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Texas Lieutenant Governor Challenges “Beto” To Take His AR-15

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The day after former Vice President Joe Biden said that Robert Francis “Beto” O’Rourke will “be the one who leads” his gun control campaign, Texas Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick responded by challenging O’Rourke, a former U.S. representative who lost his race for a U.S. Senate seat against incumbent Ted Cruz (R-Texas) in 2018, to come to his house and take his AR-15.

On March 4, Patrick told Fox News journalist Shannon Bream, “Joe Biden says a lot of dopey things, you have a whole list of them and play them a lot. The dumbest thing he has said is he’s going to put Beto O’Rourke in charge of getting our guns. I’m telling you, that just added two or three points to President Trump’s victory in November if it’s the ‘Biden and Beto Show.’”

Patrick extended an invitation to O’Rourke to begin his confiscation efforts at his house, saying: “[Beto] said he was coming to take our AR-15s. I have one, I want to invite him to my house first and see how that goes.”

Patrick also stated, “When Biden surrounds himself with people like Beto O’Rourke, he’s taken on a real goofball, a guy who’s a real lightweight and he proved it in this race.”

The New American [reported last September](#) that during a September 12 Democratic presidential debate, O’Rourke made an outrageous admission: “Hell yes, we’re going to take your AR-15, your AK-47.”

As we observed at the time,

For years, gun-control advocates have assured Americans that it is not their intention to confiscate the weapons held lawfully by United States citizens. But now, the mask is coming off, as O’Rourke and the rest of his Democratic presidential hopefuls apparently believe gun confiscation has now become popular. Former Vice President Joe Biden said, “Over 90 percent of the American people think we have to get assault weapons off the street — period. And we have to get buy-backs and get them out of their basements.” Times have changed, Biden argued, and now public opinion favors gun control.

The “Biden and Beto Show,” as Patrick calls it, proves to be a perfect match on the issue of gun control. In an [article in February](#), we quoted a startling statement Biden made on the campus of The College of



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Charleston in South Carolina on February 24: "I've got news for you gun manufacturers. I'm coming for you and I'm going to take you down."

Breitbart reported that Biden made his statement targeting gun manufacturers after mentioning the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act passed in 2005. That law is designed to shield gun manufacturers from lawsuits in cases where the guns used in crimes were legally manufactured and legally sold.

Biden has constantly criticized that law while campaigning, saying in New Hampshire that it was a "mistake" to give "gun manufacturers ... a loophole that does not allow them to be sued for the carnage they are creating."

"The first thing I'm going to do as president is work to get rid of that, and it's going to be hard," he added.

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