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The 2nd Amendment has its purpose...

As I believe this topic is so important... I'm devoting this entire issue to it. I hope you will read the entire article.

So, why do "bump stocks," "stabilizing braces," and "80% lowers" matter? Maybe you could care less about (and don't own) any of these items. Bump stocks, once legal, are now verboten, and we can thank former President Trump for that. Now, Der Fuehrer Biden's administration is coming after stabilizing braces and so-called 80% lowers through ATF regulation changes. This is in addition to the plethora of anti-gun bills being bandied about in Congress. The 2nd Amendment is under attack on many fronts, and even the CDC is going to do "research" into "gun violence" as a "public health" issue. Given their one-sided, push the vax stance with COVID-19, I'm pretty sure they will push for more restrictions and outright bans on guns regardless what the research says. They will discount the lives saved and incidents avoided through the defensive use of firearms just as they refuse to recognize "natural immunity" is as effective as or more effective than the jab.

Back to the issue at hand; the banning/increased regulation of firearm accessories and chunks of metal and plastic that can be further processed by an individual into a firearm for his/her own use is part of a strategy that has been employed by anti-gunners for decades. Call it what you like – "the slippery slope," "eating the elephant one bite at a time," "divide and conquer," etc. The result is the same... a gradual loss of our right to keep and bear arms. In 1996, Australia instituted a mandatory gun-buyback program, which was actually a gun-confiscation program; how do you "buyback" something you never



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owned? That in combination with other restrictions has cut the legs out from under the Australian population's ability to defend themselves from a tyrannical government. To add insult to injury, self-defense laws in Australia are a joke. Basically, if you come out of an encounter better off than your assailant, you can expect to be charged with a crime. You may only use enough force to repel the attack, the force used must not be intended, and not be likely, to cause death or grievous bodily harm.

What has this gotten the Australian subjects (see also The Atlantic article)? They have their military and police patrolling the streets, enforcing truly draconian lock down measures. Some are fighting back via protests, but that is their only recourse. Australian states (West Australia, South Australia) are rolling out apps that use facial recognition and geo-location to monitor those who have been ordered to quarantine at home. In South Australia, you have 15 minutes to respond to a random text from the government from where you are supposed to be. How long until these Orwellian apps are required for all Aussies? Can you imagine all the nefarious purposes for which such apps could be used?

Our Declaration of Independence states (emphasis mine), "But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security." The founders understood that governments can become tyrannical and despotic, and they may need to be dealt with accordingly. If we lose our right to keep and bear arms, we will go the way of Australia. This is why it is so important to prevent the endless chipping away at the 2nd Amendment and our natural rights in general.

Finally, if you have not done so already, you can help by submitting comments on ATF's Factoring Criteria for Firearms with Attached "Stabilizing Braces" proposed rule. Comments are due by 9/8/21. Everything you need to know to make comments is available on our [resource page](#).

You can also help defeat anti-gun legislation by using these gun group action pages. You don't need to be a member, and you will get bombarded with emails to join and donate, but in my opinion, it's well worth it to be able to let your legislators know where you stand.

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