



BOOKER'S OUTRAGEOUS GUN CONTROL SCHEME IGNORES 2A RIGHT

BELLEVUE, WA - Democrat presidential aspirant Cory Booker's far-ranging gun control scheme that calls for five-year licensing, invasive background checks, bans on semiautomatic rifles and original capacity magazines and more amounts to an outrageous plan to turn the Second Amendment right into a government-regulated privilege, the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms said today.

"With this proposal, Booker isn't just one of those anti-gun politicians who claims to 'support the Second Amendment...but,'" said CCRKBA Chairman Alan Gottlieb, "he's literally throwing a constitutionally-enumerated right into the trash, and he knows it. For a person hoping to be elected to the highest office in the land to advocate such an outrageous proposal isn't just disappointing, it is disturbing."

Booker's plan calls for licensing gun owners on a five-year basis. He would repeal the Lawful Commerce in Arms Act to expose firearms manufacturers to costly junk lawsuits and other legal harassment. He would resurrect the failed one-gun-a-month mandate that never prevented a single crime when it was tried, and later repealed, in South Carolina and Virginia. The Washington, D.C. law was struck down by a federal appeals court in 2015.

The scheme calls for Microstamping, a technology that has not prevented or solved any crime, and would make firearms prohibitively expensive for no discernible benefit. He would push for so-called "universal background checks" that criminals already ignore, and which might actually encourage more gun shop burglaries, thefts from private homes or police cars, and other illegal gun trafficking.

"Proposals like this underscore why American gun owners are increasingly distrustful of Democrats," Gottlieb observed. "Booker's plan is demagoguery on steroids, and it once again targets the wrong people. He doesn't want to crack down on criminals, he wants to create new ones with the stroke of a pen.

"Booker's brainstorm is nothing more than a combination of every pie-in-the-sky idea on the gun control wish list," Gottlieb said. "While his plan is disturbing, what is even more alarming is that not one other Democrat now in the race denounced the plan. If they all agree with Booker, they need to admit it now so voters realize they are all willing to trample on the Bill of Rights." Citizens Committee For The Right To Keep and Bear Arms. CCAlerts@liberty.seanet.com

The above is just one of the Democrat candidates for president in the 2020 race. Every single one of the 22 candidates agree on one thing - American citizens cannot be trusted to own guns. As I prepare for this article I come across a lot of material. The next article is Part II of a series on the threats to our constitutional right to keep and bear arms. This is just outstanding and sums up the issue better than I ever could. Therefore I'm using it to educate you as to how we must articulate our right and fight for it every day.

SECOND AMENDMENT MAKES CLEAR: AMERICANS ARE NOT SUBSERVIENT TO GOVERNMENT

The Second Amendment of the Bill of Rights of the U.S. Constitution is unique; no other nation on earth trusts its citizenry; thus, no other nation on earth, but the United States, will dare place trust in an armed citizenry.

No other Nation on Earth accepts the notion that its citizens—in many instances today, as in times past, more

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in the nature of “subjects of the realm” and less true citizens—have an inherent, independent right to keep and bear arms. But, the founders of our Nation conceived Americans as individuals who have their own personal needs and desires; their own individual hopes and dreams. The founders perceived each American to be a unique individual soul. They understood that each life is ordained and governed by the Divine Creator, not by the State. And they crafted a free Republic consistent with that belief.

Government exists to serve the American citizen. The American citizen does not exist to serve Government.

Americans, as individuals, are not an amorphous collective, to be shepherded and controlled with an iron fist. The founders recognized that a constitution for a new nation must be carefully crafted to uphold and respect the sanctity of the individual, lest the nation devolve into tyranny—the yoke of which the founders had fought hard to throw off, and which they certainly had no wish to impose anew on the fledgling Nation they sought to erect.

The principle of the sanctity and inviolability of the individual over that of the societal collective was, for the founders of a Free Republic, self-evident, true. That salient principle is reflected in and manifested in the Nation’s Bill of Rights. No other Nation on this Earth has a Bill of Rights like ours—a Bill of Rights that makes clear that the Government of this Nation is subordinate to and subservient to the will of the American people; always and forever. In the event those who wield power in Government happen to think otherwise, or happen to forget this salient fact, the Second Amendment exists as an ever-present reminder to Government officials and legislators of that salient fact.

Yet, politicians such as New York’s Governor Andrew Cuomo, and Representative Eric Swalwell (D-CA)—and others like those two, as well as those who work for the mainstream media, or who are employed in our system of education, and many, unfortunately, who serve as judges in our State or Federal Courts—who incessantly, ferociously attack the Second Amendment, act as if seemingly oblivious to the import and purport of the Second Amendment, or perhaps, more likely, they are all too aware of it. That would explain their single-minded obsession with it and heavy-handed efforts to defeat it.

These politicians, pundits, educators, and jurists intend, unabashedly, to upend the very integrity and structural foundation of our Nation. They do so by masking

their policy objectives in the guise of promoting the public good. But, through that very argument—denigrating the Second Amendment to promote and protect the welfare of society—the deviousness and insidiousness of their objectives become readily apparent. They seek to reconfigure the Nation into a societal collective, a dictatorship of a kind; one that many on the Left euphemistically, slyly, and disingenuously, refer to as “Democratic Socialism”. An expression coined merely to mask a demonic vision that is the antithesis of anything the founders of this Nation had sought for the Nation but which the radical Left in this Country intends to thrust upon this Nation anyway.

Is it any wonder, then, that this radical Left would seek to destroy our Nation’s heritage and history, that it would demand the dismantling of our statues and monuments, and that it would dare reserve for itself the right to declare what constitutes acceptable speech and conduct and what does not, lest our descendants recognize the true extent of their loss, and thereupon rightfully begrudge those who had so unceremoniously stolen their birthright?

In the new America the radical Left in this Country conceives, there is no place for an armed citizenry. There is no protection from unreasonable searches and seizures. There is no room for individuals to speak their mind, freely and openly. Even the concept of personal property would rest on shaky ground as that concept is inconsistent with the precepts of socialism.

These so-called Democratic Socialists are proponents of Collectivism, not Individualism. They argue that the needs and well-being of Society as a Whole, the Collective, is more important than the needs, the desires, the will of the individual American citizen. As they are aware that the goals and aims of the Collective are often at odds with the goals and aims of the Individual, these Collectivists—these so-called Democratic Socialists—show no reluctance in constraining and restraining the needs and desires of the Individual. The founders of our free Republic would vehemently disagree with the goals, beliefs, and predilections of these Collectivists. They would be aghast.

The Bill of Rights stands as a testament to the founders’ belief in the sanctity and inviolability of the individual over that of the Collective; over that of the herd. It should come as no surprise, then, as we see these Collectivists,

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the Radical Left in this Country, criticizing the Bill of Rights, attempting to second-guess the framers' reason for incorporating it into the Constitution, as a salient, critical part of it.

The precepts and principles of Collectivism are inconsistent with the very existence of our Bill of Rights, as a clear and categorical codification of fundamental, natural, and unalienable rights. So, the Bill of Rights is slowly being criticized, and portions, like the Second Amendment, in particular, reviled. Nothing in the U.S. Constitution is sacred to the radical Left. Every part of the Constitution is subject to criticism, change, withering, even abrogation.

The Collectivists are openly critical of the very idea that certain rights—indeed, that any right—is to be, or can rationally be deemed natural, fundamental, and unalienable. For them, all rights are created by and therefore bestowed on the citizenry by Government. And, what Government bestows on a person is solely within the prerogative of Government, according to the Collectivist belief system, to take away.

Thus, Collectivists relentlessly attack the notion of the right of the people to keep and bear arms. They are adamant in their refusal to accept the idea that the right of the people to keep and bear arms exists— or is even capable of existing— independent of Government authorization. But, there is reason why Collectivists refuse to countenance the notion of the right of the people to keep and bear arms as fundamental, natural, and immutable, quite apart from their rejection of natural law. To the Collectivist, an armed citizenry is an inherent danger to Society. As the Collectivist theorizes, a safe and secure society is one under absolute Governmental control, one under constant supervision and surveillance. So Collectivists remonstrate not only against the existence of an armed citizenry but against the right of unconstrained freedom of speech and freedom of association. And, they attack the basic idea that the American citizen has an unalienable right to be secure in their person and possessions from unreasonable searches and seizures.

Collectivists place their sole faith and trust in Government, not in the citizenry. They presume that the citizen cannot be trusted. Contrariwise, the founders placed trust in and their faith in the individual, a sentient being endowed with an immortal soul, by a Divine, Loving Creator. For the founders, it is, then, Government that should not, and cannot be trusted. Thus, the founders designed and implemented a Constitution establishing a Government of limited power, authority, and reach; incorporating into the Constitution, a Bill of Rights, setting forth an expansive set of fundamental, natural, and immutable rights and liberties to be retained solely by the people, in the people themselves, beyond the power of Government to diminish or abrogate.

The Collectivists in this Country are, however, humbled and respectful not at all by the singular achievement of our Nation's founders. These Collectivists are actively pursuing an agenda aimed at undoing the Constitutional Republic, grounded in a Constitution that has served the American people well for over two hundred years, and they are absolutely committed to seeing their bizarre vision for this Country come to fruition. We must make sure they don't succeed.

Read more: <https://www.ammoland.com/2019/05/second-amendment-makes-clear-americans-are-not-subservient-to-government-part-two/>

Last month I promised to get back to The Gun Control Act of 1968 and I will in future articles. Question to ponder – Is The GCA of 1968 patterned after The Nazi Weapons Law of 1938?

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