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Survey Says: Americans Do Not Want New Gun Control Laws

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By Larry Keane

There's a family feud within the Democratic party aimed at pushing more gun control on Americans who are buying firearms at a record pace, and what they actually want. President Joe Biden, gun control groups like Everytown for Gun Safety and Giffords and Congressional anti-gun Democrats are jamming through more restrictive policies.

Public polling paints a different picture of America's appetite for gun control. Survey says: Americans do not want new gun control laws.

President's Polling Problem

From the White House Rose Garden, President Biden announced proposals to limit so-called "ghost guns," called for stricter regulations on handgun stabilizing braces, urged Congress to ban Modern Sporting Rifles (MSRs), repeal the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act (PLCAA) so the industry can be sued out of existence and put in place expanded background checks as a precursor to national gun registration.

"Everything that is being proposed today is totally consistent with the Second Amendment," the president claimed. "And there's a wide con-



sensus behind the need to take action."

New polling shows there isn't "widespread consensus" on these proposals or any new proposals for that matter. In fact, it's the opposite. Support for more gun control is at the lowest levels in at least five years, according to Gallup. That includes support for enacting "more strict" gun policies dropping by 10 percent since 2018. That survey re-

veals a five percent drop in support for stricter policies among self-identified Democrats.

Gallup isn't an outlier. More recently, a Washington Post/ABC News poll also found Americans have lost their desire for more gun control policies. That poll showed "that Americans overall are less supportive of new gun control legislation than they were just three years

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European Lead Ammo Ban Update

European firearm owners are in the midst of a three-fronted war on the possession and use of lead ammunition. The battles are being fought against a European-wide ban on metallic lead (ammunition), a prohibition on the use of lead ammunition in terrestrial environments, and a ban on both the use and possession of lead ammunition in wetlands.

Votes were set to be tallied on the wetlands ban, but instead, the European Commission was forced end voting without result, sending shockwaves through Brussels as it was widely expected that, with 23 Member States already having phased out the use of lead ammunition for hunting over wetlands, and support coming from Germany, Spain, France, Italy and Portugal, the ban would pass easily under a qualified majority vote. The Czech Republic, however, had other plans, intervening at the eleventh hour to call into question both the online procedures being used to discuss the issue and the overly broad definition of wetlands, a definition which could easily be interpreted to include dry land containing a rain puddle.

Unfortunately, the end to voting does not mean an end to this battle, as It is very likely that the online procedures will be replaced with in-person discussions and that a new call for votes will go out in September. One can only hope that when discussions resume, opposition to the proposal will not only continue, but expand into several other areas of concern, including:

The proposals presumption of guilt, which would require hunters to prove that they were not in possession of lead ammunition in a wetland, even if found outside of one;



The use of a 100 meter buffer zone, which not only causes confusion, but shifts depending on weather and ground conditions, especially when rain is causing puddles to form;

Language which prohibits not only the use of lead ammunition in wetlands, but also “where spent gunshot would land within a wetland,” language so vague neither hunters nor enforcement authorities could ever be certain if a violation has or has not occurred;

A misuse of the European Union’s Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) authority, as REACH regulations are intended for industry but instead are being used to target consumers (hunters); and,

The lack of any exemption for military or law enforcement, which, while immaterial to hunters, should concern Member States, given that such a ban would almost certainly impact the ability of both their police and military forces to train and operate.

One can only hope that the delay afforded by the Czech Republic’s intervention will result in Member States re-thinking their support for this proposal, but, with so many already expressing favor for the ban, it appears very likely that this front in the battle may soon be lost.

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ago.” Still, more polling shows the same declines. It’s an established pattern.

Losing ‘Youths’

Young voters – those between the ages of 18-29 – have been a critical voting block for Democrats. That group’s support for gun control cratered by 20 points. Americans under the age of 30 have, since at least 2018, rejected increased infringements on the Second Amendment. The circumstances throughout 2020 led millions of voters who previously supported gun control to reconsider and purchase a firearm, changing their politics along the way.

It doesn’t stop there. The calculus of changing gun control attitudes includes a 20 percent drop in support for gun control among Hispanic-Americans, a group that had a 49 percent increase of firearm purchases in 2020 over 2019. That same timeframe saw African-Americans purchased firearms at a 58 percent greater pace. Asian-Americans did so by 43 percent.

Stalled for Good Reason

U.S. House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) refused to read the room. In Washington, D.C., 2021 began with Democrats pushing through unpopular gun control bills on a razor-thin party-line vote. In the Senate, those bills have stalled due to a 50-50 split and U.S. Sen. Joe Manchin (D-W.Va.) refusing to budge on more gun control. His colleague Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) even dared Democratic Majority Leader Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) to call a vote for a so-called “assault weapons ban.”

“I would challenge Senator Schumer to bring the assault weapons ban to the floor of the United States Sen-

ate. It won’t get 50 votes, much less 60,” Sen. Graham taunted.

That vote may happen, but if it does it’s more likely to go down in flames. Modern Sporting Rifles (MSRs), the so-called “assault weapons” President Biden and gun control proponents want so badly to ban, are the most popular-selling semiautomatic rifles in the country. With more than 20 million in circulation today, they are commonly owned for lawful pur-

poses like target shooting, hunting, and self-defense.

With their growing support for the right to purchase and own firearms, it is clear what the American people want – and don’t want. They reject efforts at imposing more gun control and those that continue to push infringements on those rights are out of excuses to do so.

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Should They Be Rethinking Their Position?



Special Report

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

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S 788, the Firearms Safety Act

(AmmoLand.com)- These days, the phrase “gun safety” has become something that makes Second Amendment supporters clench their teeth in frustration, mostly because anti-Second Amendment extremists have co-opted the phrase in order to inflict injustice on tens of millions of Americans for crimes and acts of madness they didn’t commit. Not only that, the hijacking of “gun safety” has obscured real efforts to help Americans safely and responsibly exercise their Second Amendment rights, notably from the National Rifle Association.

One of those real efforts is S 788, the Firearms Safety Act introduced by Senator Roger Marshall (R-KS). Senator Marshall is a Second Amendment champion. He introduced the Home Defense and Competitive Shooting Act in the House of Representatives in 2019. Marshall rightly deserved the backing of Second Amendment supporters for his 2020 Senate run.

The Firearms Safety Act provides for a \$100 tax credit for a gun safe (eligibility is limited to one claim every ten years) and a \$100 tax credit for firearms safety training (each year). Senator Marshall has even taken a precaution to ensure that these credits can’t be used as a form of backdoor gun registration.

If there is anything to quibble about, it is the paltriness of the tax credits, particularly for gun safes. A look at the Cabela’s site shows that of 77



gun safes and vaults, 43 are over \$500. Furthermore, the safes are very different in terms of need. Some are meant for storing long guns, but others are meant to have a handgun available relatively quickly for home defense. It would seem logical to up the limit to twice in a ten-year period, and maybe to boost the gun safe credit to \$250.

For training, the issue is not as severe, given that the \$100 tax credit is available every year. The question, though, centers around what sort of training. The NRA has an online basic pistol course for \$60. But some of those who anticipate using their firearms in a personal-defense situation may want more advanced training, like what the Massad Ayoob Group provides, and that can easily reach \$2,000, plus lodging and other expenses. Here, the training tax credit should be upped, and not limited to one course.

It isn’t enough for Second Amendment supporters to publicly beat back the attacks from anti-Second

Amendment extremists, they need to make being a responsible firearm owner easier, and in visible ways. The Firearms Safety Act is one of those ways that will benefit all of us down the road, but with the current anti-Second Amendment regimes, it will have a hard time passing.

S 770 - Handgun Purchaser Licensing Act of 2021

Bad ideas are hard to kill, especially in Congress. One of the worst has been this notion of licensing gun owners at the federal level. This was something anti-Second Amendment extremists have wanted since 1968, and you can read how angry Lyndon Baines Johnson was that such provisions were not in the Gun Control Act of 1968.

So, for over five decades, Second Amendment supporters have thwarted this goal of our enemies (and people who wish to inflict injustice on us are rightly described as enemies), who think that treating law-abiding gun owners like criminals is the answer to the misuse of fire-

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arms. We know it isn't, as the Brevard County Sheriff lays out. But that hasn't stopped anti-Second Amendment extremists from trying.

While Sheila Jackson Lee drew a lot of attention with HR 127, the Sabika Sheikh Firearm Licensing and Registration Act, a number of other licensing schemes have shown up in past Congresses, and they will likely show up in the current Congress, and in Congresses in the future.

One of those bad ideas that keep turning up is the Handgun Purchaser Licensing Act of 2021, known as S 770. We covered a similar version introduced in 2019 by Senator Chris Van Hollen and Representative Jamie Raskin. Van Hollen is again the Senate sponsor of this assault on the dignity and reputation of those who wish to exercise their Second Amendment rights.

Van Hollen, of course, doesn't even tell states to impose it. He instead tries to bribe them with federal grants. It's yet another insult from these Bloomberg stooges who seem eager to cast blame for high rates of violent crime on everyone but those who are really responsible.

Here's the truth: Less than a fifth of the states in the Union require any form of licensing scheme. If anything, the overwhelming consensus (at least, what seems to be the consensus) among the states is that there is no need to license firearms owners at all. States like New Jersey, Illinois, and Massachusetts are the real outliers when it comes to firearms ownership. Those schemes don't stop firearms from getting into the hands of bad guys.

In addition, what was noted on the web pages of Ammoland back then still applies. This legislative proposal is pretty much asking to create tragedies like the one involving Carol Bowne. Anti-Second Amendment extremists often claim they are trying to save lives, but it was an onerous law they want to extend

nationwide that cost one woman her life at the hands of her abusive ex.

HR 1004 - Require Liability Insurance Coverage to Purchase Firearms

When we discussed financial de-platforming, we noted that for the firearms industry – in fact, even for those who want to buy firearms – access to financial services, including banking is a must. If access to those services are denied, say through a re-started Operation Choke Point, then the Second Amendment becomes a dead letter.

But now, Representative Carolyn Maloney (D-NY) wants to require people to show proof of insurance to be able to buy a firearm. She introduced HR 1004 with one co-sponsor, Representative Andre Carson (D-IN). While text of this bill is not available as of this writing, Representative Maloney has introduced this bill in the 116th and 115th Congresses as the Firearm Risk Protection Act.

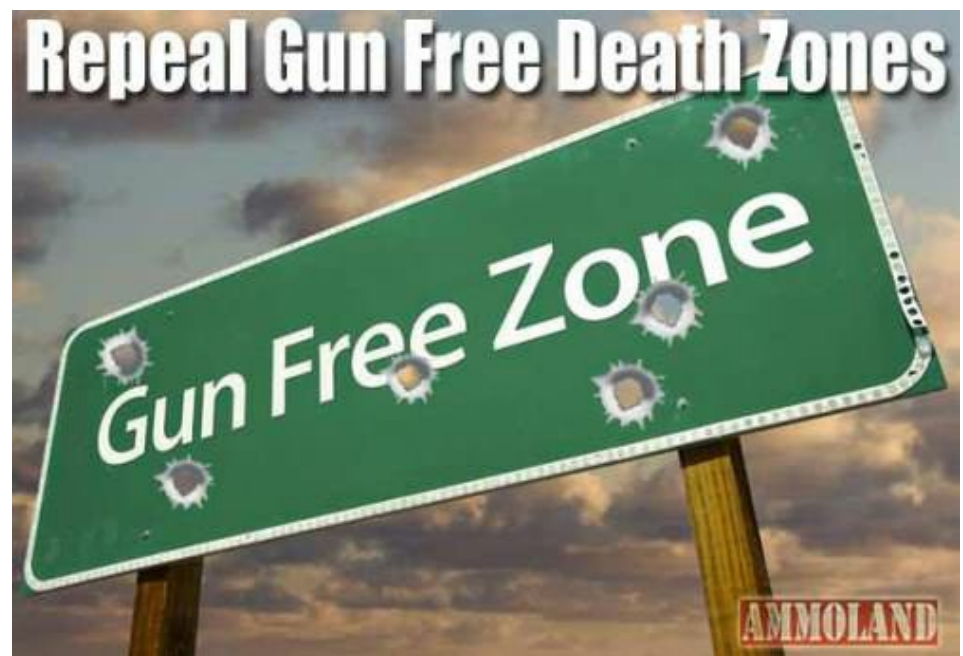
The text of the legislation as introduced in the 115th Congress states that it is unlawful to buy a firearm without a "qualified liability insurance policy" and that it is also illegal to sell to someone without said

"qualified liability insurance policy." Now, the definition the text provides is vague, beyond saying that the policy should provide "liability insurance covering the purchaser specifically for losses resulting from use of the firearm while it is owned by the purchaser."

It is not an overstatement to say that Second Amendment supporters can figure out just what sorts of mischief can take place. Operation Choke Point is just the start. Given the constant social stigmatization surrounding not just the exercise of Second Amendment rights, but against those who use the First Amendment to advocate in defense of our Second Amendment rights, some insurance agents may not want the business at all. In addition, there is no guarantee that insurance companies won't engage in a form of "redlining" against certain firearms.

Even if those things don't happen, the insurance is going to be yet another monthly expense for those exercising our Second Amendment rights. Even then, there would be questions: Would a new gun require an adjustment in the policy? Would rates go up for those with larger collections? The list goes on and on.

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This legislation is not intended to address any problems with the misuse of firearms – or even accidents. What it is intended to do is to make exercising Second Amendment rights such a hassle people will decide to give them up.

S 675 - NICS Denial Notification Act of 2021

Some laws are easy to see as bad news. Take, for instance, the Sabika Sheikh Firearms Licensing and Registration Act pushed by Sheila Jackson Lee. Others, like the Home Defense and Competitive Shooting Act, are clearly good pieces of legislation that should be moved forward. But not all bills are as easy to call as those two.

One such bill is S 675, the NICS Denial Notification Act of 2021. While the primary sponsor, Senator Chris Coons (D-DE) doesn't have a good track record on Second Amendment issues, some of the co-sponsors, like Marco Rubio (R-FL), John Cornyn (R-TX), and James Lankford (R-OK) have decent, if not spectacular, records of protecting our rights. Then again, Senator Tammy Duckworth (D-IL) also is among the co-sponsors, and

she introduced a licensing and registration scheme.

Now, in an ideal world, the National Instant Background Check System, or NICS, would not be around.

We could acquire firearms and not go through a background check, or deal with a licensing scheme. Heck, we'd even be able to order direct from the manufacturer. We're not in an ideal world, though, and contrary to what some would have you believe, we can't get to ideal overnight. Even if the Supreme Court rules our way on not just New York's carry permit scheme, but on New Jersey's magazine ban, in many ways, the real fight for our rights would just be starting.

Remember, in 1993, the real choice was whether or not there would be a permanent waiting period on handguns or not. NICS was one of the least bad outcomes possible. There was an amendment to have NICS override all state waiting periods, but it didn't pass. That is how bad things were in 1993.

Today, we are also in some hostile terrain, though not as bad as 1993, we still lack the firewall we had in 2013 after the Sandy Hook shooting which was pro-Second Amendment leadership in a chamber of Congress.

The real question now, is, "What do we do with the situation we are in?"

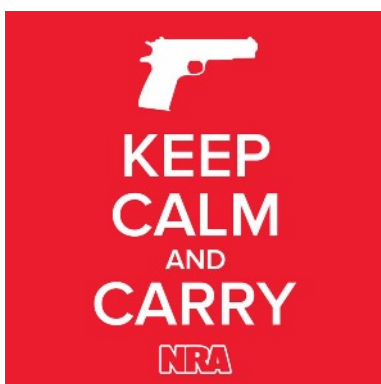
S 675 calls for state and local law enforcement to be notified if someone who is prohibited under 18 USC 922(g) is flagged by NICS for potential prosecution under state laws. In one sense, it is easy to see the figurative "red flags" that could be in this sort of provision. The effort to expand how many people fall into one prohibited category or another is worth considering. Another is the risk of a false alarm. Finally, it seems to foist enforcement of the law onto states, when there are also federal laws that could be used.

On the flip side, we should insist that those gun laws that must be maintained should be enforced in a fair and even-handed manner. Plus, we have heard so much from some politicians about how many people were denied. This bill does provide the opportunity to see just how much of this is blowing smoke up our butts. The bill requires the FBI to provide a report to Congress on those denials and the reports to local law enforcement.

In one sense, shedding light on how many denials are "false positives" or for people who made mistakes, but have turned their lives around, or even for those whose crimes don't involve violence could be a spur for reforming the laws in a pro-liberty direction. In addition, this bill could be a way to get some Senators to agree not to oppose cloture for a bill like the Home Defense and Competitive Shooting Act or national reciprocity.

This is a case where Second Amendment supporters need to review the text of the legislation, talk it over with others, and then draw their own conclusion whether to support or oppose it. In addition, they need to support the NRA's Institute for Legislative Action and Political Victory Fund to ensure that the current anti-Second Amendment regimes in the House, Senate, and White House are defeated at the ballot box as soon as possible.

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5.56 NATO vs. .223 Rem.: What's the Difference?

by Philip Massaro, Shooting Illustrated

So, 5.56 NATO and .223 Rem. Two cartridges, identical exterior dimensions, yet the chain of events that occurs once the trigger is pulled makes the two rounds as different as oil and water. Yes, to the naked eye, there is no difference; even to the trained eye, without inspecting the headstamp to verify, I seriously doubt whether anyone could differentiate between the two cartridges unless there was a signature projectile on top. So, what do you need to know regarding 5.56 NATO vs. .223 Rem. to be safe and optimize performance from your rifle? Let's take a look.

The simplest, yet most important, difference between the cartridges is their respective pressure limits. The .223 Rem. cartridge is held to a lower pressure than 5.56 NATO. Some of the testing methods to determine these actual pressures can be confusing, as both cartridges have been tested by the ballistic authorities (read CIP and SAAMI) in the same 5.56 mm chamber, and the resulting data will appear to be nearly equal. However, because of the dimensional variations in the distance between the case mouth and the beginning of the rifling, trying to fire 5.56 NATO ammunition in a .223 Rem. chamber is, simply put, just a bad idea.

The reverse is not true. It is, and always will be, safe to shoot .223 Rem. ammunition in a chamber marked for 5.56 NATO. Commit that idea to memory, and you'll never get in trouble. The pressures a 5.56 NATO cartridge can generate are too high for the .223 Rem. chamber, and that is based primarily on the leade dimensions. If you feel that the ability to shoot 5.56 NATO ammunition out of your .223 Rem.-chambered rifle is paramount, take



that rifle to a competent gunsmith to have the chamber reamed out to handle 5.56 NATO ammunition.

That chamber dimension for the 5.56 NATO is, in fact, slightly larger than the chamber for the .223 Rem.—in order to have the smoothest feeding and ejection, even with a dirty weapon, to best serve as a battlefield implement—but it is the leade dimension that makes the biggest difference. Leade is defined as the area from the bullet's resting place before firing to the point where the rifling is engaged. The shorter the leade dimension, the faster the bullet will engage the rifling, and the faster the pressures can rise to a dangerous level.

In a nutshell, the 5.56 NATO has - by design - almost twice the leade the .223 Rem. does. So, a cartridge designed for a long bullet jump, or leade, which is fired out of a chamber with a shorter leade - as is the case when firing 5.56 NATO ammunition out of a .223 Rem. Chamber - can result in a fast and dangerous pressure spike. Again, firing lower pressure .223 Rem. ammo from a 5.56 NATO chamber is no issue, but firing higher pressure 5.56 NATO

ammo from a .223 Rem. chamber *es no bueno.*

Looking at the actual case dimensions, there will be no discernible differences, even when looking at the SAAMI specifications, or for the dimensions of the reloading dies for the pair of cartridges. Yet, there are subtle differences.

Initially, the first dimension that will be different is the wall thickness of the brass. As is the case with most military cartridges, the military 5.56 NATO case will tend to have thicker walls, resulting in less case capacity, and a correlatively higher pressure, if the same powder charge is used. If the exterior dimensions are identical, a thicker wall dimension must result in a smaller interior volume. That can and will pose a problem for those who reload their ammunition; I highly recommend segregating the cases and treating them differently.

Secondly, the 5.56 NATO was bred for war, while the .223 Rem. was released to the civilian population. The two must be looked at in the same manner as the 7x57 Mauser or .257 Roberts; the ammunition

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designed for the older rifles is of lower pressure limits, yet there is a +P, or higher pressure limit, series of ammunition. The .223 Rem. ammunition is the lower pressure limit, and the 5.56 NATO is the +P version. Though the pressure is higher for the 5.56 NATO, the U.S. military gave it a chamber that would allow for a bit of slop, if you will, to ensure that it would operate in the worst conditions. Put that ammo in a tight chamber, and you have the potential for disaster.

I've found that firing .223 Rem. ammunition from a 5.56 NATO chamber will - generally speaking - result in a slight accuracy degradation, though I've met a couple of rifles that weren't told this should be the case. I personally attribute the larger group sizes to the larger leade and correlative bullet jump. Barrels and chambers are funny like that; some are drastically affected and others are not.

The difference in freebore length - usually 0.0566 inch for the 5.56 NATO and 0.025 inch for the .223 Rem. - has much the same effect as radically changing the bullet seating depth in handloaded ammunition: pressures change. Some barrels can deal with the change, other cannot.

For those who prefer a bolt-action rifle, there is no problem firing .223 Rem. ammunition from a chamber marked for 5.56 NATO; the AR-15 shooters may find that some rifles are set up to perform with the higher recoil level and pressure levels of the hotter 5.56 NATO ammo. I have seen instances where those rifles chambered for 5.56 NATO with heavier springs won't reliably extract and feed .223 Rem. ammo; there simply isn't enough oomph to properly cycle the rifle.

I wish the powers that were had decided on one universal design, so as to avoid the confusion that has developed from having two names - and power levels - for the same cartridge, but alas, we are left to deal

with the mess. If you already own one or the other, please take note of this information. If you're shopping for a rifle chambered for one of these cartridges, may this enlighten you before you make your purchase. Both the 5.56 NATO and

.223 Rem. are sound designs, yet they are not one and the same. Forewarned is forearmed, so make your decision accordingly.



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Colorado: Multiple Anti-Gun Bills Pass Out of Their Chamber of Origin

The Colorado House and Senate have exchanged multiple anti-gun bills. Senate Bill 256, House Bill 1298 and House Bill 1299 will now be considered by the chamber opposite their origin. Please contact your State Lawmakers and ask them to OPPOSE these anti-gun measures.

House Bill 1298 allows for the indefinite delay of firearm transfers. Current state law allows licensed firearm dealers to proceed with firearm transfers if the Colorado Bureau of Investigation does not make a determination within three days for what is supposed to be an instant background check done by computers.

It is also what federal law considers appropriate for firearm dealers in other states that use the federal NICS background check system. Without this "safety valve," mismanagement or deliberate meddling by bureaucrats with the background check system can result in access to Second Amendment rights being unjustly delayed or denied.

In addition, HB 1298 goes beyond federal law, by expanding the criteria by which individuals lose their Second Amendment rights without due process.

House Bill 1299 uses taxpayer dollars to create a so-called "Office of Gun Violence Prevention" to generate propaganda promoting the erosion of Second Amendment rights. While NRA does not oppose objective research into the root causes of violence, and violence prevention is a laudable goal, biased "research" focusing solely on firearms is often used to generate propaganda pushing for more gun



control. This office is also to publicize the procedures for obtaining "red flag" orders to take away Second Amendment rights without due process, and is apparently not to make recommendations holding criminals accountable for their actions, as their efforts must be "without contributing to mass incarceration."

Senate Bill 256 repeals Colorado's preemption law that prevents localities from passing their own gun control. This law has ensured that all law-abiding Coloradoans have the same rights regardless of where they reside, and has also ensured that adults licensed to carry a handgun for self-defense

are not prevented from doing so just because they seek a higher education. Without it, there will be a confusing patchwork of laws that are difficult to know and obey, and an expansion of arbitrary boundaries where law-abiding citizens are left defenseless.

Use the email links on the next page to contact your lawmakers and urge them to OPPOSE SB 256, HB 1298 and HB 1299.





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SB21-256	Oppose	Local Regulation Of Firearms	Sen Stephen Fenberg Sen Dominick Moreno Rep Edie Hooten Rep Lindsey Daugherty	Senate State, Veterans, & Military Affairs	Passed Senate Chamber on May 18, 2021. Not yet scheduled in House Committee.
HB21-1298	Oppose	Expand Firearm Transfer Background Check Requirements	Rep Judy Amabile Rep Steven Woodrow Sen Julie Gonzales Sen Brittany Pettersen		Passed House Chamber on May 17, 2021 Not yet scheduled in Senate Committee.
HB21-1299	Oppose	Office Of Gun Violence Prevention	Rep Tom Sullivan Rep Jennifer Bacon Sen Rhonda Fields Sen Chris Hansen		Passed House Chamber on May 17, 2021 Not yet scheduled in Senate Committee.

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Here's how to register: [visit this link](#), at bottom select "remote via WebEx", select "by committee and hearing item", select the committee the bill is to be heard in (listed below), select date of hearing, select option that includes the bill you would like to testify on, complete registration.

Once signed up, you will receive an email with further instructions. When the hearing begins, you can watch it via the WebEx link they will provide.

To testify in person, go the Colorado State Capitol, 200 E Colfax Ave, Denver, CO. North entrance is temporarily closed due to COVID, please use south entrance and go through basement security. The hearing room is listed with each bill under "Testify in person".

April 2021 NICS Breaks Record

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April 2021 numbers for the National Instant background Check System (NICS) set another record. The previous record for April, in 2020, was 2,911,128. In 2021, the April NICS were 3,514,070.

applied to 2021, gives us 1.665 million firearms sold. The increase is only 1%, but it breaks the record.

It appears the United States has reached a new normal. Guns and ammunition are being produced as fast as they can be. Demand is almost being met. Some guns are becoming available again. Some

The country is deeply divided between those who believe the old, Progressive media, social media, and the Tech Oligarchs and those who do not.

The unrest and violent riots common in many cities where leftist power is dominant have convinced many of the desirability of personal weapons,



Source: FBI NICS Chart, David Scott

Actual firearm sale are different. Over half of NICS checks are done for carry permits or carry permit rechecks. Illinois had nearly 890,000 rechecks alone in April 2021.

Using our formula, the estimate for 2020 was 1,648,688 1.649 million firearms sold. The same formula,

common shotgun ammunition is available in the stores.

Most common pistols, pump shotguns, and semi-automatic rifles are seldom found on dealers' shelves. They tend to be purchased before they arrive and leave the store shortly after they get there.

especially with the bizarre demands to defund the police and release thousands of criminals into the streets.

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If the Biden administration's extreme spending plans and attempts to render the Republic into a Leftist oligarchy fail, it is likely to demand will drop, the noted capitalist capability to produce things people desire, for-profit, will succeed in doing so, and prices will start to fall.

The specter of inflation from all the Covid crazy spending may, or may not keep prices high.

The number of privately held firearms in the United States, with an increase of 1.67 million last month, is about 471 million. The estimate is made using the method pioneered by Newton and Zimring, and extend-

ed by Gary Kleck in "*Point Blank: Guns and Violence in America*".

The United States manufactures and imports about 9.1 billion rounds of ammunition a year. That is about 20 rounds of ammunition per firearm in the United States.

Most people have not been keeping a hundred rounds of ammunition per firearm. Many people now think that is the bare minimum. The increase in demand is showing up as bare shelves at the gun shops. It is possible the lack of ammunition is serving as a check on the demand for gun sales.

The United States has more firearms per person than any other nation on earth. It also has more ammunition. Modern ammunition lasts a very long time, at a minimum of several decades. The key to long-term storage of ammunition is cool to moderate temperatures, keeping it dry, and away from contamination by oils.

Given those conditions, much hundred-year-old ammunition has been happily fired at the range.

Guns take a long time to wear out, with just a minimum of care; ammunition lasts for several generations. The societal effects of an armed America will be felt for many de-

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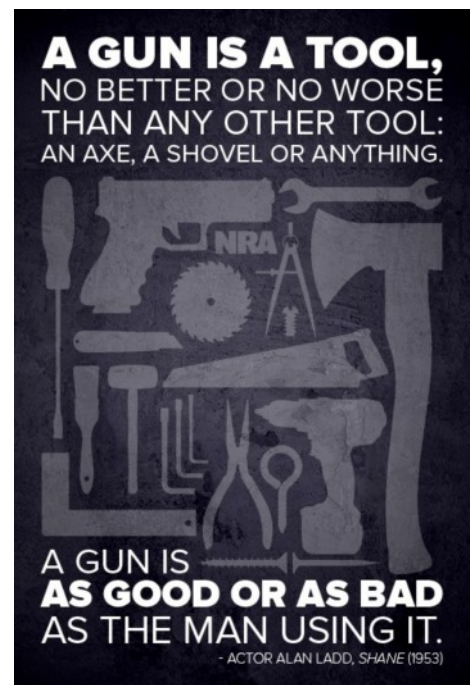


BRACKEN: THERE'S NO NEED FOR DOOR-TO-DOOR CONFISCATION ONCE GUNS ARE BANNED

<https://www.thetruthaboutguns.com/bracken-theres-no-need-for-door-to-door-confiscation-once-guns-are-banned/>

THE DIGITAL GULAG: WHY TEAM TYRANNY WON'T NEED DOOR-KICKERS TO ENFORCE THE COMING GUN BANS

<https://www.americanpartisan.org/2021/03/the-digital-gulag-why-team-tyranny-wont-need-door-kickers-to-enforce-the-coming-gun-bans/>



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.

Information needed includes:
1) Name, 2) Address,
3) Phone, 4) E-mail, and
5) description of service.
Send to: webadmin@cherrycreekgunclub.org

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Online Resources for Shooters

Guns & Accessories

Aero Precision - <https://www.aeroprecisionusa.com/>
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>
Bravo Company USA - <https://bravocompanyusa.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/>
Daniel Defense - <https://danieldefense.com/>
Dixie Gun Works - <http://www.dixiegunworks.com>
Fix-It-Sticks Tools - <https://store.fixitsticks.com/>
Grab-A-Gun Gun Sales - <http://grabagun.com>
Graf & Sons, Inc. - <http://www.grafs.com>
Gun Broker - <https://www.gunbroker.com/>
Gun Mag Warehouse - <https://qunmagwarehouse.com>
Gun Pros - <https://qunpros.com/>
Guns.com (gun sales + newsletter) - <http://guns.com>
Hardshell FZE - <https://www.hardshell.ae/>
Knight's Armament - <https://www.knightarmco.com/>
Larue Tactical - <https://www.larue.com/>
Lewis Machine and Tool (LMT) - <https://lmtdefense.com/>
LWRC International - <https://www.lwrci.com/>
MidwayUSA - <http://midwayusa.com>
Natchez Shooting Supplies - <http://natchezss.com>
Northwoods Shooting Sports - <http://www.northwoodshootingssports.com/>
Noveske - <https://noveske.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>
Yankee Hill Machine - <https://yhm.net/>

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.ssporters.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>
Niil-Grips - <http://www.niil-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/>
FN Herstal (FNH) - <https://www.fnherstal.com/en>
Glock USA - <https://us.glock.com/en>
H&K - 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/>
Rock River Arms - <https://www.rockriverarms.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>
Walther - <https://waltherarms.com/>

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>

Online Resources for Shooters - 2

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/>

the loaded mag - <http://theloadedmag.com>

Organizations/Clubs

Ben Lomond Gun Club, Elbert County, Colorado –

<https://www.blqc.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>

Gorilla Ammunition - <https://gorillaammo.com>

Hornady - <http://www.hornady.com>

Missouri Bullets - <http://missouribullet.com>

Montana Bullet Works - <http://montanabulletnetworks.com>

PMC Ammunition - <http://pmcammo.com>

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PRVI Partizan - <https://www.prvipartizan.com>
Remington Arms - <http://www.remington.com>
Sellier & Bellot - <https://www.sellierbellot.us>
Sierra Bullets - <http://sierrabullets.com>
Speer - <https://www.speer.com>
Tula Ammo - <https://www.tulammo.ru/en/>
Wilson Combat - <http://www.wilsoncombat.com>
Winchester Ammunition - <http://www.winchester.com>
Wolf Ammo - <https://wolfammo.com/default.aspx>

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>

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 –
<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>