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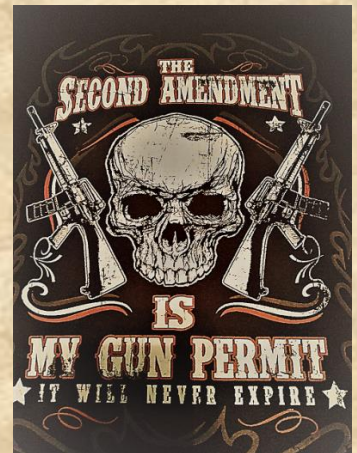
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Florida Constitutional Carry Update...

Last month I lamented the fact that Florida's Republican dominated legislature was making no effort to pass [HB 103: Carrying of Firearms Without Licenses](#) or to create a companion bill in the Senate and get legislation to the Governor's desk for his promised signature. There has been some movement on the issue, but it remains to be seen whether a bill is presented to the Governor. The Governor failed to specifically call on the legislature to pass specific bills to protect the right to keep and bear arms (i.e. enact Constitutional Carry, eliminate the "red flag" law, etc.). Instead he made a lukewarm statement saying, "I also recommend that the Legislature strengthen protections for Floridians' 2nd Amendment rights. These important rights should not depend on the whims of politicians who reject the existence of those rights."



Various gun groups such as GOA, FPC, and Florida Gun Rights (a subsidiary of NAGR) have been busy sending out updates and calls to action as has [Im4Rights](#). The Hillsborough County Republican Executive Committee along with Republican Clubs like the New Tampa Republican club have also urged their memberships to get in their legislators' ears and to contact legislative committee members in an effort to pass this initiative. It is an uphill battle despite Republican majorities as the House and Senate leadership has been actively putting the brakes on consideration of HB 103 or creation of a companion bill in the Senate. Recently it is being reported that the leadership is beginning to come around and would now support these efforts. Time is running out as we are about halfway through the legislative session. It is critical the Senate create and pass a companion committee bill now to put pressure on the House.

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Tyrants running scared...

In recent weeks, we have seen two different approaches used by Covid Tyrants. In many places tyrants are doubling down on draconian and ineffective measures to keep their subjects "safe," and in a few places, we are seeing tyrants who, for one reason or another, are teetering on the edge of irrelevancy (that is being tossed out of power), are lifting most, if not all Covid restrictions. British Prime Minister, Boris Johnson is in danger of being tossed out over his frequent "for thee, but not for me" disregard of the restrictions his government imposed.

In Denmark, Prime Minister, Mette Frederiksen, is lifting all restrictions on February 1st. According to Sky News, "Testing and isolating upon entry into Denmark will be the only rule left in place and will remain for the next four weeks." The Frederiksen government is in fear of collapse due to continual protests led by "Men in Black," a well-organized group of working-class Danes. Here in the U.S., Der Fuehrer Biden's Administration is softening its approach to Covid restrictions under withering defeats of its mandates in the courts and abysmal approval ratings in the polls. I have predicted that we will see lifting of most, if not all, restrictions just ahead of the midterm elections.

We can only hope the examples of the UK and Denmark will spread quickly and help extinguish the doubling down of tyranny in places like Australia. Austria may be seeing the light as it is slowly allowing the unvaccinated to participate in society. Finally, it will be interesting to see what effects the Canadian Trucker Convoy, and the others springing up around the world, will have on Covid tyranny. We must be prepared to suffer shortages of all types of goods in support of truckers occupying capitals rather than delivering goods.

My Approach to Gun Group Membership...

Among gun owners, joining a gun rights organization is a natural desire for some as they see it as a logical way to add their voice to those of many others who feel the right to keep and bear arms in the defense of themselves, their families, and their country is a worthy cause. Some gun owners simply do not share that desire, and some gun owners have let their gun rights memberships go due to endless requests for money, and in some cases, blatant misappropriation of the funds collected. Can you say NRA? I fell into the last category, and now the NRA is dead to me until Wayne LaPierre is fired or resigns. Currently, I belong to several other gun rights organizations, but they are all constantly hitting me up for money. My approach is to pay my annual membership fees, and set up monthly donations based on what I want to give them each year, and then I just ignore all the other requests for money. However, if there is particular cause or effort I'd like to support, I can choose to make an additional donation.