

Second Amendment talking points for 2022

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I am exploring a run for the 8th District House seat (currently held by Matt Cartwright) in Pennsylvania.¹ While Cartwright has not, as far as I know, initiated any of the questionable actions and statements depicted here, he has voted as if they are true which is sufficient reason for Northeast PA firearm owners to vote Republican in November 2022. ***If elected, I will not only vote against further gun legislation, I will use the material shown below to discredit the entire anti-Second Amendment movement.*** Readers are meanwhile encouraged to use it on social media and elsewhere for the same purpose.

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¹ This is purely at the exploratory phase at present (Spring 2021); no campaign donations are being solicited or accepted. My first step will be to seek help in getting enough signatures to get onto the primary ballot in 2022.

Overview: Stop Swatting Flies and Go After the Manure Pile



General Curtis Lemay (public domain, USAF photo)

General Curtis Lemay once said to stop swatting flies and go after the manure pile. When gun manufacturers defend themselves successfully against junk lawsuits, or primarily Republican members of Congress joined by a handful of centrist Democrats, fend off yet another feel-good-do-nothing gun law, they are swatting flies. When I and other Second Amendment activists broke the back of the Million Mom March in 2000 by exposing its use of 501(c)(3) tax exempt resources to influence the election, we not only got rid of one of the manure piles but we may have even cost Al Gore the election. ***We must now finish the job by discrediting the anti-Second Amendment movement to the point where no political figure (outside places like Los Angeles, San Francisco, and New York City) who values his or her career will support it. We must make infringement on the rights of law-abiding citizens just as socially unacceptable as Jim Crow and segregation.*** Then we will not have to worry about more junk lawsuits or junk legislation.

Preach to the Swing Voter, Not to the Choir

The swing voter who decides most elections does not care about "our" gun rights, about which the National Rifle Association (of which I am a Life Member) preaches to the choir, but is likely to come over to our side when he or she learns the other side has lied to him and abused his or her trust. ***We must therefore change the argument from "gun rights" to "the other side is lying to you."***

Colonel Paul Linebarger's *Psychological Warfare* is highly instructive. The first step is to identify and define the Propaganda Man, the hypothetical person whose support we and the other

side both wish to earn.² The Propaganda Man is probably not a firearm owner and may have no experience with firearms, so it is very easy for enemies of the Second Amendment to abuse his or her trust. The Violence Policy Center expressed openly its intention to do this by equating semiautomatic firearms to machine guns.³ "The weapons' menacing looks, coupled with the public's confusion over fully automatic machine guns versus semi-automatic assault weapons—anything that looks like a machine gun is assumed to be a machine gun—can only increase the chance of public support for restrictions on these weapons." It is generally not a good idea to state openly how you intend to exploit the public's confusion to get support for your agenda.

Our key talking point should therefore be as follows: ***We cannot have a "conversation" about guns as suggested by Barack Obama when one of the parties to the conversation lies to the participants.*** The instant the Propaganda Man (or Woman) wakes up to the fact that somebody takes his or her money, vote, and/or volunteer time under fraudulent pretenses, it is all over.

"Shotgun Joe" (Biden) and Andrew Cuomo Lie about the Second Amendment

Andrew Cuomo (D-NY) and Joe Biden (D-DE) said respectively that nobody needs 10 bullets to kill a deer, and that you cannot load more than 3 shells to hunt waterfowl. These statements are literally true but the Second Amendment relates solely to defense of self, home, family, and country and does not even mention a right to hunt. The U.S. Military Academy's Honor Code defines a literal truth told with intent to deceive as a *lie*⁴ and, while Biden and Cuomo are not USMA students or Army Officers, it's not unreasonable for the Commander in Chief of our Armed Forces to be held to the same standards as first-year cadets.

As for Cuomo, "If nobody needs 10 bullets to kill a deer, how many Covid-19 patients do you need to put into your state's nursing homes to kill as many people as died from all firearm violence in the U.S. in an entire year?" This is no longer on New York State's web site but it is archived at

https://web.archive.org/web/20200407103413/https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2020/03/doh_covid19-nhadmissionsreadmissions_-032520.pdf "No resident shall be denied re-admission or admission to the NH [nursing home] solely based on a confirmed or suspected diagnosis of COVID-19. NHs are prohibited from requiring a hospitalized resident

² "Propaganda" means simply ***any communication whose purpose is to get people to act on it***, and it may be honest or dishonest. The Yellow Press which incited the Spanish-American War, cartoonists who helped draw the United States into the First World War, and of course the Nazis, all used dishonest propaganda as does the anti-Second Amendment movement. Statements like "Stop texts, stop wrecks," "don't drink and drive," "smoking causes cancer," "never point a firearm at anything you wouldn't want to shoot," "donate blood and save lives," and "wear a face mask to impede the spread of Covid-19" also are propaganda by definition, and are honest and constructive.

³ Assault Weapons and Accessories in America <https://www.vpc.org/studies/awaconc.htm>

⁴ "Cadets violate the Honor Code by lying if they deliberately deceive another by stating an untruth or by any direct form of communication to ***include the telling of a partial truth and the vague or ambiguous use of information or language with the intent to deceive or mislead.***"

who is determined medically stable to be tested for COVID-19 prior to admission or readmission."

The Million Mom March Allegedly Used Tax-Exempt Money to Influence an Election

The Million Mom March, which I personally helped discredit in 2000 to the extent it could no longer play a role in influencing the election:

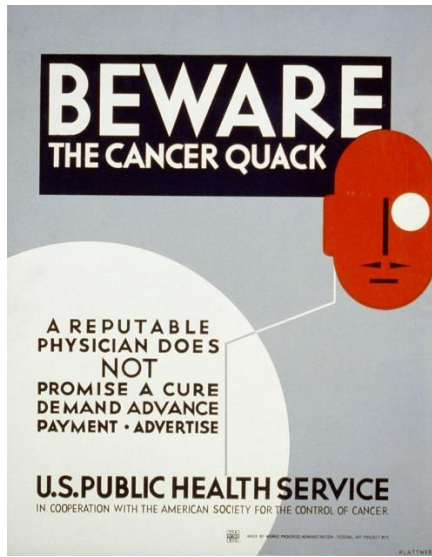
- (1) Lied to its own stakeholders (donors and volunteers) about having a nonpolitical educational mission while seeking openly to influence the election. The group openly endorsed and opposed House candidates on its web page while using 501(c)(3) tax exempt money, and held a thinly-disguised campaign rally for Al Gore on Mother's Day 2000. The 501(c)(3) issue broke the organization's back that Spring after columnist J.R. Labbe, to whom I sent the information, published it.⁵
 - Black Lives Matter Global Network campaigned openly against Trump under the fiscal sponsorship of the 501(c)(3) tax exempt Thousand Currents and then the Tides Foundation, and established a political action committee only in September or October 2020 (long after Patrisse Cullors said openly that they were working to get Trump out of office). This, while not actual election fraud, was something the Republican Party could and should have pointed out in the months prior to the election when it would have done some good.
- (2) Lied to its own stakeholders about gun violence killing 12-13 children a day, which is true only if you define young legal adults as children.
- (3) Filed a Form 990 tax return that told the IRS the group made no effort to influence legislation when it was lobbying right and left with numerous Senators including Dianne Feinstein and Members of Congress, whose own roles in this can be revisited in 2022.

MILLION MOM MARCH FOUNDATION			
Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2000 C/O TOM VANDEN BERK, TREASURER		94-3326481 Page 2	
Part III Statements About Activities		Yes	No
1	During the year, has the organization attempted to influence national, state, or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum?	1	X
* If "Yes," enter the total expenses paid or incurred in connection with the lobbying activities ▶ \$			
<small>Organizations that made an election under section 501(h) by filing Form 5768 must complete Part VI-A. Other organizations checking "Yes," must complete Part VI-B AND attach a statement giving a detailed description of the lobbying activities.</small>			

"Gun Quacks" Biden, Cuomo, and Shapiro Want to Limit Magazine Sizes

Few if any law enforcement professionals will tell you that you might not need more than 10 rounds to defend yourself and/or somebody else from violent crime. Political and other figures who do can be depicted as "*gun quacks*" and equated to medical quacks who encourage people to take dangerous and unproven medications.

⁵ <https://web.archive.org/web/20130310071858/http://www.texnews.com/guns.texnews/opin/tax0510.html>



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Here are three items we can use to prove to the undecided voter that *gun quacks* like Joe Biden, Andrew Cuomo, and PA Attorney General Josh Shapiro are dangerous incompetents whose agenda will get innocent people hurt or killed.

1. The nationally-recognized law enforcement instructor Massad Ayoob filed an affidavit (expert testimony) in *Fyock vs. Sunnyvale* to the effect that restrictions on magazine sizes will put law-abiding people at risk. Ayoob stated, among other things,⁶ "Limiting the law-abiding citizen to a magazine of ten rounds or less will clearly limit their ability to protect themselves from violent criminals in certain situations. Such limits on magazine capacity are likely to impair the ability of citizens to engage in lawful self-defense in those crime incidents necessitating that the victim fire many rounds in order to stop the aggressive actions of offenders."
2. "Georgia Mom Shoots Home Invader, Hiding With Her Children"⁷ describes how a home invader in Georgia stalked a mother and her children to a hiding place, whereupon she emptied a .38 caliber revolver (New York SAFE Act-compliant) at him and got 5 hits. The assailant, Paul Slater, staggered out of the house, drove away, and finally collapsed only a while later. This means he could have killed the mother and her children had she realized that her weapon was empty. He survived his injuries to go to prison.
3. Here is a video⁸ of a female police officer who shot a knife-wielding assailant with at least 14 rounds of 9 mm (that's four more than gun quacks Biden, Cuomo, and Shapiro say she needs) to avoid being killed. Note by the way that, in this case, the officer's bodycam protects her

⁶ https://michellawyers.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/Fyock-v.-Sunnyvale_Conformed-Declaration-of-Massad-Ayoob-In-Support-of-Motion-for-Preliminary-Injunction.pdf

⁷ <https://abcnews.go.com/US/georgia-mom-hiding-kids-shoots-intruder/story?id=18164812>

⁸ https://youtu.be/X4xso_63pwI *Watch this video to understand Biden's, Cuomo's, and Shapiro's dangerous incompetence about firearms.*

from a false accusation of excessive force because it is clear that her assailant had weapons and was close enough to use them on her.

Joe Biden, Gun Quack in Chief

The current head of the Democratic Party has done more, however, than to give quack advice—which he wants to enact into law—to the effect that the Second Amendment somehow relates only to firearms suitable for hunting.

1. "Shotgun Joe" has encouraged the reckless and unlawful discharge of firearms to scare off prowlers.
2. Biden has depicted knife-armed attackers as "unarmed." We can and should propagate all sorts of jokes about "knife-unarmed assailants" and "unarmed with a knife" to reinforce this point.
3. Biden has encouraged police to shoot knife-unarmed assailants to wound even though I know of no responsible law enforcement professional who condones shooting to wound. If your life is in danger, you must shoot to stop which means center of mass (i.e. the chest). If your life is not in danger, you must not shoot at all.

"Joe Biden's Shotgun Advice Could Land Jill Biden in Jail" reports that Shotgun Joe, who is licensed to practice law in Delaware, advised his wife to commit a potential felony by firing a shotgun to scare off prowlers.⁹ "I said, 'Jill, if there's ever a problem, just walk out on the balcony here, walk out and put that double-barrel shotgun and fire two blasts outside the house.'" Several other Delaware attorneys weighed in and said this could be aggravated menacing (a felony) and also misdemeanors involving the unlawful discharge of a firearm within city limits.

It is also to be remembered that the Democratic Left screamed bloody murder when attorneys Mark and Patricia McCloskey menaced alleged trespassers with firearms in Missouri. Both were charged with unlawful use of weapons, which is a felony, even though they did not follow through with Shotgun Joe's advice to actually fire the weapons. The Democrat Left cannot have it both ways and should not be allowed to have it both ways. ***We should point out as often as possible that the head of their party and the current President of the United States said it was OK for the McCloskeys to do what they did.***

Biden also advised, "Instead of standing there and teaching a cop when there's an ***unarmed*** person coming at 'em with a knife or something, shoot 'em in the leg instead of in the heart."

If somebody is coming at you with a knife, and is within 21 feet, he can reach you and kill you in less than two seconds. Recall the police bodycam video of a knife-unarmed attacker rushing a female police officer who emptied a 14 or 15 round magazine (that's at least four more than Cuomo says she needs to kill a deer) into him and he almost got her anyway.

⁹ <https://www.usnews.com/news/articles/2013/02/20/joe-biden-shotgun-advice-could-land-jill-biden-in-jail>

"Under the Gun" "Documentary" Claims to Have Committed a Federal Gun Felony

"UNDER THE GUN: Mass Shooting & Gun Rights Documentary with Stephanie Soechtig" says (at about 1:30),¹⁰ "We sent a producer out, and he was from Colorado. He went to Arizona, and he was able to buy a Bushmaster and then three other pistols without a background check in a matter of four hours. And that's perfectly legal. He wasn't doing some sort of underground market."

This is interesting because 18 U.S. Code § 922 - Unlawful acts says,

(a) It shall be unlawful—

(1) for any person—

... (3) for any person, other than a licensed importer, licensed manufacturer, licensed dealer, or licensed collector *to transport into or receive in the State where he resides* (or if the person is a corporation or other business entity, the State where it maintains a place of business) *any firearm purchased or otherwise obtained by such person outside that State,*

Some states allow long gun purchases by people from other states, but the transaction must go through a dealer who must perform a background check. You can also legally buy firearms of all kinds from other states but the transaction must go through a FFL dealer in your own state. As far as I know, there is no legal way for a Colorado resident to buy a gun in Arizona without a background check.

This means that the creators of Under the Gun either (1) committed a Federal gun felony or (2) published fake news and, as nobody was charged with a felony, the conclusion is obvious.

The Democrat Left Welcomes School Shootings

This from former DNC Chair and PA Governor Ed Rendell: "*The good thing about Newtown is it was so horrific* that, I think, it galvanized Americans to a point where the intensity on our side is going to match the intensity on their side." Rendell was referring to the Sandy Hook school shooting in which deranged gunman Adam Lanza murdered 26 people. The only "good thing" about Newton was that Lanza, unlike Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, then rid society of himself.

The Left also says armed citizens don't stop mass shooters. This is another literally true but misleading statement from the anti-Second Amendment Left. A mass shooting is defined as one in which the aggressor murders four or more innocent people. *When an armed citizen is present, the aggressor usually doesn't stay in action long enough to become a mass shooter.* A deranged criminal attempted to perpetrate a mass shooting in the West Freeway Church of Christ

¹⁰ <https://youtu.be/MOhncnH9ezA?t=87>

in 2019 but was shot dead by volunteer security guard Jack Wilson before he could complete his crime.

It is noteworthy that Everytown for Gun Safety's Michael Bloomberg was unhappy that Wilson prevented the shooter from becoming a mass shooter. "It may be true that someone in the congregation had his own gun and killed the person who murdered two other people, but it's the job of law enforcement to have guns and to decide when to shoot ... You just do not want the average citizen carrying a gun in a crowded place." Perhaps Bloomberg would have preferred that the criminal would have completed his crime so his side could use another mass shooting to argue for more gun laws.

Let's Use the Laws we Have

The Democrat Left keeps telling us it wants to keep guns out of the hands of the wrong people, and there are Federal laws that will keep the people in question from handling so much as a sharp kitchen knife for five or more years. It is a Federal felony punishable by 5 years to merely possess any firearm during serious violent crimes or drug activity. The punishment goes up to 7 years if the weapon is brandished, and 10 if the weapon is fired. This law is rarely enforced, but it is targeted at the individuals who are actually causing the trouble.