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## NRA Warns That Obama Would Assault Gun Rights in 2nd Term

And so, the respected gun-rights activist said, Obama must be defeated — and America's more than 100 million firearm owners will ensure that he is. "All of what we know is good and right about America, all of it could be lost if Barack Obama is reelected," he explained, calling the right to own a gun the greatest and most important freedom.



The danger is real even if it is not yet obvious, warned LaPierre. "We see the president's strategy crystal clear: Get reelected and, with no more elections to worry about, get busy dismantling and destroying our firearms' freedom, erase the Second Amendment from the Bill of Rights, and excise it from the U.S. Constitution," he told activists at the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) in Washington. Attendees cheered.

"All that first term, lip service to gun owners is just part of a massive Obama conspiracy to deceive voters and hide his true intentions to destroy the Second Amendment during his second term," LaPierre added, saying the 2012 election would be the most important in his life.

The NRA chief also blasted Obama for acting "like some South American dictator" in sending thousands of weapons to Mexican drug cartels under operation "Fast and Furious." He also reiterated an [allegation made last year](#) — later [proven correct by Justice Department documents](#) — that the administration was using the deadly weapons-trafficking program to push for more gun control in America.

"If you believe in freedom, and if you're as sick and tired of all the lies and schemes and Obama failures as I am, join us and stand up in this great fight," LaPierre told the enthusiastic crowd. "If you don't remember anything else I say today, write this down: this is the most dangerous election in our lifetimes."

According to LaPierre, who helps lead America's largest firearm lobby with some four million members, the establishment media will not win its battle to reelect Obama. In fact, LaPierre said, gun owners would play a key role in crushing Obama's reelection campaign and saving the Second Amendment from his administration's schemes.

"If Obama wins, we'll go to our graves mourning the freedoms we've lost. This election is all in, all of our freedom, all of our rights, and that means all of you. All in. No one sits this one out," LaPierre said in what the *Washington Times* [reported](#) was one of the best-received speeches of the political



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conference. "When the sun goes down on election day, Obama will have America's gun owners to thank for his defeat."

While the administration has been relatively restrained in terms of openly pushing for more unconstitutional restrictions on gun rights, LaPierre said it was deliberate deception to lull gun owners to sleep. In fact, the NRA chief said, Obama has a long record of seeking to undermine the Second Amendment.

Near the top of the list was his appointment of "two of the most rabidly anti-gun justices" — Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan — to the Supreme Court. If another justice with similar hostility toward unalienable gun rights were to be appointed, it would mean "the end of our freedom forever," LaPierre said.

Of course, beyond the recent Supreme Court appointments, Obama does have an extensive record of anti-gun rights extremism, LaPierre noted. He cited, among other positions, the President's support for a ban on all handguns and semi-automatic weapons, and his support for efforts to outlaw guns in homes for self-defense purposes.

"He did all of those things when he thought gun owners in this country didn't matter," LaPierre said. But on election day, Obama will feel the wrath of America's increasingly well-armed and well-informed electorate as the ballots are counted.

Another senior NRA official, Chris Cox, pointed out last week that Attorney General Eric Holder recently admitted before Congress that the administration was still hoping to re-institute the unconstitutional "assault-weapons" ban. Holder, who [oversaw the "Fast and Furious" gun-running operation](#), claimed restricting the rights of Americans would somehow help the U.S. government's relationship with Mexico.

"Eric Holder's Justice Department oversaw this illegal operation, but all Holder is willing to do is call for gun bans on law-abiding Americans, withhold critical information from Congress, and pat himself on the back for a job well done," Cox said in a [statement](#), calling for the disgraced Attorney General to step down before he does any more damage to the DOJ's reputation.

"Eric Holder has long since proved himself inept and incapable of holding the trust that Americans place in our nation's chief law enforcement officer," Cox noted. "The longer Holder refuses to step down as attorney general, the more lasting his damage to this sacred institution will be."

The NRA and LaPierre, of course, are hardly the only ones sounding the alarm about Obama's anti-gun extremism and how it could get far worse if he were reelected to a second term. Early last year, for example, former Ambassador to the UN John Bolton [offered similar warnings](#).

And even during his first term, as *The New American* has [documented](#) extensively, Obama has been openly hostile to gun rights. He has pushed for [international treaties that purport to limit the Second Amendment](#), issued so-called "executive orders" supposedly [establishing unconstitutional restrictions](#) on gun rights, and much [more](#).

If Obama were to be reelected to a second term, the intense pressure on the unalienable rights of Americans would undoubtedly increase. And with a Congress that largely refuses to stand up for the Constitution, there would seem to be little to stop an all-out assault on freedom by the executive branch.

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