



Liberals Should Love 2A

By Kaili Joy Gray

Liberals can quote legal precedent, news reports, and exhaustive studies. They can talk about the intentions of the Founders. They can argue at length against the tyranny of the government. And they will, almost without exception, conclude the necessity of respecting, and not restricting, civil liberties.

Except for one: the right to keep and bear arms.

When it comes to discussing the Second Amendment, liberals check rational thought at the door. They dismiss [approximately 40% of American households](#) that own one or more guns, and those who fight to protect the Second Amendment, as "gun nuts." They argue for greater restrictions. And they pursue these policies at the risk of alienating voters who might otherwise vote for Democrats.

Those who fight against Second Amendment rights cite statistics about gun violence, as if such numbers are evidence enough that our rights should be

restricted. But Chicago and Washington DC, the two cities from which came the most recent Supreme Court decisions on Second Amendment rights, had some of the most restrictive laws in the nation, and also some of the highest rates of violent crime. Clearly, such restrictions do not correlate with preventing crime.

So rather than continuing to fight for greater restrictions on Second Amendment rights, it is time for liberals to defend Second Amendment rights as vigorously as they fight to protect all of our other rights. Because it is by fighting to protect each right that we protect *all* rights.

1: The Bill of Rights protects individual rights.

We believe the Founders intended for us to be able to say damn near anything we want, protest damn near anything we want, print damn near anything we want, and believe damn near anything we want. Individually, without the interfer-

ence or regulation of government.

And yet, despite the recent *Heller* and *McDonald* decisions, liberals stumble at the idea of the Second Amendment as an individual right. They take the position that the Founders intended an entirely different meaning by the phrase "the right of the people" in the Second Amendment, even though they are so positively clear about what that phrase means in the First Amendment.

2: Liberals oppose restrictions to our civil liberties.

All of our rights, even the ones enumerated in the Bill of Rights, are restricted. You can't shout "Fire!" in a crowd. You can't threaten to kill the president. You can't publish someone else's words as your own. We have copyright laws and libel laws and slander laws. We have the FCC to regulate our radio and television content. We have plenty of restrictions on our First Amendment rights.

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NFATCA Upcoming Events:

- ◆ **Top2Top Manufacturer Conference**, August 3-4, 2010, Washington DC
- ◆ **Fall Knob Creek Machine Gun Shoot**, October 8-10, 2010, West Point, KY
- ◆ **SAR West**, December 4-6, 2010, Phoenix, AZ
- ◆ **SHOT Show 2011**, 1/18-1/21, Las Vegas, NV - SPECIAL NFATCA ROOM RATES

Trust Bustin'

The age of the Internet has given us fast, cheap and easy. Unfortunately, it doesn't always give us the insight to wield that power properly. Huge numbers of NFA trusts are now being **rejected** by the NFA Branch. This includes trusts that were previously accepted. The reason for this is quite simple: The NFA Branch is now required to



validate submitted trusts to assure that illegal transfers of NFA weapons does not

occur.

Rest assured that the examiners are not lawyers, but do have a checklist to be able to efficiently reject obvious mistakes. It's the Internet that is making these mistakes all too easy to create. Copying some-

body else's trust that you found on the 'net and using the old cut-and-paste is now an almost guaranteed recipe for disaster. NFA trusts are a bit more complicated than your average prop-

erty trust and the NFATCA recommends that you take the time to make sure that things are done right. Do not rely on a generic, cookie-cutter trust. Do not take legal advice from somebody who is not authorized to practice law. Make sure that your trust:

- 1) Is validly constituted in the state in which you reside.
- 2) Is properly funded.
- 3) Has properly designated beneficiary(ies).
- 4) Has properly designated successor(s).

It is safe to assume that you are going to spend a significant amount of money on the actual NFA items. Doesn't it make sense to spend enough to make certain that you stay out of jail?





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3: It doesn't matter that it's not 1776 anymore.

Liberals are supposed to understand that just because we don't agree with something doesn't mean it is not protected. At least when it comes to the First Amendment. And one's personal dislike of guns should be no better a reason for fighting against the Second Amendment than should one's personal dislike of Bill O'Reilly justify fighting against the First Amendment.

4: It doesn't matter if you can use it.

Fine, you say. Have your big, scary guns. It's not like you actually stand a chance in fighting against the United States government. Tell that to the Iraqi "insurgents" who are putting up a pretty good fight against our military might with fairly primitive weapons.

5: The Second Amendment is about revolution.

In no other country, at no other time, has such a right existed. It is not the right to hunt. It is not the right to shoot at soda cans in an empty field. It is not even the right to shoot at a home invader in the middle of the night.

Whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it, and to institute new government.

This is an appeal to every liberal who believes in fighting against the abuses of government, against the infringement of our civil liberties, and for the greater expansion of our rights.

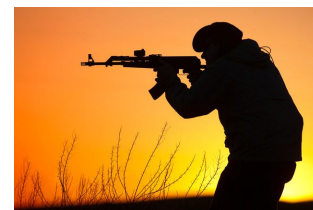
This is an appeal to liberals, not merely to tolerate the Second Amendment, but to embrace it. To love it and defend it and guard it as carefully as you do all the others.

Because you are liberals. And fighting for our rights -- for *all* of our rights, for *all* people -- is what you do.

Because we are all revolutionaries.

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Bona Fide Employees

Deputy Director Melson has been busy! In addition to his active participation in industry events and open door interviews with the media, he's been getting some rulings out the door, too.

You may be unaware that ATF had a May publication of a ruling regarding how and when an employee of an FFL may be in the possession of a firearm that still belongs to the FFL.

The temporary assignment of a firearm by an FFL to its unlicensed employees for bona fide business purposes, where the actual custody of

the firearm is transferred for a limited period of time, and where title and control of the firearm remain with the FFL, is not a transfer for purposes of the Gun Control Act, and, accordingly, the FFL need not contact NICS for a background check, record a bound book disposition entry, nor complete an ATF Form 4473. The temporary assignment of a firearm by an FFL to its unlicensed agents, contractors, volunteers, or any other person who is not an employee of the FFL, even for bona fide business purposes, is a transfer or disposition for purposes of

the Gun Control Act, and, accordingly, the FFL must contact NICS for a background check, record a disposition entry, and complete an ATF Form 4473. Revenue Ruling 69-248 is superseded and ATF Ruling 73-19 is modified. Industry Circular 72-23 is no longer in effect.

Please visit the ATF website at www.atf.gov for information on this and other critical rulings.

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