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Liberal Influences and Facial Interpretations of the 2D Amendment

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The Second Amendment reads:

"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."

If you allow the Left to have it their way, there would be two classes of people with firearms - government and criminals. This is not a deliberate outcome of Democrat voters' intent; it is a consequence of blind Democrat support. When it comes to Second Amendment rights, the Democrat political elite interpret only the prefatory clause of a "Well regulated militia..." to assume the position the Second Amendment is an exclusive "state right."^[1] The unwitting Democrat voter, lulled into constitutional apathy by a Liberal political order determined to make government the land's only authorized possessor of firearms, has supported a political condition they do not expressly support.

In blindly following the Left's anti-gun agenda, they subscribe to a philosophy that they are not to defend themselves in the worst times of personal crisis; they are to cower, flee, abandon their homes and pray the state can protect them and their families in time enough. Trouble is Liberal voters and politicians do not actively support this modern Liberal, Progressive agenda. According to Pew Research, "On gun control, 49% of Americans say it is more important to protect the rights of Americans to own guns, while 45% say it is more important to control gun ownership. From 1993 through 2008, majorities had said it was more important to control gun ownership than to protect gun rights, but opinion became more divided since 2009 after the election of Barack Obama."^[2] Shifts of this magnitude and rapidity clearly have both Republican and Democrat voter support – even if the Obama Administration refuses to acknowledge it.

Two gun rights reciprocity acts have now been introduced in congress, [S. 2188](#) and [H.R. 288](#). Both bills are authored and co-sponsored by Democrats. Both bills also seek to grant all persons with concealed weapon permits reciprocity when traveling in other states that have concealed carry laws.[\[3\]](#),[\[4\]](#),[\[5\]](#),[\[6\]](#) Supporting the long-term rise in support of gun rights are Black voters, an Obama mainstay, who have increased support for Second Amendment rights some 13% since October of 2011.[\[7\]](#) Of equal importance is the fact that Black voters have also decreased their support for gun control laws some 11% in the same period. The same pro-Second Amendment appreciation can be found in other predominately Liberal arenas. However, in supporting the mainstream Democrat movement, their Second Amendment rights are in just as much jeopardy as Conservatives'. In Counties with notoriously Liberal agendas, voters strongly support gun rights; despite this fact, the same Liberal political establishment suppresses this freedom. Pima County, Arizona once sought to secede from the Grand Canyon State. Pima County Democrats sought to become the 51st state, "Baja Arizona," citing Arizona was "too conservative" with gun laws largely responsible for the county's contempt for the state.[\[8\]](#) Hypocritically, Pima County, the state's Liberal stronghold, boasts more privately owned firearms per capita than does Maricopa County – home of Sheriff Joe.[\[9\]](#), [\[10\]](#) Not surprisingly, the Obama Administration and the Democrat political order continues to ignore its own voter base as it aggressively seeks an opportunity to remove the individual right to bear arms from the people.[\[11\]](#),[\[12\]](#)

The Right has an equally sophomoric perspective on the Second Amendment. The Right interprets only the operative clause of the Amendment acknowledging only "individual right to bear arms, shall not be infringed." This over simplification is so rampant; the National Rifle Association (NRA) lauds the operative clause as if it is the only element of the Amendment worthy of attention. In fact, many "gun right supporters" do not even know the Second Amendment beyond that of the operative clause – which in fact may be considered "overly inclusive" due to the formative "Militia" clause that provides "justification" for the individual right.[\[13\]](#) This is not to say the individual right does not exist; it is to purposely demonstrate the extremes partisan division expresses to advance a given agenda. Nevertheless, the Right insists upon the individual right based upon Supreme Court rulings and precedent and not a facial sense of ideological political order as found with Democrats.

Many on the Right find comfort in the SCOTUS' ruling in District of Columbia v. Miller where the SCOTUS definitively ruled that the 2d Amendment protected the individual right to bear arms. While Liberals continue to advance an anti-2d Amendment agenda, they have no SCOTUS precedent in which to vest their opposing position. It is important to note that the Columbia v. Miller was assigned a ruling on the individual right to bear arms; even though the individual right per se, was not being directly challenged constitutionally.

The Left v. Right vitriol and rhetoric is largely based upon the fact that the SCOTUS only definitively ruled in favor of individual gun rights in 2008. Prior to this ruling, Democrats

sought to create an anti-gun social atmosphere by embellishing the truth behind “self defense” and gun use. Washed out by the Left was the Second Amendment itself as the Democrat political machine has deliberately silenced their own supporting Liberals who now clearly back gun rights, not Leftist anti-gun laws. The Obama Administration has only begun to fight against the individual right to bear arms.

In *Columbia v. Miller*, the SCOTUS ruled 5-4 along Party lines. The four Liberal Justices voted in dissent while the five Conservative Justices voted in favor of the individual right. The Obama Administration has made it clear it will challenge the Second Amendment as soon as it can place another Liberal Justice in the Supreme Court. Losing a single Conservative Justice will likely result in the *Columbia V. Miller* ruling being overturned as the Obama Administration places its agenda over that of even its own Democrat voters.

Increasingly, Democrats support Second Amendment rights as the Obama Administration presses gun control through the trivializing, marginalizing and politicking of weapon related incidents for political gain. Perhaps this most evident with the case of Trayvon Martin where Leftist activists and political figures, to include the President of the United States that have attacked Stand Your Ground Laws and Castle Doctrine despite authors of such laws declaring they do not protect, nor are they designed to protect a shooter in such a scenario.^[14] Still, the Left glosses over the lack of legal connection between such incidents and laws that support the individual right to bear arms. Furthermore, the Left completely buries documented reports of how personal gun ownership thwarts both occurring crime and even future crimes when an active assailant is stopped by a gun owner.^[15] There is also little to no mention of the unjust persecutions Stand Your Ground laws and Castle Doctrines now protect the people from. Investigating detectives are free to acknowledge their disdain for such laws and even publically admonish those whom have been forced to retrieve their firearms by home intruders.

Both Democrat and Republican politicians alike have failed to objectively debate or even accurately define the parameters of interpreting the Second Amendment. Most Americans are unfamiliar with structure of the Second Amendment and describe it as “unusual” due to the existence of both a prefatory (justification) clause and an operator clause – American politicians included. The existence of the prefatory and operative clauses are consistent with constitutional writings during the era in which Framing was conducted in America. Our cognitive loss over the years has led to our bipartisan legislative failings. Democrats have fostered an atmosphere of contempt for constitutional freedoms while the Republicans have grossly oversimplified constitutional interpretation to advance a political agenda of their own. In the end, it is the Liberal voters and Democrat non-political elite that have been silenced by their own sense of political order and affiliation.

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