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December 18, 2024

A new report was recently released by **Dr. John Lott and the Crime Prevention Research Center**. Each year since 2013, Dr. Lott and CPRC has released this annual concealed carry report.

According to the report, Pennsylvania has the 2nd most "active concealed carry permits" in the nation at 1.64 million. Florida was #1 with 2.46 million and Texas was #3 with 1.58 million. Pennsylvania also ranked #4 in the nation for "% of Adult Population with a concealed carry permit" (or in our case, License to Carry a Firearm) with 15.88% of the adult population "licensed".



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If you open carry, we recommend using a retention holster... but as it is Christmastime we can celebrate Yukon Cornelius's self-sufficiency and free

While there are lots of Pennsylvanian's *packin'*, Let's *unpack* some of those numbers.

These statistics tell us that if you are in a room with 50 people in it, likely there are about 8 people in the room legally carrying... or at least licensed to do so. If there are 10 people, likely there is at least one person licensed... well maybe more like 2 if YOU are in the room.

Remember, your second amendment right and article 1 section 21 of the PA Constitution won't do a damn thing to help you if you are unarmed when you need to protect yourself and those that you love.

When people argue against Constitutional Carry or Permitless Carry, they often say, "You can't do this, WE need to know who is carrying a gun".

WHY do YOU *need* to know who is carrying? Just because someone has a

exercise of his Constitutional Right to self-defense.

firearm on their body doesn't mean they are up to no good.

As a matter of fact the Hicks Decision established case law that the mere presence of a gun does not constitute a crime. Now if the reason is that the government wants to know who has guns on them, then it makes perfect sense... **if you are a tyrant!**

Seeing the gun makes it easier for the government to pick out the gun owners. Kinda like those 6 pointed star emblems the Nazis made Jews wear... makes em' easier to pick out, separate, hold to different standards, corral..... you get the idea.



If folks are concealed properly, you should have NO IDEA who is carrying. That is the point of **CONCEALED** carry. **I spoke about the benefits of concealed carry in a past edition of the newsletter. Click here to read more.**

We (here in Pennsylvania) already have a "Permitless Carry" *of sort.. OF SORT.* You can walk around and carry your firearm on your body without a license if it is exposed or "open" like Yukon Cornelius. Be careful not to walk on Federal property, and be sure to respect private property rights. Yet most anti-gun politician claim they have NO issue with Pennsylvanians having a plastic card granting them the ability to legally cover their gun with a shirt. Can't tyrants look up who has plastic cards? Why yes they can! Well, it may not be as efficient as yellow Stars of David, but it is a start... RIGHT TYRANTS?

Again, to be clear... FOAC-Institute recommends carrying concealed with the trigger guard covered by the holster and if you choose to open carry, we recommend using a retention holster. Also, as per current PA law you must have a LTCF to have a loaded firearm inside or ON a vehicle not just covered by a shirt or coat. You can learn all about this at a FOAC-ILLEA PA gun law seminar.

Until we get Constitutional Carry "re-passed" by the legislature and signed into law by a pro-gun governor... go get your PA LTCF and let's aim for #1 in 2025. Although we believe a Pennsylvania LTCF is **absolutely** and **unequivocally** an infringement of Article 1 Section 21, it IS currently the law of the land and relatively easy to obtain. So, if you own a firearm in PA.... you SHOULD go get your LTCF.

If you would like to read an excellent article further summarizing the John Lott report, **click here to read the John Petrolino article titled, "Crime Research Prevention Center Releases 2024 CCW Report."** One thing the data shows (and has year after year), an armed and educated citizenry makes for safer communities and a better Country!



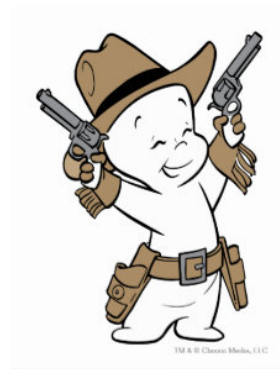
In other news, Governor Shapiro wasted no time publicizing that the alleged NYC health care executive assassin had a “ghost gun”. The assassin had a 3D printed pistol in his possession when police apprehended him in the Altoona area last week.

First, if he was in possession of an M&P 2.0 would Shapiro have announced that the assassin was in possession of a Smith and

Wesson M&P 2.0? Would Shapiro instead have said that the assassin had a semi-automatic pistol or handgun?

Second, does the fact that it was a 3D printed gun, or an M&P 2.0, or a Highpoint make the healthcare executive any less dead?

For being a “ghost gun” it wasn’t too “ghost-y”. Police had the gun in their possession. I thought “ghost guns” were *untraceable*? Would the cold blooded assassination of Brian Thompson have been more or less heinous if the assassin used a gun that had a serial number on it? Would a serial number matter if the assassin chucked the gun into the Delaware or mighty Susquehanna on the way from NYC to Altoona? Isn’t cold-blooded murder illegal no matter the method or tools used by the murderer?



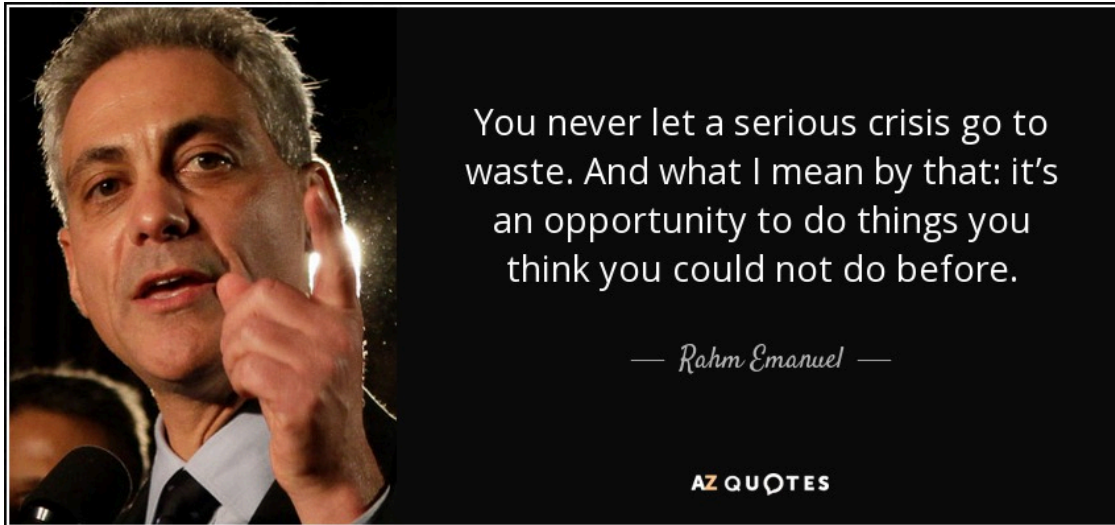
Hey... wait a minute.... Hold on a second.... this crime should have never happened in the first

place. The assassin did not have an New York Concealed carry permit and New York State bans 3D printed firearms. I could be wrong, but I am not sure his suppressor or “silencer” was legal either, you need to have a special license to have a suppressor in NY. The New York gun laws should have prevented this crime from get go. **I thought gun laws were there to protect people.** As I have said in the past, I wish there was a sarcastic font... because I would have used it in **BOLD** in the previous paragraph.

I submit to you that the State of New York has some culpability in the death of UnitedHealthcare CEO Brian Thompson. Brian was restricted from arming himself and protecting himself in NY because it is near impossible for a non-resident to obtain a NY gun permit. No matter if Thompson wanted to arm himself or not, the state of NY disarmed him (or stripped him of the ability to legally arm himself) and therefore should be held accountable. Your 2nd Amendment right is guaranteed to you even if you don’t choose to exercise it.

Time and time again, government proves that it can not and many times WILL NOT protect you. YOU ARE ON YOUR OWN. The government cleans up the mess, finds the killer, sometimes let him go on his own recognizance, and makes excuses as to why they want to further infringe on the rights of others... and you are still dead, just like Brian Thompson.

While the leftwing media, **Elizabeth Warren**, and AOC justify the cold-blooded assassination of someone from the “wealthy class”, Shapiro lapped up the media opportunity to promulgate anti-gun rhetoric and the demagoguery of the American tradition of gun making.



Get Ready To Rumble!

By FOAC-Institute President, Jim Stoker



So here we sit, two days of co-sponsorship memoranda have been presented in the state House and Senate for proposed legislation, and we are already at twenty-one-gun related bills proposed. Two are pro-gun, one is to be watched, and SEVENTEEN that will violate Article I, Section 21. In my tracking table I have shared below, you will also see three hunting related bills. We keep tabs on those for communication and discussion with partner organizations vested in the hunting issues.

Here is a list of what we have so far:

Sen. Laughlin	Repealing Sunday Hunting	(HUNTING RELATED)
Rep. Dan Frankel	Empowering Local Government to Protect Their Residents	Attack on preemption
Rep. K.C. Tomlinson	Mandatory Jail Time for Illegal Possession of a Firearm	Strengthening punishment against repeat violent offenders (TO BE WATCHED)
Rep. Rob Leadbeter	Defending Due Process by Prohibiting Red Flag Laws	PRO-GUN!
Sen. Lisa Boscola	Changing Opening Day of PA Deer Rifle Season	Monday after Thanksgiving (HUNTING RELATED)
Sen. Lisa Boscola	Checking-In of Firearms in Municipal Buildings	
Sen. Jay Costa	Divestiture and Investment Prohibition from Assault Weapon Manufacturers	State employee retirement funds
Sen. Art Haywood & Sen. Amanda Cappelletti	Gun Violence Survivors Week	
Sen. Art Haywood & Sen. Vincent Hughes	Permit to Purchase	Eligibility license issuance
Sen. Art Haywood & Sen. John Kane	Requiring Background Checks to Purchase Ammunition	
Sen. John Kane & Sen. Art Haywood	Protect Children by Requiring Identification for Ammunition Purchases	
Sen. Doug Mastriano & Sen. Chris Dush	Right to Bear Arms Act	Outlaws any new federal restrictions, prohibition, or registration of firearms and ammunition (PRO-GUN!)
Rep. Jose Giral	Statewide Gun Buyback Program	Mandates the Attorney General
Rep. Jennifer O'Mara	Extreme Risk Protection Orders	
Rep. Perry Stambaugh	Effectively Deterring Trespassing on Private Property	Includes hunting and non-hunting (HUNTING RELATED)
Rep. Perry Warren	Background Checks for Firearms	Adding long guns
Rep. Perry Warren	Civil Liability for Failure to Report Lost and Stolen Firearms	
Rep. Perry Warren	Cruelty to Animals : Ending Live Pigeon Shoots	
Sen. Wayne Fontana	Extreme Risk Protection Orders	
Sen. Vincent Hughes	3-D Printed and undetectable firearms	
Sen. Vincent Hughes	Pennsylvania Center for Gun Violence Research	
Sen. Vincent Hughes	Adding Additional Disqualifying Criminal Convictions to the Uniform Firearms Act	
Sen. Vincent Hughes	Requiring a Firearms Safety Training Court as a Condition of Obtaining a Concealed Carry Permit	

So, I hope you are all geared up, buckled in, and got your helmets on... looks like two more years of work in the trenches. We have a lot of irons in the fire and obviously these

things cost money to fight. Though we enjoyed a pro-gun national election cycle, on the state level we made only a little headway, specifically Attorney General-Elect Sunday, who I'm hoping we can count on to help with all of the preemption violations. But the list above shows us the fight is winding up again, and we need your support.

I'm going to ask for three things again this year as "A FOAC ILLEA Christmas Wish"...

1. Please send me a list of any and all licensed firearms dealers you work with, preferably name and contact number or email.
2. Please send me a list of any and all industry related businesses in your area. i.e. manufacturers of arms, ammunition or accessories, distributors, advocacy groups, gun or outdoorsman clubs, sportsmen clubs, anybody and everybody that has something to lose in this fight! Especially those you have a contact with!
3. Please consider donating to the organization war chest. I understand the economy is tight and the holidays are here, but we have two years of legislative combat ahead of us, and this is a fight we cannot afford to lose.

Donate to the cause, here!

Okay FOUR things.. if you are reading this as a subscriber... please consider becoming a MEMBER. We love to educate our fellow like-minded Pennsylvanians on what is happening, but members matter in the halls of Harrisburg!

I asked for these lists last year and did receive about a dozen replies, which I have on file. But it's going to take a lot of us to win this fight and reverse the course of our Commonwealth government. Certainly, more than we currently have. We need to recruit allies!

Thank you all for your time, and I sincerely hope everyone of you enjoys a safe and prosperous holiday season!

LET'S TAKE BACK THE NRA!

By Shari LeGate, Director of Marketing, Gunsite Academy, Inc.

The NRA is at a crossroads, between Danger and Opportunity. We are choosing Opportunity. Who are we? We are NRA 2.0 and we are forging a new path for the members of the NRA. We are a majority of Board Members ready to meet the challenges and secure the future of the NRA. We are concerned about the status quo of the organization and the internal issues that are impacting our mission. Membership has been demanding a change and we are ready, willing, and able to make that change.

We want to govern the NRA based on integrity and transparency. We are dedicated to the fight and challenges that lie ahead, and we are committed. We are here to serve our members, with the support of our donors and industry. To do that though, we need your help. You must **VOTE!**

If you are a voting member of the NRA, you will receive your 2025 ballot in mid-January in one of the NRA publications. On that ballot are 49 candidates running for a seat on the Board of Directors. Only 28 of the 49 are supporters of NRA 2.0. We need **YOU** to vote for all 28 of those candidates. Who are they? Next to the ballot is a list of those candidates and you can find out more about them now by clicking on the QR Code.

Make your choice by **completely filling** in the circle next to the name with a pen or pencil. Two are **Write-In** candidates: Charlie Brown of Dayton, OH, and Paul Babaz of Atlanta, GA. Please write in their full name, city and state. They were denied the opportunity to



have their names printed on the ballot. Please clearly write their names on the reverse of the ballot. These 28 candidates support the **Mission** and **Core Values** of NRA 2.0. They will fight for **YOU** and the NRA, but without your support and **VOTE**, they won't be able to wage that fight.

We want to restore the trust and faith of the NRA members because the NRA exists for the members. We will continue to fight for the 2nd Amendment and bring the NRA back to its mission of creating and supporting shooting programs, competitive shooting, and furthering firearm safety and education. Our goal is to bring the NRA back to the Mission and Core Values that made it the great organization it once was.

We are asking for your **VOTE** in this upcoming election. Mail it in before the deadline of April 6, 2025, and help us take back the NRA! Thank you!

Articles to Check Out!!

- [Biden Ignores the Facts to Push Gun Control in Response to Wisconsin School Shooting](#)
- [US Government Explains Drone Sightings](#)
- [Sometimes, the Disconnect Between Gun Rights and Other Rights Is Staggering](#)
- [Should an Involuntary Commitment Lead to a Lifetime Loss of 2A Rights?](#)
- [Biden Begs Congress To Pass Gun Control on Sandy Hook Anniversary](#)
- [What New York Times Left Out of Its 'Ghost Gun' Explainer](#)
- [Daniel Penny Speaks After Acquittal in Subway Case](#)
- [Lies, Damn Lies, and the Anti-Gun Narrative](#)
- [Biden Announces Clemency for Nearly 1,500 People](#)
- [Hunter Biden Pardon Makes a Fitting Mockery of Federal Gun Control](#)
- [Trump's Surgeon General Pick Guaranteed to Face Questions About Guns as Public Health Issue](#)
- [Canadian Government Bans Hundreds of Gun Models With Stroke of a Pen](#)
- [Jury Acquits Daniel Penny in Subway Chokehold Case](#)
- [Judge Rules That American Gun Makers Are Protected From Frivolous Lawsuits](#)
- [Women for Gun Rights November Newsletter](#)
- [Will NRA's Internal Turmoil Impact Trump's 2A Agenda?](#)

In Closing

Lame duck President Joe Biden is swinging for the fence, trying to score last minute anti-gun swan song by holding law abiding citizens accountable for the actions of criminals.

Luckily Biden is not as an efficient disarming-tyrant as he wanted to be, however he has indeed put a hurt on our citizenry, our safety, our sovereignty, our Constitutional liberty, and our pocketbook like NO PRESIDENT BEFORE. **No doubt the history books will look at the Biden Presidency as festooned with executive overreach and ultimate incompetency.**

Thankfully we DO have checks and balances in our Constitutional Republic. The legislature and the courts have mostly kept Biden's governmental overreach in check....



mostly... but it was the citizenry, the true 4th check and balance that threw the bum (and his lackey VP) out in the 2024 election. Folks... we have witnessed a perfect example of true term limits enforced by "The People".

Federally we look to the future with optimism.

At his last time up to bat, President Trump really only embarked upon one anti-gun order; the Bump Stock Ban. Many speculated that Trump knew it would be ultimately overturned in the court and was a means to appease the emotional outcry from the Vegas mass murder.

I for one am not a fan of elected officials using Constitutional rights as bargaining chips in a "deal". I do not "give him that one". The check and balance of the courts fixed that wrong.

With that said, Trump has certainly been an almost-mostly-pro-gun-President as "45". I look forward to seeing him improve that record as "47".

47 has got to be at least 2 better than 45, but thank the Lord we are getting rid of 46!

We still have a fight on our hands in Pennsylvania. FOAC-Institute invested a fair bit of resources in fighting for pro-gun seats in the 2024 election. Even though the pundits said the pro-gun cause would lose seats in the PA House.... We held our ground; 101-102.

We are able to continue the fight to protect Article Section 21 of the PA Constitution through individual donations, cooperate donations, memberships, and sweat equity!

[If you would like to donate click here!](#)

[If you would like to join as member \(or get one for a loved one for a Christmas present\) click here.](#)

[If you would like to volunteer to help with specific committees, click here and visit the link often as more roles will be posted periodically.](#)

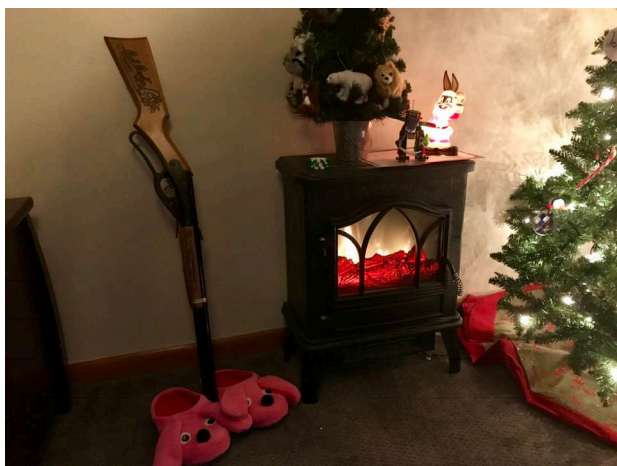
CHRISTMAS QUIZ: Select the best answer

I bought a gun for a loved one for Christmas

I asked Santa for a gun for Christmas

I bought myself a gun for Christmas

It's none of your business... MERRY CHRISTMAS



We are about a week away from Christmas.

Whatever holiday you celebrate, take time to enjoy visiting with loved ones and reflect upon how blessed we are as Americans and Pennsylvanians. Hoist a glass to the future and remember what the the holiday is REALLY about.

If you get little Ralphie that OFFICIAL Red Ryder, carbine action, two hundred shot range model air rifle with a compass in

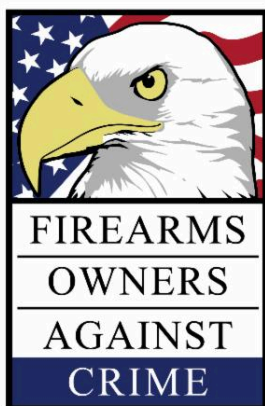
the stock, and this thing which tells time.... make sure you get him some eye pro too.

From all of us at FOAC-Institute, Merry Christmas and/or Happy Holidays!

Stay Armed and BE Well Regulated!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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FOAC-Institute is continuing to fight for the hearts and minds of our fellow Pennsylvanians to promote individual liberties and freedoms. We are steadfast and resolute and dedicated to protecting our Constitution and advancing the cause of the 2nd Amendment and Article 1 Section 21 of the PA Constitution.

FOAC-Institute's educational efforts are expanding across the Commonwealth. FOAC-ILLEA volunteers are teaching more concealed carry classes each month and additional virtual education events are forthcoming.

FOAC-Institute is continuing to fight in the courts. Whether this means new litigation to challenge local tyrants, fight the bureaucrats that make it harder for Pennsylvanians to exercise their most basic rights, or the funding of amicus briefs to support others who are already involved in court battles, we are actively helping to establish case law that will help advance the cause of liberty.

FOAC-Institute volunteers research proposed legislation, consult with experts, and offer advice to elected officials about legislation as well as educate the public on the strength or folly of legislation that could have lasting positive or negative effects upon our liberty and the liberty of our children.

I urge you to help me spread the word about FOAC-Institute. **Share this newsletter and the website with your sphere of influence.** Get a fellow gun owner to join FOAC-Institute.

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[Contact your Legislators HERE.](#)

[Read previous newsletters HERE.](#)

The **[FOAC-Institute website](#)** is a wealth of information. Track current legislation, contact legislators and elected officials, look up gun laws, read easy to understand synopsis' on stand your ground, castle doctrine, and legal use of force. Keep up to date with current gun related news. There is all this and more on the **[FOAC-Institute website](#)**.

Get involved!

If you have read this entire newsletter and made it here to this statement... you are already interested and vested.

[Donate your time, your talents, or your treasure.](#) VOTE pro-2A and get your friends to vote pro-2A as well. **[Become a member](#)** and get your friends to become a member. If you are already a member, consider "**[upping your membership](#)**" to a higher level. **[Volunteer](#)** to help at the bash. **[Volunteer](#)** to join a committee to send emails, write letters, make phone calls... NOW IS THE TIME TO DO. DON'T PUT IT OFF. "**We the People**" have **been sitting on the sidelines too long.**

An Armed and Educated Citizenry is the true check and balance in our Constitutional Republic and the ultimate homeland security!

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