

Gun Owners of America

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1. Gun control advocates label semi-automatic firearms with certain cosmetic features as so-called "assault weapons." However, all semi-automatic firearms are functionally the same (one round fired per one pull of the trigger.)

Would you oppose any legislation that reinstates the 1994 law, which sunset in 2004, that banned many types of semi-automatic firearms (commonly referred to as "assault weapons")?

Yes _____ No X

2. The Supreme Court ruled in *Heller* (2008) that: "The Second Amendment guarantees an individual's right to possess a firearm unconnected with service in a militia," and that the District of Columbia's ban on operable firearms in the home violated that right. Nevertheless, D.C. officials have subsequently passed a law that is nearly as restrictive as the old one, and it now includes a "microstamping" provision that could impact gun owners nationwide.

Do you support legislation to repeal the District of Columbia's gun laws?

Yes _____ No X

If no, please explain: The fewer guns there are in D.C., the safer it will be.

3. Legislation in Congress seeks to ban private firearm sales at gun shows unless the buyer submits to a federal background check. Most recently, the Senate unsuccessfully tried to pass the Toomey-Manchin gun control bill which would have enforced this specific form of gun control.

Would you oppose legislation (such as Toomey-Manchin) that would require private buyers and sellers of firearms at a gun show to get the federal government's approval before completing the transaction?

Yes _____ No X

4. The federal gun free school zones act of 1996 makes it illegal (with limited exceptions) to possess a firearm within 1,000 feet of the property of any "public, private or parochial school." Gun owners who are otherwise carrying a firearm legally can be subject to a five year prison sentence simply for driving past a school.

Do you support legislation to repeal the 1996 gun free school zones act?

Yes _____ No

5. Though there is no technical definition of a "high capacity" magazine (firearm ammunition feeding device), gun control proponents designate some magazines as "high capacity" based on an arbitrarily chosen number of rounds a magazine can hold.

Would you oppose legislation banning the manufacture, sale or possession of large-capacity magazines?

Yes _____ No If NO, what size magazine would you support banning? *Need to learn more about the issue.*

6. Gun control advocates are seeking to prohibit 18-20 year-olds from possessing firearms, which would treat young adults as if they have no Second Amendment rights even though they are old enough to serve in the armed forces and to vote.

Would you oppose legislation that would take away the right of 18-20 year-olds to possess firearms?

Yes _____ No

7. In April of 2013, the United Nations (U.N.) approved the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) which seeks to regulate the trade and marketing of small arms. Since the United States is a member of the U.N., the Obama administration has already signed onto the ATT and the President now wants the U.S. Senate to ratify the treaty. Ratifying the ATT would force the United States to submit to the U.N. and any regulations regarding small arms.

Do you oppose the ATT which was approved by the U.N.?

Yes _____ No

8. The Justice Department reported in 1989 that, "Any system that requires a criminal history record check prior to the purchase of a firearm creates the potential for the automated tracking of individuals who seek to purchase a firearm." This means that any background check - whether an "instant check" or otherwise - can result in a registration list of gun owners.

Would you support a repeal of the 1993 Brady instant check?

Yes _____ No

9. Gun control advocates have proposed legislation requiring the ballistic marking ("Micro-stamping") of all fired cartridge casings.

Would you oppose any legislation requiring that cartridge casings be "micro-stamped" with a unique identification code?

Yes ___ No X

10. In 1996, Congress enacted a gun ban known as the Lautenberg Misdemeanor Gun Ban. Because this ban covers misdemeanors, it disarms otherwise law-abiding citizens for life – for offenses as slight as spanking a child or grabbing a spouse's wrist.

Do you support a repeal of the Lautenberg Misdemeanor Gun Ban?

Yes ___ No X

11. Legislation in Congress would allow a person who can legally carry a concealed firearm in his or her home state to also have the right to carry in other states. The specific legislation GOA supports does not establish national standards and is "constitutional carry" friendly in that it recognizes the right to carry concealed firearms without forcing states to adopt a permitting system.

Would you support recognition legislation for persons allowed to carry concealed firearms?

Yes ___ No ___

I find the wording of this question to be very confusing.

12. Gun control advocates are seeking to require gun owners to keep firearms inoperable with a trigger lock or other locking device when not in use.

Would you oppose any legislation mandating that trigger locks be applied to all firearms when not in use?

Yes ___ No X

13. The 1968 Gun Control Act requires that imported firearms be "suitable for sporting purposes." Currently there is legislation in the House of Representatives to repeal the "sporting purposes" distinction.

Would you support legislation repealing the "sporting purposes" test of the 1968 Act?

Yes ___ No X

14. In 2007, the Congress passed the "Veterans Disarmament Act" without a recorded vote in either chamber. This legislation disarms hundreds of thousands of military veterans who are suffering from ailments that frequently follow combat stress. The gun ban, therefore, denies veterans their Second Amendment rights not on the basis of the conviction of a crime, but rather on the basis of a doctor's opinion.

Would you support legislation repealing this gun ban?

Yes ___ No X

15. Anti-gun advocates have pushed legislation to impose a long prison sentence if you sell a gun to a veteran, but negligently fail to realize he has problems with PTSD and has been placed in the NICS system as a result. They label these proposals as a crackdown on "gun trafficking" but all this legislation is designed to do is trap innocent gun owners. This legislation does nothing to prevent illegal gun trafficking such as the Fast and Furious gun running program sanctioned by the Justice Department.

Would you oppose this Veterans Gun Ban?

Yes _____ No X

16. The Justice Department's "Fast and Furious" program resulted in thousands of firearms getting into the hands of dangerous Mexican drug cartels. Several whistle blowers, including current and former employees within the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, believe that one purpose of the program was to justify the push for more gun control in the United States.

Would you call for a the appointment of an independent counsel to investigate possible wrongdoing by the BATFE, FBI, and the Offices of Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General in connection with this program?

Yes _____ No X

17. In 1986, the federal government passed an immigration amnesty bill. In a few years, this law turned California from a "swing state" to an anti-gun state which leads the country in banning and registering firearms and ammunition. Now, anti-gun Members of Congress are supporting an amnesty bill which could add up to more than 8 million potential anti-gun voters to the electorate.

Would you oppose any such anti-gun amnesty bill?

Yes _____ No X

18. Legislation in Congress would end the current ban on recreational land controlled by the Army Corps of Engineers if (1) the person is not otherwise prohibited from possessing a firearm and (2) possession is in compliance with the laws of the state.

Would you support legislation repealing the gun ban on Army Corps of Engineers land?

Yes _____ No X

19. Legislation in Congress would prohibit the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from banning, on federal public land, hunting equipment that contains lead, zinc, copper, or brass. Such an action by the EPA would result in a backdoor ban on ammunition.

Would you support legislation preventing the EPA from banning lead and other ammunition?

Yes _____ No X

There are questions such as #s 4 & 6 to which I might have answered 'yes' if we had laws making it much harder to get guns

-- Candidate Authorization --

My signature affirms that the answers given above accurately represent my views.

Arthur D. Lutz
Candidate's Signature

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Date