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State Department Demands “Ghost Gun” Company Stop Publishing 3D Files. Too Late.

Two days after Cody Wilson’s Defense Distributed (DD) 3D software-publishing company was allowed to resume publishing its files, free to the public, Biden’s anti-gun State Department demanded it stop.

On Tuesday, the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals [allowed DD to resume feeding computer software files](#) relating to the 3D printing of various firearms already in public use to its website defcad.com, and by Thursday it had published more than 16,000 of them. By the time Wilson learned that the State Department was coming after him, those files had already been downloaded more than 40,000 times.



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In a public declaration issued on Friday, Wilson stated:

On April 28, 2021, and April 29, 2021, Defense Distributed published a large set of important computer files with digital firearms information regarding 3D-printed firearms to defcad.com for free download by the public....

Independent re-publishers with no relationship whatsoever to Defense Distributed will freely republish [those files] on the internet for anyone to download forever.

Wilson also had his attorneys [file a motion for a temporary restraining order \(TRO\)](#) against the State Department. In the interim, Wilson stopped loading more files onto the website.

The motion claimed that “first and foremost, Defense Distributed’s publication of [those files] was and is protected from the federal censorship by the First Amendment. Core First Amendment speech is at issue, and [DD] is undoubtedly being sanctioned because its subject is firearms.”

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Wilson, and American gun owners, are the winners. Even if Biden’s thugs in the State Department aren’t restrained, it’s too late for them. Wrote Wilson:

The cat is out of the bag. After just two days online, total downloads of the April 2021 Files exceeded ~40,000 and users downloaded every single one of the ~16,000 April 2021 Files at least once.

Regardless of whether or not defcad.com continues to publish the April 2021 Files, the independent re-publishers that have already obtained the files will freely re-publish them on new site after new site forever.



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This is more evidence, if more be needed, to illustrate the futility of federal attempts to “ban ghost guns,” as Biden promised the other night. [The New American noted](#) that laws against so-called “ghost guns” (would not a better phrase be “freedom guns”?) are futile. Millions of gun owners and Second Amendment supporters have already downloaded the offending files, and many are being used to exercise, without government permission or knowledge, those Second Amendment rights. As was noted:

Any executive order or issuance from the ATF (Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives) is unenforceable from the start. Unless the government decides to spend the time, money, and effort to invade every household [estimated to exceed 120 million] in America to search for forbidden weaponry, firearm owners are safe.

They are safe for another reason: Efforts in California to ban them have failed abysmally. Carlos Canino, the special agent in charge of the ATF’s Los Angeles office, reported to ABC News last year that “almost half our cases ... [involve] these ‘ghost guns.’” This was two years AFTER California banned them!

Rest easy. The First and the Second Amendments to the U.S. Constitution are alive and well, and successfully thwarting efforts by the Biden administration to ignore them in its efforts to disarm the public.

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