



GUN OWNERS OF AMERICA

27 YEARS OF NO COMPROMISE – 1975-2002

June 19, 2003

Dear Candidate,

The *Right to Keep and Bear Arms* is our most precious constitutional freedom, as it serves as the means to protect all other freedoms from infringement. Yet almost daily, this cherished right is under assault by various entities of the government.

In order that our membership may evaluate your opinions on this important matter, here is a copy of your state's **2003 State Candidate Questionnaire**.

I urge you to study, fill out, sign and return the enclosed questionnaire by **July 14, 2003**. If you wish, you may **FAX** your completed questionnaire to me at **703-321-8182**. Your prompt response will allow me to make your views known to our members, the media, and others interested in these questions.

Thank you for your participation.

Sincerely,

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Gun Owners Of America

2003 Candidate Questionnaire

NEW JERSEY- General Election

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1. Gun control advocates are calling for limits on the number of firearms that a law-abiding citizen may purchase in a specified time period, usually one per month.

Do you oppose "one-gun-a-month" laws that limit purchases of firearms by law-abiding citizens?

Yes No

2. Many localities have attempted to discourage gun ownership by creating a morass of differing municipal ordinances. These rules often snare innocent sportsmen merely passing through a neighboring city.

Do you support preemption legislation that would totally prohibit localities from placing limitations on the rights of citizens to purchase, possess, or carry firearms?

Yes No

3. Many gun control advocates seek to impose "no-safety" zones, creating a patchwork of places where law-abiding citizens may not possess a firearm for self-defense, i.e., restaurants.

Would you oppose legislation mandating "no-safety" zones designed to ban concealed carry for self-defense?

Yes No

4. New York City registered long guns (rifles and shotguns) in 1966. But then ten years ago, the New York Daily News (9/5/92) reported that police began confiscating those very weapons, leading many to argue that registration leads to confiscation.

Would you oppose legislation requiring that firearms purchased by private citizens be registered with law enforcement and tracked by a centralized record system administered by government agencies?

Yes No

5. Media hysteria has led to the misperception that semi-automatic firearms with certain cosmetic features are so-called "assault weapons." However, all semi-automatic firearms function essentially the same.

Do you oppose legislation banning the manufacture, sale or possession of semi-automatic firearms?

Yes No

6. Common ammunition magazines available for firearms are simple plastic or sheet metal boxes with springs in them. There are efforts to ban magazines that hold over a certain number of rounds.

Do you oppose legislation banning the manufacture, sale or possession of large-capacity magazines?

Yes No

7. Many gun control advocates are seeking to prohibit 18-20 year-olds from possessing firearms, which would treat young persons as if they have no gun and self-defense rights even though they are old enough to fight in the various armed forces serving this country.

Do you oppose laws that would take away the rights of 18-20 year-olds to possess a firearm?

Yes No

8. Manufacturers of any product are held liable if the product is defective and causes injury. Yet some politicians want to hold gun manufacturers liable when a properly working firearm is used to commit a crime or is involved in an accident.

Do you oppose laws that allow persons who are shot by a properly working firearm to sue firearms manufacturers and/or firearms sellers (strict liability)?

Yes No

9. Gun control advocates seek to ban private firearm sales at gun shows unless the buyer submits to a background check.

Do you oppose laws that would ban the sale of a privately owned firearm at a gun show unless the buyer submits to a background check.

Yes _____ No

10. Gun control advocates push licensing systems with background checks, fingerprinting, high fees, and "training" requirements.

Do you oppose government licensing to buy a gun?

Yes _____ No

11. Many gun owners are concerned that so-called "instant" background checks are in fact computerized central gun registration systems.

Do you oppose computerized "instant" background check systems?

Yes No _____

12. Gun control advocates want handguns mechanically locked when not in use.

Do you oppose government mandated use of trigger locks or other locked storage requirements?

Yes No _____

13. Recently, there has been proposed legislation to ban firearms possession for mere misdemeanors that may be no more serious than spanking your child or shouting at your spouse. This legislation specifically targets gun owners, as it does not restrict other rights.

Would you oppose legislation that bans firearms ownership due to simple misdemeanors?

Yes No _____

14. Vermont has one of the lowest violent crime rates in the nation. The Vermont carry law recognizes that every citizen has the right to carry a gun, openly or concealed, except to commit a crime. Thus, with no government bureaucracy or license, Vermont citizens or citizens from any state can carry firearms concealed in Vermont.

Would you support Vermont-style legislation that would eliminate all requirements to pay fees and register gun owners and simply allow law-abiding citizens to carry firearms openly or concealed (at the individual's discretion) for any reason except for the commission of a crime?

Yes _____ No _____

15. Many gun control advocates are seeking to ban the private ownership of .50 caliber rifles.


Do you oppose banning the private ownership of .50 caliber rifles?

Yes _____ No _____

Feel free to attach additional comments to this survey.

Candidate Authorization

My signature affirms that the answers given above accurately represent my beliefs as a candidate for elective office.


Candidate's Signature

7/6/03
Date

Gun control positions on both extremes, pro and con, have not given full and reasonable explanations for voters. Pro-gun control advocates have not given a satisfactory reply to the question of why the U.S. Constitution has:

U.S. Constitution

Second Amendment - Bearing Arms

“A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.”

And, yet, gun ownership is a historical fact in the United States. Why now the seemingly critical need for increasingly burdensome and restrictive advocacy with subsequent bills and laws given historical practice.

Anti-gun control advocates have thus far not given satisfactory explanations, short of increasingly numerous laws placing people in prison, as to the gun practices or culture in the U.S. and their actions in changing what has become a weapon to settle disputes or choice instrument in the commission of other crimes.

For instance, what initiatives do anti-gun control advocates engage to allow our nation gun ownership without the use in violent criminal acts as experienced in Canada? And, what action do they take to eliminate inappropriate use of guns as in hunting wildlife such as bears scavenging garbage with temperaments close to that of some domesticated animals. Of course, this does not address serious pranks as the shooting of road signs and the like.

Voters are confused and clearer explanations without extremist or fear-provoking thoughts are needed to construct a better system of laws regarding fire arms.