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Vast Majority of Gun Owners Would Defy Ban, Poll Shows

If the government were to pass an unconstitutional law purporting to ban firearms, two thirds of Americans with guns in their household say they would defy the lawless legislation and refuse to comply, according to a [recent poll conducted by Fox News](#). Even the majority of Democrat and liberal gun owners would refuse to surrender their weapons, the survey revealed. Most Americans also believe that more guns in the hands of law-abiding citizens — not gun bans — would help reduce crime.



The Fox poll interviewed more than 1,000 registered voters in mid-January on a wide range of issues, most of which were related to firearms and the Second Amendment. According to the results, more than half of all respondents said there was at least one gun in their household — and the numbers have been steadily rising over previous years. Another five percent did not know whether there were guns in their home, or they were not willing to answer the question.

Among the 52 percent of respondents who admitted to having a gun in their household, the overwhelming majority said they would defy any “law” purporting to require the surrender of firearms. An astonishing two thirds said outright that they would defy the unconstitutional pretended act of legislation. Some 13 percent were not sure, and just 22 percent said they would give up their guns or submit.

Breaking down the numbers by political affiliation also provided some interesting insight into the attitudes of Americans. In all, 70 percent of Republicans and 68 percent of self-identified conservatives would refuse to hand over their weapons. More surprisingly, perhaps, were the figures for those on the left: According to the survey, more than half of Democrats and almost 60 percent of self-styled liberals would defy any potential gun ban.

Other interesting results from the survey include the American people’s thoughts on whether tougher infringements on the Second Amendment would help prevent tragedies such as the Newtown school shooting. Less than one fourth of respondents thought more gun control could help stop such violence, while more than 70 percent said people intent on mass murder would always be able to find guns. About five percent thought new laws might help, but that mass murderers would still find ways to wreak havoc.

Breaking down the results by political affiliation provided further evidence that extremist politicians in Washington and some state capitals are way out of touch with mainstream America — not to mention the Constitution they took an oath to uphold. Consider, for example, that just over a third of Democrats thought tougher infringements on the right to keep and bear arms could help stop tragedies such as the massacre at Newtown. Almost 60 percent said they thought mass murderers would always be able to find guns. Less surprising, perhaps, only seven percent of Republicans thought more gun restrictions could help prevent such tragedies.



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In a somewhat deceptive question, pollsters asked whether it was more important to protect the constitutionally guaranteed right to keep and bear arms, or to protect citizens from gun violence, as if the two were mutually exclusive. Still, a clear majority of Americans thought protecting the Second Amendment was more important.

In reality, however, [studies have repeatedly shown](#) that more guns in private hands correlates with lower levels of crime and violence. For evidence, see Chicago and Washington, D.C., which have among the most draconian restrictions on gun rights and among the highest rates of gun violence and murder. States with widespread gun ownership and few restrictions — places such as Wyoming, Alaska, Vermont, and other areas — enjoy some of the lowest crime rates in the nation.

Internationally, those trends are similar. In Switzerland, for example, where gun ownership is mandatory for virtually all able-bodied males of military age, crime rates and murders are among the lowest in the world. Places such as Mexico, meanwhile — which enforces a virtual total ban on all civilian gun ownership — have some of the highest murder rates on the planet. Over 60,000 have been murdered there just in the last six years.

Americans seem to realize that. Another question in the Fox survey asked whether there would be less violent crime if guns were banned, or if more law-abiding citizens had guns. About one fourth responded that a gun ban would be more effective, while close to 60 percent said more firearms in the hands of citizens would reduce violent crime more effectively. Some 15 percent said they did not know.

Leaving the issue of crime aside, [another recent poll](#), this one conducted by Rasmussen, showed that despite all of the media propaganda, fully two thirds of Americans understand that the Second Amendment was designed to protect the people from government tyranny. Even 54 percent of Democrats understood that. Just 17 percent of those polled disagreed — apparently oblivious to U.S. history, the writings of the Founding Fathers, and the Constitution itself.

Another [recent poll by Gallup](#), conducted in the weeks following the Newtown tragedy, showed that a majority of Americans opposed any ban on so-called “assault weapons” — a meaningless term used by anti-Second Amendment extremists to demonize popular semi-automatic firearms. Less than 45 percent supported such a ban. Even those figures do not tell the full story, however, as most ban supporters would be unlikely to vote for or against a candidate based solely on their position on guns bans, while gun owners tend to be laser-focused on ousting politicians who would seek to trample on their rights.

Still, despite the clear sentiments of the American people, the Obama administration and certain extremist Democrats in Congress [appear determined to assault the Second Amendment](#) and [eventually gut it completely](#). Many of them realize it may cost them their jobs, however, and so, when push comes to shove, even Democrats acknowledge that the “assault weapons ban” will be a tough sell for lawmakers.

Meanwhile, just in case, state lawmakers nationwide are currently [preparing to protect the unalienable rights of their constituents](#). Numerous legislatures, for example, are considering legislation that would nullify any further infringements emanating from Washington on the right to keep and bear arms. More than a few of those bills would [put federal officials in prison](#) if they attempted to enforce unconstitutional gun statutes within state territory.

Across America, sheriffs and local law enforcement officials are also [coming out in droves to support the Second Amendment](#). In addition to refusing to enforce any new unconstitutional gun control, more than a few chief law enforcement officers have even [vowed to actively prevent the enforcement](#) of any



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more infringements on the rights of citizens in their counties.

Obama and some Democrats are [pushing hard for an all-out assault on gun rights](#). The resistance, however, is growing, and some analysts have even said that the movement for gun control might have crossed “a bridge too far” — predicting that after this battle, [now that the gun-grabbers have shown their true intentions](#), the movement for gun control will be crushed and become totally irrelevant once and for all.

“The enemy’s openly-expressed gratification over the deaths of innocent teachers and children at Sandy Hook has transformed itself into hubris, and hubris has led the enemy across several bridges too far,” [noted](#) author William Levinson in a hard-hitting piece for the *American Thinker*. “It is therefore time to counterattack decisively in what Carl von Clausewitz called the Hauptschlacht: the decisive battle of annihilation that ends forever the enemy’s ability to wage further aggression. We will make 2013 the year in which gun control becomes about as popular as slavery, segregation, Jim Crow, and similar practices that have been relegated to the ash heap of history.”

Analysts say gun control-supporting politicians who would infringe on Americans’ God-given right to keep and bear arms will soon be looking for another job. And while Obama may think he can use “executive orders” to implement his radical and unconstitutional agenda, Americans and officials at all levels of government [have already made it clear that such lawlessness will not fly](#).

Even New Yorkers are stepping up to the plate, [orchestrating what has been dubbed the largest act of civil disobedience in state history](#) to defy an unconstitutional “law” purporting to require the registration of semi-automatic firearms. If the people of New York are willing to resist the lawless assault on their rights, just imagine the lengths to which Texans and others from liberty-minded states would be willing to go.

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