



Communist China Blasts Second Amendment, U.S. Human-rights Record

The communist dictatorship ruling mainland China, responsible for the blood of more innocent victims and for more abuses than any other single regime in world history, released a scathing so-called "human rights" report suggesting that America's Second Amendment protection of the right to keep and bear arms represented a violation of human rights. Apparently a response to the yearly U.S. State Department reports on abuses worldwide, the Chinese regime's document also criticized more broadly what it called the "woeful" human-rights record of the U.S. government.



Critics lambasted the Chinese report — especially its criticism of Americans' constitutional guarantee of unalienable gun rights — while highlighting the communist regime's atrocious history of mass murder. Just under the barbaric rule of Chairman Mao Tse-Tung, for example, an <u>estimated</u> 40 million or more innocent people were murdered, tortured, and starved to death. The regime still "disappears" critics, <u>prohibits the free exercise of religion</u>, tortures dissidents and their families, forces women to have abortions to enforce its barbaric "one-child policy," censors the Internet, harvests body organs from opponents, and much more.

But in an official report entitled "<u>Human Rights Record of the United States in 2011</u>," released a day after the U.S. State Department published <u>its findings on mainland China</u> late last month, the communist government blasted the situation in America. "The United States' tarnished human rights record has left it in no state — whether on a moral, political or legal basis — to act as the world's 'human rights justice,'" the regime said in its report, after citing multiple issues it claimed to perceive as human-rights violations.

"We hereby advise the U.S. government once again to look squarely at its own grave human rights problems, to stop the unpopular practices of taking human rights as a political instrument for interference in other countries' internal affairs, smearing other nations' images and seeking its own strategic interests, and to cease using double standards on human rights and pursuing hegemony under the pretext of human rights," concluded the Chinese government report, produced by the "State Council Information Office."

The first alleged "human rights" violations in the United States cited by the communist regime: high crime statistics and reports of teenage bullying. Next on the list — apparently seeking to create the perception of a link with crime — was the Second Amendment. "The United States prioritizes the right to keep and bear arms over the protection of citizens' lives and personal security and exercises lax firearm possession control, causing rampant gun ownership," the report claimed, citing more statistics.

The document did not mention, however, that experts and citizens alike widely believe — based on



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massive amounts of data — that gun rights actually contribute to the protection of life and personal security. The Chinese regime also used blatant deception to advance its narrative, claiming that "complaints of the U.S. people" and "multiple protests" demanding that "the government strictly control the private possession of arms" are being ignored by Washington. In reality, <u>polls show that the overwhelming majority of Americans support even stronger protection</u> of gun rights.

The report also failed to point out that murder rates in the U.S. are well below the global average even with — possibly because of — America being by far the most heavily armed nation in the world. Mexico, which bans private gun ownership, has more than three times as many murders. Switzerland, where gun ownership is basically mandatory for military-age men, has among the lowest rates in the world — far less than China. And within the United States, the areas with the worst levels of gun crime — Chicago and D.C., for example — tend to have the strictest gun-control measures.

Critics slammed the regime's report for its fraudulent misuse of data and its anti-liberty assumptions on firearm ownership. "The conclusion that gun bans will result in enhanced protection of lives and personal security flies in the face of both the American and Chinese experience," noted popular gunrights activist and commentator David Codrea, citing the "blood-drenched historic record" of "Chicomstyle citizen disarmament" while questioning the motives of Americans who would advance such policies.

"And, as typical with advocates of a centralized monopoly of violence, Chinese-style genocide, which resulted in government-caused deaths of unknown tens of millions of defenseless human beings in the 20th Century, and the current brutal occupation and tyrannical suppression of Tibetan sovereignty, is left unacknowledged," Codrea added. "Left unsaid is the inconvenient truth that rendering captive populations unable to resist makes such monstrous crimes against humanity not only possible, but inevitable."

The Chinese regime's supposed human-rights report also cited a wide array other issues. "In the United States, the violation of citizens' civil and political rights is severe," the document claimed, citing the *Washington Post*. "It is lying to itself when the United States calls itself the land of the free." It pointed to arrests of Occupy Wall Street protesters, as well as "social and economic inequality" — which ironically is said to be more severe in Communist China — as evidence.

The fact that raising taxes even further on the "rich" has not yet been approved was mentioned, too. High unemployment and allegedly rising poverty were also deemed to be violations. And while it criticized the massive welfare system for not doing enough, bizarrely, it cited the number of Americans on food stamps — 46 million — to make its case. "And racial discrimination has become an indelible characteristic and symbol of American values," the regime claimed, pointing to alleged racism against blacks and illegal immigrants.

Also on the list of human-rights grievances: the firing or forcing out of journalists such as Helen Thomas by their private-sector employers. "The U.S. imposes fairly strict restriction on the Internet," the report continued, without any obvious hint of irony. As proof, it cited the Patriot Act and Homeland Security Act for purporting to authorize federal surveillance and interference in the online world. Also mentioned were reports of a U.S. military program to create bogus online personalities for spreading government propaganda.

The FBI's unpopular and unconstitutional use of warrantless so-called "national security letters" was cited, too. "Abuse of power, brutal enforcement of law and overuse of force by U.S. police have resulted



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in harassment and hurt to a large number of innocent citizens and have caused loss of freedom of some people or even deaths," the report also said, pointing out that the United States has the highest percapita incarceration rate in the world.

The Communist China-style National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), which <u>purports to authorize</u> the indefinite U.S. military detainment of Americans without charges, also made the cut. <u>Victims of the U.S. government's unconstitutional wars</u> around the world and the <u>mass-murder via drones program</u> were both cited as human-rights violations, too — quite properly, according to analysts from across the political spectrum.

"The facts contained in the report are a small yet illustrative fraction of the United States' dismal record on its own human rights situation," the Chinese regime's report stated. For its part, the U.S. State Department's <u>annual report on human rights said the situation in China</u> was "extremely poor" and has even "deteriorated, particularly the freedoms of expression, assembly, and association." It also pointed out that the communist regime's forces reportedly commit "arbitrary or unlawful killings."

Indeed, the communist tyrants in Beijing are widely recognized by honest analysts as among the worst human-rights abusers in the world. But to be fair, while domestic American abuses cited in China's report pale in comparison with the wanton crimes and terror inflicted by the communist dictatorship on its own subjects, the U.S. government — by its own actions and behavior in violation of the Constitution — has largely lost its ability to credibly criticize other regimes.

Meanwhile, even as <u>U.S. taxpayer aid continues to flow</u> to China, the Chinese government is stepping up its financial takeover of America, <u>buying up U.S. banks</u>, <u>movie theater chains</u>, gargantuan amounts of Treasury bonds, and even land. Experts <u>predict</u> that China's economy will overtake America's in terms of GDP within the next few years. And top establishment figures such as billionaire <u>financier</u> <u>George Soros</u> and former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger — damaging human-rights reports notwithstanding — have called for a "New World Order" with the Chinese regime at the helm.

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