beyond 300 yards. If you’re a long-range shooting kind of guy, select the bullet with the highest BC, but don’t fret over minute differences. Velocity, consistency and precision will always trump BC.

Sectional Density (SD)

Ah, this is my favorite. Many contend bullets with higher sectional densities will penetrate deeper. Sectional Density is the ratio of a bullet’s mass to its cross-sectional area. It does not take into account how—or of what—the bullet is made. A 125-grain .357-caliber bullet made of copper and lead has the exact same SD as a .357-caliber bullet made of pure chocolate.

If you have a .38 Spl. like my grandfather did, the first bullet would be good for shooting bad guys, the second will only work on the Easter Bunny. Since a bullet begins to expand immediately after impact, its cross sectional area changes immediately. Unless you’re shooting non-expanding bullets, the only SD numbers that really matter are those from the expanded/deformed projectile. Those

numbers, in conjunction with velocity, can be used to predict penetration.

Three .40 S&W 180-grain loads were tested in 10-percent ordnance gelatin. Muzzle velocities varied by only 30 fps, and all three bullets had the exact same SD. The Winchester PDX1 bullet penetrated 11 inches, the Golden Saber 14 inches and the Remington JHP 17 inches. Bullet expansion or deformation varied by 28 percent, and was the determining factor with regard to penetration. The bullets that expanded the most penetrated the least.

+P Loads

I said we would talk about +P. Ammo labeled +P means it has been loaded to a higher pressure than non +P. For example, the maximum average allowable pressure for non +P .38 Spl. loads is 17,000 psi. The maximum for +P .38 Spl. ammunition is 18,500 psi. That’s an increase of about 9 percent, which translates to a velocity increase of about the same. The increased velocity can aid with expansion, but in reality the +P label is better at selling ammunition than enhancing lethality.

When it comes to ammunition, don’t get so caught up in the minutia that you lose sight of the primary goal and that’s to hit where you’re aiming, and that the gun goes bang every time you pull the trigger. For defensive shooting, reliability is priority number one. If it does not work, it cannot save you. For everything else, accuracy and precision get the nod.

Small differences in velocity, energy, momentum, BC or SD will have such a minute influence on the target—be it paper or flesh—that you will not be able to measure or quantify the variance. A piece of paper cannot determine the BC of the bullet that hits it, and a bad guy or the medical examiner cannot see or measure the difference in handgun bullets impacting with a slight energy/momentum/velocity variation. The true measure of ammunition is the cumulative values of all these characteristics and whether it hits or misses.

Online Resources for Shooters

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.northwoodshootingssports.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>

Gun Parts

Bravo Company USA - <http://www.bravocompanyusa.com>
BuyMilSurp - <http://www.buymilsurp.com>
Huber Concepts - <http://www.huberconcepts.com>
Mag-Na-Port Intl. - <http://www.magnaport.com>
Military Gun Supply - <http://www.militarygunsupply.com>
Pacific Canvas & Leather - <http://pacificcanvasandleather.com>
RTG Parts - <http://www.robertrtg.com>
Sarco, Inc. - <http://www.sarcoinc.com>
Springfield Sporters, Inc. - <http://www.sporters.com>
TG International - <http://www.tguns.com>
VTI Replica Gun Parts - <http://www.vtgunparts.com>

Grips & Gun Stocks

Alumagrips - <http://www.alumagrips.com>
Altamont Co. - <http://www.altamontco.com>
Boyd's Gunstock Industries - <http://www.boydsgunstocks.com>
Donson Products - <http://www.dsplaser.com>
Eagle Grips - <http://www.eaglegrips.com>
Gunstock Blanks - <http://www.gunstockblanks.com>
Herrett's Stocks - <http://www.herrett-stocks.com>
Hogue - <http://www.getgrip.com>

Jack First Gun Shop - <http://www.jackfirstgun.com>
Null-Grips - <http://www.null-grips.com>
Numrich Gun Parts - <http://www.gunpartscorp.com>
Pachmayr - <http://www.pachmayr.com>
Pearce Grip - <http://www.pearcegrip.com>
Tiger-Hunt - <http://www.gunstockwood.com>
Wicked Grips - <http://www.wickedgrips.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>

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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.blgc.org/>
Buffalo Creek Gun Club, Bailey, Colorado – <https://www.bcgc.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/>

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.ammoforsale.com/>
Ammo To Go – <https://www.ammunitiontogo.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>

Online Resources for Shooters - 3

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>

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/>
Checkering 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 -
<https://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/>

