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Landmark 6-3 Supreme Court Ruling Upholding Our Right to Self Defense

Even as Biden signs another gun-control bill, "Safer Communities Act," into law in the wake of the Uvalde Texas killings, the Supreme Court (SCOTUS) made history. I am not referring to the overturn of Roe V. Wade. It's another landmark ruling by SCOTUS, overshadowed by the Democrat's epileptic meltdown over Roe V. Wade, further reaffirmed our right to keep and bear arms. The case is New York State Rifle and Pistol Association V. Bruen. NY State Rifle and Pistol Association, the oldest pro-2nd Amendment advocacy group in the nation challenged the New York carry laws with a suit against NY State Police Superintendent, Bruen. New York law expressly forbids citizens from carrying outside their home without a permit which they "may" grant if the applicant is able to demonstrate "need." SCOTUS found the New York law to be unconstitutional and it was struck down. This was a very good day for freedom and the ruling will have far reaching implications across the entire nation.

The following are excerpts from the Majority Opinion by Justice Clarence Thomas:

"Because the State of New York issues public-carry licenses only when an applicant demonstrates a special need for self-defense, we conclude that the State's licensing regime violates the Constitution," Thomas wrote, before quoting *Konigsberg v. State Bar of California* (1961).

"In keeping with Heller, we hold that when the Second Amendment's plain text covers an individual's conduct, the Constitution presumptively protects that conduct. To justify its regulation, the government must demonstrate that the regulation is consistent with this Nation's historical tradition of firearm regulation. Only if a firearm regulation is consistent with this Nation's historical tradition may a court conclude that the individual's conduct falls outside the Second Amendment's 'unqualified command. It makes no sense to deny Americans the ability to defend themselves outside their homes," he said.

"To confine the right to 'bear' arms to the home would nullify half of the Second Amendment's operative protections. Moreover, confining the right to 'bear' arms to the home would make little sense given that self-defense is 'the central component of the [Second Amendment] right itself," Thomas wrote, quoting the *Heller* opinion.

"After all, the Second Amendment guarantees an 'individual right to possess and carry weapons in case of confrontation,' and confrontation can surely take place outside the home. ... Many Americans hazard greater danger outside the home than in it."

In a concurring opinion, Justice Samuel Alito wrote that in 1791 when the Second Amendment was adopted,

"There were no police departments, and many families lived alone on isolated farms or on the frontiers. If these people were attacked, they were on their own. It is hard to imagine the furor that would have erupted if the Federal Government and the States had tried to take away the guns that these people needed for protection. Today, unfortunately, many Americans have good reason to fear that they will be victimized if they are unable to protect themselves. And today, no less than in 1791, the Second Amendment guarantees their [rights]."

** Our continuing discussing on the Democrat's manual for anti-2nd Amendment activists to attack our right to keep and bear arms:



The Democrat's "Preventing gun Violence through messaging" guidebook teaches: "EMPHASIZE THAT AMERICA HAS WEAK GUN LAWS AND DON'T ASSUME THAT PEOPLE KNOW THAT: It is important to emphasize that current laws allow easy access to guns for criminals. Mentally unstable people, and even terrorists. Generally speaking, the public makes the assumption that our nation's gun laws are much stronger than is actually the case. The truth is, it is far worse than most people think. And when they learn what is really true about our gun laws, it raises serious concerns."

TRANSLATION: Lie Lie Lie about the truth! In fact there exists more than 20,000 gun-control laws already on the books and the truth is CRIMINALS DO NOT OBEY LAWS, ONLY LAW ABIDING CITIZENS DO... conclusion: more gun-control laws simply protect criminals and rendering innocent lawful citizens less able to defend themselves from violent predators.



BREAKING NEWS - JULY 1 2022

Following landmark 2nd Amendment decision on New York State Rifle and Pistol Assoc. V. Bruen, SCOTUS overturned Appeals Court decisions in 4 states, reversing magazine bans, carry bans, and assault weapons bans. (stay tuned!)

In The Spirit of the 2nd Amendment Patriots

In the spirit of the 2nd Amendment Patriot's Workshop, the following Facebook conversation is between folks having a dialog about our 2nd Amendment. We may learn from having this type of discussion to share each of our respective views on the topic. It's important to be engaged in this dialog as we learn how best to defend our 2nd Amendment against the unrelenting assault by those who actively work to abolish freedom. Join us each month in our 2nd Amendment Patriot's meeting for spirited dialog on defending freedom!

"I am a Gun Owner and have had guns all my life. The argument that any restrictions that are put into place deny 'Law Abiding' citizens from their rights to own and carry guns doesn't take into account that almost all these individuals that have committed these mass shootings were in fact 'Law Abiding' citizens, until they suddenly weren't! That is the real problem! ~ R.K."

"You're forgetting that the foundation of American jurisprudence is the presumption of innocence. Plus, the the overwhelming majority of law-abiding citizens do not represent a threat to society such as yourself. But the obsessive focus on the "gun" sucks all of the oxygen out of the atmosphere when we venture to solve these problems. Denying you, the law-abiding citizens, access to any firearm has NEVER prevented as you say a 'lawful citizen suddenly turning evil.' Because regardless of that characterization, that person (turned monster) got that way because of his behavior and not because of his gun. This tiresome debate obsessing over guns when even with more than 20,000 gun-control laws presently on the books have not stopped the Newtown CT killing, nor the Parkland FL massacre and now Uvalde TX. When will we ever learn gun control is NOT the answer? We must change the conversation to "behavior!"

But then that's obviously too much of a heavy lift for politicians and too complex and difficult a task for the feeble minded who just want to "do something" which mostly means passing another gun-control law, and that's where it always stops... the corrupt media isn't interested beyond gun-control, remember their motto: "if it bleeds, it leads..." Meanwhile, we get more massacres at gun-free zones while the knee-jerk reactions NEVER seems to change. Well, folks, that needs to change beginning with us pushing back on gun-control, now. ~ D.L."

"That might be those lawless valueless folks who are cancers in our cities. I agree the nut wads committing these mass shootings are a problem. I just don't want to live in a country where I am defenseless to the street mobs and my own government should that become tyrannical. The 2nd Amendment provides a sense of checks and balances between we the sovereign people and those we choose to work for us. I trust the vast majority of my fellow Americans and do not wish to denigrate them for maybe 1% of the bad apples. ~ D.M."

"I agree, I have never felt the need to get a conceal carry permit because it's like saying "I am embarrassed that I feel the need to hide my gun! NC and many states have open carry and for me that is what I do if I feel paranoid enough to bring a gun with me in the first place! I want to see who has guns not be surprised when they pull one out! I have my handgun strapped to my steering column on my motorhome, open the door and you can't mis it, screw with me and "The Brat" in me will come out very quickly!

That being said, it is really going to be great when everyone has a gun strapped on their hip in public places. I was in the Walmart parking lot the other day and this guy came out and was heading for his car and he looked like Wyatt Earp, literally with a 45-revolver strapped to his hip! After my immediate shock as to what I was seeing I had to say to myself, "I hope this guy isn't some nut job" but it's his right! It puts everyone living in a state of constant fear always wondering who is the nut job and who isn't, hard to tell by looks alone! I like most people have a visceral response to seeing a gun strapped on someone's hip, a very big deterrent to messing with them! ~ R.K."

"No argument that in modern society seeing a cowboy with a six gun strapped to his leg looks completely out of place, intimidating to many and makes one uncomfortable. There's of course lots of reasons why that is so today because we've been conditioned that way but putting that aside, one need not feel ashamed to be carrying concealed.

That is absolutely a personal choice. The principal reason for concealment isn't because you're embarrassed. You don't want the bad guy robbing a bank to know who else is armed in the lobby because that guy with the six-gun strapped to his leg will be the bank robber's first target. Secondly, you're concealed because you of course do not want anyone to feel uncomfortable being around you, that's part of your responsibility to lawfully carry. ~ D.L."



Join Us!

Our next 2nd Amendment Patriots meeting is scheduled for **Tues. 5th at 2 PM**

Pamlico County Law Enforcement Association (PCLEA) Gun Range
on Mill Pond Road in Bayboro

(If you wish to have some range time, please bring eye and ear protection.)

We meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month

Letters To The Editor - We want to hear from you.

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