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## Letters to the Editor

### Long-lived Left-wing Professionals

Being almost 90 years old and a John Birch Society member for almost 50 years, I've never read a scarier article than Alex Newman's report on the federal government's Senior Executive Service (SES), senior government workers who not only execute policy but often, essentially, make policy ("They Decide What Government Does," June 4, 2018 issue).

If the SES is not the framework of the dark black Deep State, what is it? I'd never heard of the SES before your report. With a count of 7,000 to 9,000 appointees, unelected, without term limits (and at a staggering cost of "around \$200,000 plus bonuses" per year, each) how can the voting public hope to control our Republic and its future?

We, the American people, need to eliminate this, and the unaccountable waste, now.

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### Not Buying Bork

I appreciate Cort Kirkwood's article on Judge Brett Kavanaugh in the October 8 issue ("Criticisms of Kavanaugh"). However, his statement that Robert Bork "could have been one of the greatest justices to sit on the court" is questionable, to say the least.

In 1989, Bork was quoted as saying in regard to the Second Amendment, "Its intent was to guarantee the right of states to form militias, not individuals to bear arms." He reportedly prefaced that comment by saying, "I'm no expert on the Second Amendment."

The intent of the Founding Fathers in regard to the Second Amendment is clear and easy to understand: George Washington said in 1790, "A free people ought to be armed." In the *Federalist Papers*, No. 46, James Madison said, "Americans have the right and advantage of being armed — unlike the citizens of other countries whose governments are afraid to trust the people with arms." Patrick Henry said: "The great object is that every man be armed. Everyone who is able might have a gun." Finally, Samuel Adams said: "The Constitution shall never be construed to prevent the people of the United States who are peaceable citizens from keeping their own guns."

What these men are saying is not hard to understand. When I graduated high school in 1962 (at that time the Constitution was taught in schools), I understood that the Second Amendment guaranteed an individual right to keep and bear arms.

If Bork had been seated on the Supreme Court, instead of Judge Clarence Thomas, who subsequently took that seat, the outcome of *Heller v. The District of Columbia* and *McDonald v. Chicago* would have been four votes for the Constitution and five votes against, in both cases.

I submit that the Second Amendment is second to none. In fact, it is the palladium, the safeguard of our Constitution and our God-given rights. The Second Amendment keeps potential tyrants at bay. Furthermore, if you are not an "expert" on the Second Amendment, you are not qualified to serve on any court in our Republic.



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## Attacks Aimed at Kavanaugh

The specious arguments from the Left regarding Judge Kavanaugh, of course, had nothing, and everything, to do with his qualifications. In reality it was not just a war against President Trump and his conspicuous success in turning this country around. The other factor is a fear of the U.S. Constitution. Upholding the U.S. Constitution, its meaning, and original intent is what the Left fears the most.

The battle the Left is waging to turn this country into a socialist nation cannot be won if the judicial, executive, and legislative branches of government uphold the U.S. Constitution. The Left is not waging a battle against just President Trump, Judge Kavanaugh, and the conservatives, they are waging a battle against the very foundations of our country and its government. The battle is against our founding documents and all that they have done to shape our nation.

Upholding those documents and their original meaning will maintain our Democratic Republic and all it has meant to us and the world.

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