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## FOAC-ILLEA NEWSLETTER WEEK OF MONDAY 6/27/22

Once more those that push for ultimate control shall fear in the hearts of the populous.

The US Supreme Court has handed down a monumental decision about the 2nd Amendment and the ruling elite and their propaganda machine are already claiming that lives will be lost because of the decision.



**Lives indeed are taken when violent criminals are not held responsible, released into the population, and empowered by "the government".**

But now citizens in many "may issue" states will soon likely have the ability to apply for a license to carry without having to prove "need" *OR* the reason of "self-defense" will be *recognized*. This court precedent will have long standing positive effect on future cases and ruling. We shall see how states like California, New Jersey, Maryland, and of course New York adjust to this ruling. There will surely be more court battles that occur over nuance and details but we can thank the SCOTUS for upholding our precious Constitution and reaffirming the individual rights of Americans. We are witnesses to a real time "check and balance".

**It is a wonderful thing when Government *actually* gets it right and does it's job by upholding the Constitution!**



In the shadow of this victory is a battle lost in the federal legislature. The "bipartisan" gun control bill passed and signed by Biden is teddy bear wrapped in a copperhead. One difference between a copper head and a rattlesnake is that a rattlesnake will warn you before it strikes. A copperhead lacks the warning system. The financial incentives for

states to enact Red Flag Laws will ultimately bite a falsely accused America.

FOAC-ILLEA will continue to fight “red-flag laws” in Pennsylvania. Due process must not be sacrificed.

## Monumental Decision US Supreme Court Affirms The Right To Keep and Bear Arms Outside the Home



Posted on June 23, 2022 by Joshua Prince, Esq.

In a monumental, 6-3, 135 page decision in *New York Rifle and Pistol Association v. Bruen*, the U.S. Supreme Court affirmed that the right to keep and bear arms extends outside the home.

For background, the State of New York makes it a crime to possess a firearm without a license, whether inside or outside the home. An individual who wants to carry a firearm outside his home may obtain an unrestricted license to “have and carry” a concealed “pistol or revolver” if he can prove that “proper cause exists” for doing so. N. Y. Penal Law Ann. §400.00(2)(f). An applicant satisfies the “proper cause” requirement only if he can “demonstrate a special need for self-protection distinguishable from that of the general community.” Petitioners Brandon Koch and Robert Nash are adult, law-abiding New York residents who both applied for unrestricted licenses to carry a handgun in public based on their generalized interest in self-defense. The State denied both of their applications for unrestricted licenses, allegedly because Koch and Nash failed to satisfy the “proper cause” requirement. Petitioners then sued the respondents—state officials who oversee the processing of licensing applications—for declaratory and injunctive relief, alleging that respondents violated their Second and Fourteenth Amendment rights by denying their unrestricted-license applications for failure to demonstrate a unique need for self-defense.

The U.S. Supreme Court held

New York’s proper-cause requirement violates the Fourteenth Amendment by preventing law-abiding citizens with ordinary self-defense needs from exercising their Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms in public for self-defense. Pp. 8–63

In relation to whether levels of scrutiny should be utilized or any balancing of rights should occur, the Court declares

Since *Heller* and *McDonald*, the Courts of Appeals have developed a “two-step” framework for analyzing Second Amendment challenges that combines history with means-end scrutiny. The Court rejects that two-part approach as having one step too many. Step one is broadly consistent with *Heller*, which demands a test rooted in the Second Amendment’s text, as informed by history. But *Heller* and *McDonald* do not support a second step that applies means-end scrutiny in the Second Amendment context. *Heller*’s methodology centered on constitutional text and history. It did not invoke any means-end test such as strict or intermediate scrutiny, and it expressly rejected any interest-balancing inquiry akin to intermediate scrutiny... The Second Amendment “is the very product of an interest balancing by the people,” and it “surely elevates above all other interests the right of law-abiding, responsible citizens to use arms” for self-defense.

The Court continues

To determine whether a firearm regulation is consistent with the Second Amendment, *Heller* and *McDonald* point toward at least two relevant metrics: first, whether modern and historical regulations impose a comparable burden on the right of armed self-defense, and second, whether that regulatory burden is comparably justified. Because “individual self-defense is ‘the central component’ of the Second Amendment right,” these two metrics are “‘central’” considerations when engaging in an analogical inquiry. Applying this standard against Koch and Nash, the Court declares (1) It is undisputed that petitioners Koch and Nash—two ordinary, ordinary, law-abiding, adult citizens—are part of “the people” whom the Second Amendment protects. See *Heller*, 554 U. S., at 580. And no party disputes that handguns are weapons “in common use” today for self-defense. See *id.*, at 627. The Court has little difficulty concluding also that the plain text of the Second Amendment protects Koch’s and Nash’s proposed course of conduct—carrying handguns publicly for self-defense. Nothing in the Second Amendment’s text draws a home/public distinction with respect to the right to keep and bear arms, and the definition of “bear” naturally encompasses public

carry. Moreover, the Second Amendment guarantees an "individual right to possess and carry weapons in case of confrontation," *id.*, at 592, and confrontation can surely take place outside the home. Pp. 23–24.

(2) The burden then falls on respondents to show that New York's proper-cause requirement is consistent with this Nation's historical tradition of firearm regulation. To do so, respondents appeal to a variety of historical sources from the late 1200s to the early 1900s. But when it comes to interpreting the Constitution, not all history is created equal. "Constitutional rights are enshrined with the scope they were understood to have when the people adopted them." *Heller*, 554 U.S., at 634–635. The Second Amendment was adopted in 1791; the Fourteenth in 1868. Historical evidence that long predates or postdates either time may not illuminate the scope of the right. With these principles in mind, the Court concludes that respondents have failed to meet their burden to identify an American tradition justifying New York's proper-cause requirement. Pp. 24–62.

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After reviewing the Anglo-American history of public carry, the Court concludes that respondents have not met their burden to identify an American tradition justifying New York's proper-cause requirement. Apart from a few late-19th-century outlier jurisdictions, American governments simply have not broadly prohibited the public carry of commonly used firearms for personal defense. Nor have they generally required law-abiding, responsible citizens to "demonstrate a special need for self-protection distinguishable from that of the general community" to carry arms in public.

*The constitutional right to bear arms in public for self-defense is not "a second-class right, subject to an entirely different body of rules than the other Bill of Rights guarantees." McDonald, 561 U. S., at 780 (plurality opinion). The exercise of other constitutional rights does not require individuals to demonstrate to government officers some special need. The Second Amendment right to carry arms in public for self-defense is no different. New York's proper-cause requirement violates the Fourteenth Amendment by preventing law-abiding citizens with ordinary self-defense needs from exercising their right to keep and bear arms in public. Pp. 62–63.*

If your state or federal constitutional rights have been violated, [contact FIGG today](#) to discuss your options.

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From Judi Caler: Update PA: Yesterday (Tuesday), Senate Leadership reset the clock on the COS application and returned it to the calendar once again. This means they think they're close to twisting enough arms to bring SR 152 to a vote.

At the same time, COS-Pennsylvania issued an "urgent call to action" for phone calls to the Senators and indicated the vote could be as early as today. The last sentence of their short blast reads, (and we have to agree): "One phone call can make the difference, and your commitment to liberty and freedom is needed NOW!"

The Senate will reconvene today—Wed., June 22 @ 11:00 am (EDT) and meet every weekday during the last two weeks of June. So, we need to double down ASAP!!!

Please keep calling, and ask your friends & family to do the same! Our Constitution depends on it. After June 30, they'll recess until the fall. Let's go get 'em again!

#### **The Legislation**

Here is the biggest threat we face in the Pennsylvania Senate:

[SR 152](#) (COS)—On the Senate Calendar—**Can be debated & voted on anytime beginning Wed., June 22 @ 11:00 am EDT.**

#### **Phone Calls**

Please make the following calls again and prioritize Sen. Kim Ward (Majority Leader). **Ask them to Vote "No!" on Senate Resolution 152**(Convention of

States) and describe it as an Article V convention (or convention of states) application. (There's a Senate Bill on a different subject with the same number on the calendar).

The phone calls are easy. You can even call after hours, if you'd like. The recording will come on eventually. It takes about half an hour to make all the calls on the list—and that's only because some recordings take a long time to pick up. If you have time for just a few calls, that's okay—every call helps!

**Suggestions for short Phone messages or make up your own!**  
 (If you're a Republican or conservative, tell the Republicans so!)

1. We could lose our Constitution at an Art. V convention.
2. A convention could lead to eliminating our gun rights.
3. There's never been an Article V Convention—there could be unintended consequences.
4. Let's enforce the Constitution we have, not rewrite it!
5. No one can control the Delegates to an Article V convention.
6. Conventions can't be limited.
7. Ask yourself why billionaires are trying to get their hands on our Constitution!
8. **For Republicans only:** The Convention of States Project is splitting the Republican party during an election year. Our conservative position on issues will mean **nothing** should we lose our Constitution!

Senator:	Office phone:
<b>Sen. Kim L. Ward* (R)</b> Majority Leader: Ask her not to bring SR 152 to a floor vote!	(717) 787-6063
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Sen. Daniel Laughlin (R) (717) 787-8927

Sen. John Yudichak (Independent) (717) 787-7105

**Talking Points for Letters**



*Time is short—so phone calls are a priority.* But if you finish your calls, haven't written in a few days, & still have time—do send another brief email.

"[States have no Power to Control Delegates to an Article V Convention](#)" (flyer) shows that those who promise that State Legislators will select and control the Delegates are making stuff up! Delegates have the self-evident Right "to alter or to abolish" the existing state & federal governments. Thus no one has power over Delegates.

"[Dark Money—Not the Grassroots—Is Behind the Convention of States Organizations \(COS\)](#)" proves that almost 2/3 of the money driving COS's effort to apply to Congress for a constitutional convention under Article V of the US Constitution, is coming from major donors giving COS \$5,000 to \$2,000,000 over the latest 3 years of reporting available. Why are multi-millionaires and billionaires trying to get their hands on our Constitution?

The "[Phony Petitions & Polls](#)" flyer describes how the Convention of States Project (COS) showcases unverified data to deceive legislators into believing their constituents are demanding a "convention of states" in order to influence legislators' votes. But as the flyer shows, Meckler can't guarantee his signatures are valid.

The "[Brilliant Men](#)" flyer shows that James Madison, Alexander Hamilton, four US Supreme Court Justices, and other jurists and scholars warned that Delegates to an Article V convention can't be controlled.

#### For Republicans Only:

Republican legislators are big on gun rights in Pennsylvania, and the largest state gun rights organization there is on our side. So, the following arguments might resonate with Republicans:

"[An Article V Convention Made Easy](#)" shows why Delegates to an Article V Convention have the power to throw off the Constitution we have and set up a new one, with a new and easier mode of ratification.

And COS board member Robert P. George has co-drafted [a new constitution](#) which grants massive powers to the federal gov't & imposes gun control with red flag confiscations!

#### Or, also on the gun-rights issue:

On Nov. 8, 2021, in a veiled threat at a legislative roundtable discussion with several Republican Senators present, Mark Meckler, President of the Convention of States Project (COS), told the leader of the largest Pennsylvania firearm rights organization, [FOAC-ILLEA](#), that the supposed 90,000 Pennsylvanians Meckler "represents" won't support their constitutional carry legislation unless the gun group reverses its position and supports COS!

Meckler: "The question was asked, will this help pass constitutional carry? The answer is 'hell yes, it will!' Because right now, our activists are very angry with gun rights organizations in this state. And they'll not support anything that these gun organizations are doing, because they're now sworn enemies on Article V."

If that's the kind of support the Second Amendment is getting from COS, Pennsylvania mustn't let COS get their hands on our Constitution!

#### Also For Republicans Only:

In an article in the Federalist, Elaine Donnelly asks the question, "[What makes you think that only conservatives would show up to an Article V constitutional convention](#)?" She points out that "Participants would include not just conservative Republicans, but Democrats, RINOs, socialists, Green New Dealers, Supreme Court packers, gun controllers, police de-funders, big spenders, Roe v. Wade codifiers, teacher unions, Anthony Fauci fans, Electoral College critics, race-obsessed wokesters, social justice warriors, and peaceniks who would balance the federal budget by disbanding the Department of Defense."

#### Your Letter:

**Please write all 50 Pennsylvania Senators** and let them know why they should Vote "No" on Senate Resolution 152 and any other applications asking Congress to call an Article V convention, including SR 67, SR 127, & SR 227. Copy the addresses below as a block into "BCC," and copy your own address into the "To" box; and place the bill# & description, e.g. Art. V convention, and perhaps something catchy on the subject line. *Then write the Independent and scroll for the Democrats.*

Senate Republicans (28)—Dear Senator (If you're a Republican or conservative, tell the Republicans so):

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Senate Independent (1)—Dear Senator:

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#### Now for the Democrats

Democrats should relate to your quoting or rephrasing an idea from one of the following links. Or info from the 4 flyers under "Talking Points" should work for Democrats as well.

#### For Democrats Only:

In his Issue Brief, "[A Dangerous Adventure](#): No Safeguards Would Protect Basic Liberties from an Article V Convention," Georgetown Law Professor David A. Super writes:

"...nothing in Article V assures that states will get to select the delegates to an Article V convention. The actual delegates may owe their positions to Congress or to the voters in a special election, not to the state legislatures. Such delegates would have little reason to bow to the wishes of the state legislature..." (pg. 6)

Or:

"Nothing about the idea of a "Convention for proposing Amendments," as provided for in Article V, limits the scope of the convention in any way. It is common in Congress and many state legislatures for the second chamber to consider a piece of legislation to "amend" the first chamber's bill by striking everything after the enacting clause and inserting an entirely new bill. A similar approach in an Article V convention – an amendment that rewrites everything after the preamble – would do nothing to preserve the rights and liberties that the current U.S. Constitution protects..." (pg. 7)

Or:

You might quote from Chief Justice Warren Burger's [LETTER](#) to Phyllis Schlafly dated June 22, 1988:

"...[T]here is no effective way to limit or muzzle the actions of a Constitutional Convention. The Convention could make its own rules and set its own agenda...After a Convention is convened, it will be too late to stop the Convention if we don't like its agenda..."

Senate Democrats (21)—Dear Senator:

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Thank you for defending our Constitution!

Sent 6/22/22 @ 3:00 am PDT

## Video Flashback



[CLICK HERE](#) to watch Dr. Charles Gallo and Dr. John Lott testify at the Pennsylvania Senate Judiciary Committee Hearings, September, 24th, 2019.

## 97.8 Percent of Mass Shootings Are Linked to This

**From the EPOCH TIMES** by JOSEPH MERCOLA JUNE 16, 2022

- While many have bought into the simplistic idea that availability of firearms is the cause of mass shootings, a number of experts have pointed out a more uncomfortable truth, which is that mass shootings are far more likely the result of how we've been mistreating mental illness, depression and behavioral problems
- Gun control legislation has shown that law-abiding Americans who own guns are not the problem, because the more gun control laws that have been passed, the more mass shootings have occurred
- 97.8 percent of mass shootings occur in "gun-free zones," as the perpetrators know legally armed citizens won't be there to stop them
- Depression per se rarely results in violence. Only after antidepressants became commonplace did mass shootings really take off, and many mass shooters have been shown to be on antidepressants
- Antidepressants, especially selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs), are well-known for their ability to cause suicidal and homicidal ideation and violence

An article written by Molly Carter, initially published on ammo.com at an unknown date<sup>1</sup> and subsequently republished by The Libertarian Institute in May 2019,<sup>2</sup> and psychreg.org in late January 2021,<sup>3</sup> noted:

*"According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), a mass murder occurs when at least four people are murdered, not including the shooter ... during a single incident ...*

*Seemingly every time a mass shooting occurs ... the anti-gun media and politicians have a knee-jerk response — they blame the tragedy solely on the tool used, namely firearms, and focus all of their proposed 'solutions' on more laws, ignoring that the murderer already broke numerous laws when they committed their atrocity.*

*Facts matter when addressing such an emotionally charged topic, and more gun control legislation has shown that law-abiding Americans who own guns are NOT the problem. Consider the following: The more gun control laws that are passed, the more mass murders have occurred.*

*Whether or not this is correlation or causation is debatable. What is not debatable is that this sick phenomenon of mass murderers targeting 'gun-free zones,' where they know civilian carry isn't available to law-abiding Americans, is happening.*

*According to the Crime Prevention Research Center,<sup>4</sup> 97.8 percent of public shootings occur in 'gun-free zones' — and 'gun-free zones' are the epitome of the core philosophical tenet of gun control, that laws are all the defense one needs against violence ...*

*This debate leads them away from the elephant in the room and one of the real issues behind mass shootings — mental health and prescription drugs.*

*Ignoring what's going on in the heads of these psychopaths not only allows mass shootings to continue, it leads to misguided gun control laws that violate the Second Amendment and negate the rights of law-abiding U.S. citizens. As Jeff Snyder put it in The Washington Times: 'But to ban guns because criminals use them is to tell the innocent and law-abiding that their rights and liberties depend not on their own conduct, but on the conduct of the guilty and the lawless, and that the law will permit them to have only such rights and liberties as the lawless will allow.'"*

### The Elephant in the Room: Antidepressants

Thoughts, emotions and a variety of environmental factors play into the manifestation of violence, but mental illness by itself cannot account for the massive rise in mass murder — unless you include antidepressants in the equation. Yet even when mental health does enter the mass shooter discussion, the issue of antidepressants, specifically, is rarely mentioned.

The fact is, depression per se rarely results in violence. Only after antidepressants became commonplace did mass shootings take off, and many mass shooters have been shown to be on antidepressants.

Prozac, released in 1987, was the first selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor (SSRI) to be approved for depression and anxiety. Only two years earlier, direct-to-consumer advertising had been legalized. In the mid-1990s, the Food and Drug Administration loosened regulations, direct-to-consumer ads for SSRIs exploded and, with it, prescriptions for SSRIs.

In 1989, just two years after Prozac came to market, Joseph Wesbecker shot 20 of his coworkers, killing nine. He had been on Prozac for one month, and the survivors of the drug-induced attack sued Eli Lilly, the maker of Prozac. Since then, antidepressant use and mass shootings have both risen, more or less in tandem.

In the two decades between 1988 and 2008, antidepressant use in the U.S. rose by 400 percent,<sup>5</sup> and by 2010, 11 percent of the U.S. population over the age of 12 were on an antidepressant prescription.<sup>6</sup>

In 1982, pre-Prozac, there was one mass shooting in the U.S.<sup>7</sup> In 1984, there were two incidents and in 1986 — the year Prozac was released — there was one. One to three mass shootings per year remained the norm up until 1999, when it jumped to five.

How can we possibly ignore the connection between rampant use of drugs known to directly cause violent behavior and the rise in mass shootings?

Another jump took place in 2012, when there were seven mass shootings. And while the annual count has gone up and down from year to year, there's been a clear trend of an increased number of mass shootings post-2012. Over time, mass shootings have also gotten larger, with more people getting injured or killed per incident.

How can we possibly ignore the connection between rampant use of drugs known to directly cause violent behavior and the rise in mass shootings? Suicidal ideation, violence and homicidal ideation are all known side effects of these drugs. Sometimes, the drugs disrupt brain function so dramatically the perpetrator can't even remember what they did.

For example, in 2001, a 16-year-old high schooler was prescribed Effexor, starting off at 40 milligrams and moving up to 300 mg over the course of three weeks. On the first day of taking a 300-mg dose, the boy woke up with a headache, decided to skip school and went back to bed. Some time later, he got up, took a rifle to his high school and held 23 classmates hostage at gunpoint. He later claimed he had no recollection of anything that happened after he went back to bed that morning.<sup>9</sup>

### The Risks Are Clear

The risks of psychiatric disturbances are so clear, ever since mid-October 2004, all antidepressants in the U.S. must include a black box warning that the drug can cause suicidal thoughts and behaviors, especially in those younger than 25, and that:<sup>10</sup>

*"Anxiety, agitation, panic attacks, insomnia, irritability, hostility (aggressiveness), impulsivity, akathisia (psychomotor restlessness), hypomania, and mania have been reported in adult and pediatric patients being treated with antidepressants for major depressive disorder as well as for other indications, both psychiatric and nonpsychiatric."*

SSRIs can also cause emotional blunting and detachment, such that patients report "not feeling" or "not caring" about anything or anyone, as well as psychosis and hallucinations. All of these side effects can contribute to someone acting out an unthinkable violent crime.

In one review<sup>11</sup> 12 of 484 drugs in the FDA's database, 31 were found to account for 78.8 percent of all cases of violence against others, and 11 of those drugs were antidepressants.

The researchers concluded that violence against others was a "genuine and serious adverse drug event" and that of the drugs analyzed, SSRI antidepressants and the smoking cessation medication, varenicline (Chantix), had the strongest associations. The top-five most dangerous SSRIs were:<sup>13</sup>

- Fluoxetine (Prozac), which increased aggressive behavior 10.9 times
- Paroxetine (Paxil), which increased violent behavior 10.3 times
- Fluvoxamine (Luvox), which increased violent behavior 8.4 times
- Venlafaxine (Effexor), which increased violent behavior 8.3 times
- Desvenlafaxine (Pristiq), which increased violent behavior 7.9 times

### Depression Is Vastly Overdiagnosed

In her article, Carter also reviewed the clinical determinants for a diagnosis of clinical depression warranting medication. To qualify, you must experience five or more of the following symptoms, most of the day, every day, for two weeks or more, and the symptoms must be severe enough to interfere with normal everyday functioning:<sup>14</sup>

- Sadness
- Feeling hopeless
- Feeling helpless
- Feeling guilty
- Fatigue
- Loss of interest in hobbies
- Restlessness
- Abnormal sleep patterns, whether sleeping too much or not enough
- Thoughts of death or suicide
- Anxiety
- Feeling worthless
- Feeling 'empty'
- Irritable
- Lack of energy
- Slow talking and moving
- Trouble concentrating
- Abnormal weight changes, either eating too much or having no appetite

The reality is that a majority of patients who receive a depression diagnosis and subsequent prescription for an antidepressant do not, in fact, qualify. In one study,<sup>15</sup> only 38.4 percent actually met the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-5) criteria, and among older adults, that ratio was even lower. Only 14.3 percent of those aged 65 and older met the diagnostic criteria. According to the authors:<sup>16</sup>

*"Participants who did not meet the 12-month MDE criteria reported less distress and impairment in role functioning and used fewer services. A majority of both groups, however, were prescribed and used psychiatric medications. Conclusion: Depression overdiagnosis and overtreatment is common in community settings in the USA. There is a need for improved targeting of diagnosis and treatments of depression and other mental disorders in these settings."*

### What Role Might War Games Play?

Aside from antidepressants, another factor that gets ignored is the influence of shooting simulations, i.e., violent video games. How does the military train soldiers for war? Through simulations. With the proliferation of video games involving indiscriminate violence, should we really be surprised when this "training" is then put into practice?

As reported by World Bank Blogs, young men who experience violence "often struggle to reintegrate peacefully into their communities" when hostilities end.<sup>17</sup> While American youth typically have little experience with real-world war, simulated war games do occupy much of their time and may over time color their everyday perceptions of life. As noted by Centrical, some of the top benefits of simulations training include:<sup>18</sup>

1. Allowing you to practice genuine real-life scenarios and responses
  2. Repetition of content, which boosts knowledge retention
  3. Personalization and diversification, so you can learn from your mistakes and evaluate your performance, thereby achieving a deeper level of learning
- In short, violent mass shooter games are the perfect training platform for future mass shooters. Whereas a teenager without such exposure might not be very successful at carrying out a mass shooting due to inexperience with weapons and tactics, one who has spent many hours, years even, training in simulations could have knowledge akin to that of military personnel.

Add antidepressant side effects such as emotional blunting and loss of impulse control, and you have a perfect prescription for a mass casualty event. On top of that, we, as a nation, also demonstrate the "righteousness" of war by engaging in them without end.<sup>19</sup> When was the last time the U.S. was not at war somewhere? It's been ongoing for decades.



Even now, the United States insists on inserting itself into the dispute between Russia and Ukraine, and diplomacy isn't the chosen conflict resolution tool. Sending weapons to Ukraine and calling for more violence against Russians are. Sen. Lindsey Graham has even called for the assassination of Russian President Vladimir Putin. Showing just how serious such a suggestion is, the White House had to publicly disavow it, stating Graham's comment "is not the position of the U.S. government."<sup>20</sup>

Graham, meanwhile, does not appear to understand how his nonchalant call for murder might actually incite murder. In the wake of the Uvalde school shooting, he now wants to mobilize retired service members to enhance security at schools, and while that might be a good idea, how about also vowing never to call for the murder of political opponents? Don't politicians understand that this could translate into some kid thinking it's acceptable to murder THEIR perceived opponents?

As far as I can tell, mass shootings have far more to do with societal norms, dangerous medications, a lack of high-quality mental health services, and the normalization of violence through entertainment and in politics, than it does with gun laws per se.

There are likely many other factors as well, but these are clearly observable phenomena known to nurture violent behavior. I'm afraid Americans are in need of a far deeper and more introspective analysis of the problem than many are capable of at the moment. But those who can should try, and make an effort to affect much-needed change locally and in their own home.

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## House Republicans Start Impeachment Process of Philadelphia District Attorney Larry Krasner



HARRISBURG – On Monday, Reps. Josh Kail (R-Beaver/Washington), PA State Rep. Torren Ecker (R-Adams/Cumberland) and PA State Rep. Tim O'Neal (R-Washington) announced they are starting the process of impeachment of Philadelphia District Attorney Larry Krasner.

Since the beginning of the year, there have been nearly 1,000 people injured or killed by gun violence in Philadelphia with over 220 people murdered in the city.

The June 5th South Street shooting underscored the need to take immediate action to ensure the district attorney is enforcing the law in Philadelphia.

The three members said they are, as of today, circulating a co-sponsorship memo for supporters of Articles of Impeachment they hope to have completed in the near future.

"We did not arrive at this decision lightly or easily. In fact, we are taking this action after we have taken significant steps to pass legislation that addresses violent crime in Philadelphia by ensuring our current laws are enforced," said Kail. "We are starting this process now because the unchecked violent crime in Philadelphia has

reached a breaking point due to the willful refusal by District Attorney Krasner to enforce existing laws.”

Ecker detailed Krasner’s persistent dereliction of duty in willfully refusing to enforce current criminal laws already on the books in Pennsylvania that are designed to keep communities safe.

“Unfortunately for the people of Philadelphia, and the people of Pennsylvania at large, the problem of violent crime in Philadelphia has reached a point that demands this action be taken,” he said. “Taking this step today and undertaking this process continues what we have been doing and what we need to do to combat violence and crime here in Pennsylvania – ensure the laws already on the books are enforced.”

O’Neal explained that what happens in Philadelphia, especially relative to the issue of violent crime, is ultimately a statewide problem.

“Across the country, people are standing up to unchecked and uncontrolled violence and lawlessness allowed because of radical politicians in district attorneys’ offices, like Larry Krasner,” he said. “Just last week, city businesses said they are thinking of relocating because of spikes in crime. Philadelphia is Pennsylvania’s major economic engine, a tourist attraction, and the birthplace of our freedoms. If unchecked crime is keeping businesses and tourists from visiting and locating in Philadelphia, it impacts Pennsylvania as a whole.”

To hear from the people of Pennsylvania who have been impacted by the District Attorney’s actions, there is a publicly accessible website where people can submit their stories or share information: [www.stopkrasner.com](http://www.stopkrasner.com).

Once the Articles of Impeachment are introduced, they will then be referred to committee. Once the committee approves them, the Articles of Impeachment can be considered by the full House of Representatives. If approved by the House, there will be a trial in the Senate to determine whether the impeached official should be removed from office.

To see a video of the press conference [CLICK HERE](#)

## Freedom!



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*“None but superficial minds could stumble into the concept of a ‘National God,’ of a ‘National*

*Religion”* Pope Pius XI, 1937

With today’s landmark Supreme Court Decision, written by Clarence Thomas (a hero of our time), leftist politicians, who never play by the rules, are already declaring that they will find ways to yet deny Second Amendment Rights to American Citizens (while continuing to enthusiastically grant them to violent criminals, illegal aliens, and themselves)!

Democrats will continue to actively sponsor violent vandalism and personal attacks, including murder, of Conservative institutions and individuals, even including Supreme Court Justices, as we’ve seen.

Just as Mussolini used his “Black Shirts” to threaten, harass, injure, and murder his political opponents, Democrat politicians are right now using ANTIFA and BLM, sometimes even the FBI, for the exact same purpose.

Leftist DAs then insure that none are ever prosecuted.

Democrats, along with their media puppets, simultaneously insist that:

- 1) You don’t need rights. You need “protection,” protection from everything, including making your own decisions.
- 2) You don’t need liberty. You need regulating. Government employees are not there “to protect and serve,” but rather to “regulate and snoop”
- 3 You don’t need freedom. The only “freedom” to which you’re entitled is the freedom to understand that we are your absolute rulers, whom you are required to worship as gods, and that being a helpless victim is your ultimate civic duty.

More Supreme Court decisions are coming shortly

This summer will be exciting! Expanding shortages, squalor, lawlessness, chaos, anarchy.

Protection?

Don't bet your life on it!

*"When secular belief systems take on the fervor of religion, more people are murdered than at any other time"*

Steven Pinker

/John

## FOAC-ILLEA Events

FOAC-ILLEA Monthly Meeting - July

Date: 07/10/2022

10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Location: South Fayette Township Municipal Bldg.

Address: 515 Millers Run Road, Morgan, PA 15064

**more information**



Firearms License to Carry Satellite Event

Date: 07/16/2022

8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Location: North Fayette Community Center

Address: 580 Donaldson Rd., Oakdale, PA 15071

**more information**

Firearms License to Carry Satellite Event

Date: 08/6/2022

8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Location: Allegheny Valley Volunteer Fire Company

Address: 851 Parkway Dr., Harwick, PA 15049

**more information**

FOAC-ILLEA Monthly Meeting - August

Date: 08/14/2022

10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Location: South Fayette Township Municipal Bldg.

Address: 515 Millers Run Road, Morgan, PA 15064

**more information**

Concealed Carry Seminar - sponsored by Rep. Barb Gleim

Date: 08/17/2022

6:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Location: Carlisle Fire and Rescue

Address: 117 Carlisle Springs Road, Carlisle, PA 17013

**more information**

FOAC Monthly Meeting - September

Date: 09/11/2022

10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Location: South Fayette Township Municipal Bldg.

Address: 515 Millers Run Road, Morgan, PA 15064

**more information**

Harrisburg 2A Rally

Date: 09/12/2022

Start time: 10:00 am

Location: Pennsylvania Capitol Stairs

Address: 501 N. Third St, Harrisburg, PA 17101

**more information**

Firearms License to Carry Satellite Event

Date: 09/17/2022

8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Location: Forward Township Municipal Building

Address: 1000 Golden Cir., Elizabeth, PA 15037

**more information**

Firearms License to Carry Satellite Event

Date: 10/1/2022

8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Location: Crescent Township Municipal Building

Address: 225 Spring Run Rd., Glenwillard, PA 15046

**more information**

FOAC-ILLEA Monthly Meeting - October

Date: 10/9/2022

10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Location: South Fayette Township Municipal Bldg.

Address: 515 Millers Run Road, Morgan, PA 15064

**more information**

FOAC-ILLEA Monthly Meeting - November

Date: 11/13/2022

10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Location: South Fayette Township Municipal Bldg.

Address: 515 Millers Run Road, Morgan, PA 15064

**more information**

FOAC-ILLEA Annual Meeting and Holiday Luncheon - December

Date: 12/11/2022

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Location: TBD

Address: TBD 15064

**more information**

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### In Conclusion

For many years and throughout the 1990's the 2A fight focused on gaining ground that was lost during the Clinton Gun Ban and also to push for "shall issue". Today, in 2022 we have Constitutional Carry in over 1/2 of the United States, there are millions and millions of Americans who have exercised their 2A Rights by becoming armed, and many of them regularly seek out training to be well regulated. We must



continue to fight for Liberty and the individual right to self defense in the courts, in the halls of the legislature, and in the hearts and minds of our fellow citizens.

Be positive ambassadors of the 2nd Amendment and Article 1 Section 21 of the PA Constitution. Make it known to your elected officials that you exercise your right to protect yourself and your precious family. In November, send a STRONG message at the polls. Vote **ONLY** for those that

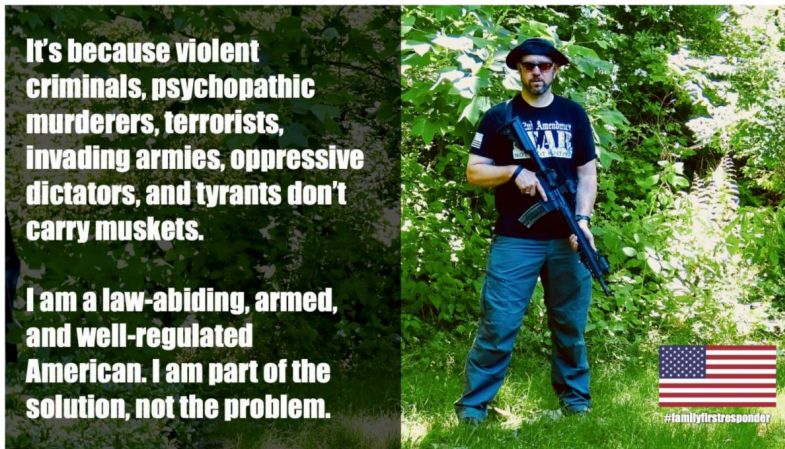
will uphold the Constitution and protect the rights of ALL Americans.

FOAC-ILLEA **IS** fighting in courts, in the halls of the legislature and for the hearts and minds of Pennsylvanians. We are doing big things and have big things in the works. If you would like to help us, donate your time, treasure or talents, [CONTACT US TODAY!](#)

Stay Armed and Be Well Regulated!

Yours in Liberty,

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