

# THE Gun Owners

38 YEARS OF NO COMPROMISE – 1975-2013

## U.N. Arms Trade Treaty Endangers Second Amendment

by Christopher Stone

*“The horrors in Rwanda are a perfect example of why the U.N. has no business deciding who should and should not have access to guns.”*

— GOA Executive Director Larry Pratt,  
WorldNetDaily, June 12, 2013

If the front door is locked, many criminals try breaking in through the back. If that doesn't work, they try the windows.

This is the attitude of the Obama Administration — and the anti-gun left — as they continue their crusade against the Second Amendment and our right to keep and bear arms. Since failing to pass universal gun control in the Senate, President Obama and his cronies have had to regroup and find another way to trample on our rights.

Thanks to activism by GOA members, we have been able to keep the pressure on Washington, and together we have shut down the crooked politicians in Congress. The media credits

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### GOA slams the President's UN agenda



GOA spokesmen — such as Erich Pratt, pictured on the left — have combated the President's anti-gun agenda all year. Having lost in Congress, the President has tried to make an end-around the legislature, effectively rewriting the Constitution and issuing new gun regulations by executive fiat. Now, the UN's Arms Trade Treaty could give the President a blank check for imposing even greater gun restrictions.

## GOA Backing Case Before the Supreme Court — Victory would put additional “teeth” in the *Heller* case

In August, GOA and its foundation filed an *amicus* brief in the United States Supreme Court in support of striking down Maryland's ban on the carrying of handguns by ordinary citizens unless they first demonstrate a “good and substantial reason” to law enforcement.

While the federal district court in Maryland had decided the case in Raymond Woollard's favor, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit reversed that decision, using a “balancing test” to conclude that Maryland may override the Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms in the name of public safety.

Both lower courts used a judicially-

created balancing test, coming to opposite conclusions, thus demonstrating the illegitimacy of subjective, judge-made tests.

The position of Gun Owners Foundation is simple: the Founding Fathers determined that Americans have the right to bear arms both inside the home and out, regardless of how “compelling” the state's desire to infringe upon their right.

As the Supreme Court ruled in *DC vs. Heller* (2008), the Second Amendment means what it says — the right to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.

GOF's brief in *Woollard v. Gal-*

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# GOA Continues Putting Heat on a Chief Enemy of Freedom

by Erich Pratt

***“[The] residents of New York City have been involuntarily paying to further Mayor Bloomberg’s personal, radical political agenda.”***

**— GOA’s Tim Macy and Larry Pratt, in a letter to the New York Attorney General, July 29, 2013**

It’s been a bad few months for Mayor “Big Gulp” in New York City.

You probably know all about Mayor Michael Bloomberg’s antics in the Big Apple:

- His ban on large, sugary drinks — a ban that was recently struck down in court.
- His stop-and-frisk policies which eviscerate the Fourth Amendment.
- His relentless pursuit of restrictions on our Second Amendment rights — not just in New York City, but all across the country and at the federal level.

Now Bloomberg is coming under fire for using New York City taxpayer funds to lobby for gun control.

## Daddy Bloombucks with egg on his face

Mayor Bloomberg has become the poster boy for gun control, and he took his anti-freedom message on a nationwide bus tour this summer.

Ironically, pro-gun activists frequently outnumbered the anti-gun protestors — sometimes by a ratio of 2-1.

The poor showings at these bus stops are the most recent embarrassments for the Mayor. Consider just some of the “egg on your face” moments from the past few months:

- 1) The year began with Bloomberg’s entourage reacting badly to a question from a reporter. The journalist wanted to know how the Mayor could support gun control when he was surrounded by bodyguards with guns. Bloomberg ignored the question and ducked into a car, but his goon

squad followed the reporter — threatening, pushing and shoving him on the sidewalk.

- 2) Then, despite spending millions of his own dollars to push gun control this spring, Daddy Bloombucks was dealt a huge setback when the Senate defeated his anti-gun agenda in April.
- 3) Not only was Bloomberg’s money unable to buy a victory in the Senate, he is now coming under fire from leading Democrats. Senator Patrick Leahy — the anti-gun Judiciary Committee Chairman — recently chided Bloomberg, saying he has “actually turned off some people that we might have gotten for supporters.”
- 4) In June, Bloomberg spent hundreds of thousands of his own dollars — and, apparently, even spent some of New York City taxpayers’ dollars — in an unsuccessful bid to impose a ban on most private sales of firearms in Nevada.
- 5) And in recent months, Mayor Bloomberg’s anti-gun group — officially known as Mayors Against Illegal Guns (MAIG), although it would be better named Mayors Against Guns — has lost about 50 mayors from its membership rolls.

Some have withdrawn because they realized that MAIG is not about going after “illegal” guns, but rather, pursuing an anti-gun agenda to restrict legally-owned firearms.

Other mayors were dropped because they’ve been convicted of crimes. In



**Gun Owners of America is calling on the NY State Attorney General to investigate allegations against NYC Mayor Michael Bloomberg (above) who appears to have used taxpayer funds in pushing his gun control agenda around the country.**

one particularly egregious case, a Pennsylvania mayor used guns and alcohol in an unsuccessful attempt to both seduce and intimidate a male minor into having sex with him earlier this year.

## GOA demands investigation into Bloomberg malfeasance

It would be bad enough if our chief enemy was simply using his own money. But recent revelations indicate that Daddy Bloombucks may also be dipping into the public trough to support his anti-gun agenda.

Gun Owners of America recently sent New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman a registered letter, demanding that he investigate Mayor Michael Bloomberg, as he “may be commingling government resources with those of the nonprofit organizations he controls.”

The letter — authored by GOA Executive Director Larry Pratt and Vice-Chairman Tim Macy — explains that Bloomberg “may have used government

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## Another liberal gets mugged

***“I had resisted for a long time, saying, no, I’m not getting a gun, I’m not getting a gun. Now I’m not resisting.”***

That eureka moment was uttered by Lisa Howze — a former Democrat candidate for Detroit Mayor — who suggested that she is now open to buying a gun after feeling helpless while burglars broke into her home in August.

While Howze called 911, the police took a long 20 minutes to arrive — prompting her to remark that she expected a “faster response time” for an ex-Mayoral candidate like herself.





## GOA in USA Today



*"The very assumption that the federal government has to 'do something about guns' violates the Constitution, which guarantees that our right to keep and bear arms 'shall not be infringed.'"*

*"To reduce violence, all we need to do is ask our first responders. Eighty percent of law enforcement, according to a PoliceOne.com survey of more than 15,000 officers, believe that legally armed citizens (carrying concealed) would likely have 'reduced the number of casualties in recent mass shooting(s).'"*

— Erich Pratt, USA Today's Opposing View, August 1, 2013

## GOA Backing Case Before the Supreme Court

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lagher reminds the Court of the absolute nature of the right, leaving no room for federal judges to "balance" away the guarantee, no matter how strict or loose the test may be. ■

Gun owners can help support our legal challenge in *Woollard* — at [www.gunowners.com/woollard.htm](http://www.gunowners.com/woollard.htm) — or by giving through the Combined Federal Campaign. (Please see the CFC ad below)



## HIT THE RIGHT TARGET! Give to Gun Owners Foundation

In many federal offices there are subtle (and sometimes not so subtle) pressures to give to the Combined Federal Campaign. Your boss may think his prestige depends upon getting everyone to kick in. The same thing happens in all too many corporations during the United Way fundraising drive.

You may have wanted to give but couldn't find a group that wasn't attacking your rights, let alone defending them, on the list of participating organizations. But that has all changed!

Federal employees now are able to designate **Gun Owners Foundation (GOF)** as the recipient of their gifts to the Combined Federal Campaign. Use **Agency Number 10042** for **Gun Owners Foundation** when you make your Combined Federal Campaign pledge or donation. Your gifts will go toward helping our legal assistance program to protect the Second Amendment rights of Americans across the nation.

Also, if you work for a company that participates in the United Way, you too, may be able to designate that your gift be to **Gun Owners Foundation**. Many local United Way Campaigns allow **Gun Owners Foundation** to participate through their Donor Choice Programs. Some, however, do not. Check with your local United Way Agency. You will not only be helping people and protecting your rights, but you will also get a tax deduction.

Of course, anyone can always make a tax-deductible donation at any time to **Gun Owners Foundation** by sending the contribution directly to 8001 Forbes Place, Suite 102, Springfield, VA 22151.

One additional note. If you are employed by a corporation or organization which has a Matching Gift Program, please keep **GOF** in mind when making your donation. Thank you very much.





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GOA members with having led the way in defeating gun control this year.

Unfortunately, the anti-gun United Nations has been all too eager in its quest to eviscerate the Constitution. Back in April of this year, the U.N. General Assembly passed the Arms Trade Treaty (known as the ATT) and is looking for the United States to jump on board this destructive treaty.

Now, President Obama and the U.S. Senate are facing intense pressure from the U.N. and the anti-gun international community to sign onto, and ratify, the ATT as soon as possible.

In fact, back in June, White House Press Secretary Jay Carney was asked in a press conference when President Obama would sign the ATT. He told reporters that, "We look forward to signing the treaty [but] because of the procedures involved, we anticipate this will not happen before the end of August."

Asked when the ATT would make its way to the Senate, Carney said, "We

## Obama bypasses Congress on gun control ...again



**Gun owners are concerned that the President might try to implement the UN Arms Trade Treaty, even without Senate ratification. He has already bypassed Congress in issuing 23 Executive Actions on gun control in January, and more recently, he issued another two in August.**

obviously look forward to signing it and we believe it is in the interest of the United States and we'll work on fur-

thering that effort once getting it signed."

Spoken straight from the messenger himself, we can be assured that President Obama is looking forward to signing our national sovereignty over to the U.N. and then bullying the Senate into ratifying the ATT once he signs on the dotted line.

Gun Owners of America has opposed the ATT since its inception, and our legislative counsel has studied in depth the absolute tyranny contained within the treaty document.

After careful review, GOA has determined that the ATT would give power to the UN to:

- Ban large categories of firearms, including semi-automatics and hand guns;
- Require universal registration and licensure;
- Require microstamping and, through that requirement, effectively ban most guns and ammunition.

That's right. After losing their initial bid to inflict gun control in the United States, President Obama is trying to break down every door, and smash every window in order to get his policies in place.

The same anti-gun policies contained in the failed Toomey-Manchin gun control package are also contained in the U.N.'s ATT.

Because President Obama is eager to sign the treaty, it is imperative that our Senators stand strong behind the Second Amendment and not ratify this abusive international treaty.

And that's why, as Congress returns to Washington in September, they need to start hearing from their constituents loud and clear.

You can be certain that GOA will be spending time and effort in Washington meeting with Senators and letting them know of our opposition to the U.N.'s latest gun-control monstrosity.

One thing is for certain. The U.N. is everything its acronym implies.

UNreliable, UNintelligent, and UN-American. ■



## How to Place GOA in Your Will

GOA has received numerous inquiries from our members asking us how they can place Gun Owners of America in their will or estate plans.

Here are some sample instructions to share with your advisor or attorney:

I give, devise and bequeath to Gun Owners of America (tax ID # 52-1256643), a non-profit, corporation in Springfield, Virginia:

- A. The sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_; or
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ percent of my estate; or
- C. Residue. I give my Residue to Gun Owners of America, 8001 Forbes Place, Suite 102, Springfield, Virginia 22151.



# GOA in the States

***“[GOA] members often get Tea Party loud, inundating lawmakers’ offices with calls.”***

— *Slate*,  
April 4, 2013



◀ Speaking in front of the Georgia capitol, GOA Director of Communications Erich Pratt advised gun owners on how to adopt a winning strategy for defeating anti-gun legislation at the state level.



GOA Executive Director Larry Pratt spoke to Oklahoma legislators earlier this year, urging them to encourage U.S. Senator Tom Coburn not to compromise on background registration checks.



GOA Vice-Chairman Tim Macy (left) encouraged Wyoming gun owners to support A-rated Mike Enzi in his reelection bid for the U.S. Senate.



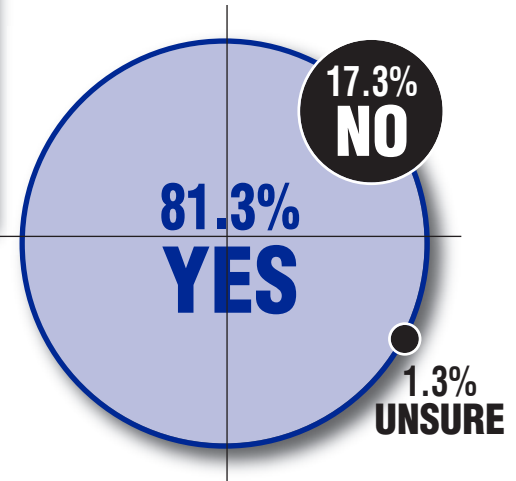
In August, GOA's Larry Pratt and Sheriff Richard Mack (left) addressed a Liberty Summit in Idaho. Pratt fired up the crowd while discussing the Second Amendment threats being leveled by the Obama Administration and the UN. The event organizer was Dar Moon (center).



Gun Owners of America is sponsoring Tri-Signal Motor sports for the 2013-14 Nascar season. The driver, Dennis Furden, has raced for over 40 years and recently finished 6th place in points in the NASCAR Whelan All American Series Super Late Model division.

## Police Favor Arming Civilians to Stop Shooting Incidents and School Massacres

*Do you support arming teachers and/or school administrators who volunteer to carry at their school?*

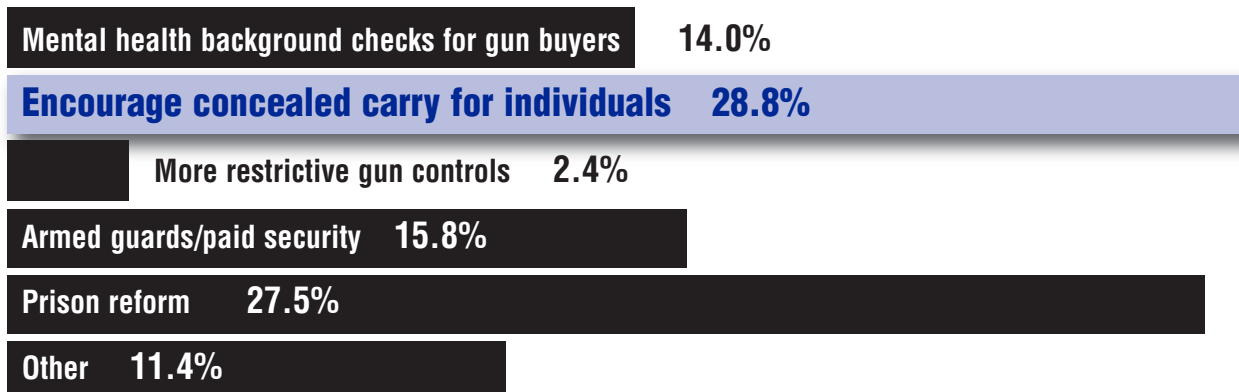


*“Gun control is not the answer. But armed civilians can make a tremendous difference in protecting themselves and others against sick individuals who want to cause harm.”*

— Officer Rob Young



*What would help you most in preventing large scale shootings in public?*



**Source:** PoliceOne.com survey of 15,595 law enforcement professionals about U.S. gun control policies (March 2013). To see the actual survey — and the specific wording used in the poll — go to: <http://tinyurl.com/czyz24o>



# Mr. Morgan, Your Nose is Growing, Again!

by Jason Weiser

As usual, the British-born Piers Morgan — who is CNN's self-appointed spokesman for the gun-grabbers and an unwilling subscriber to the GOA newsletter — does it again. His usual radical self was on display during an interview with pro-gun activist and Breitbart columnist AWR Hawkins.

After shamefully using the Newtown tragedy as an excuse for more gun control, Morgan made the specious claim that, somehow, Virginia was leading the nation in gun crime because there were more guns.

Mr. Hawkins had just cited a study which found that 16% MORE guns had been sold in Virginia in 2012 with a corresponding 5% drop in violent crime statewide. Mr. Morgan, of course, responded with this supposed “gotcha” question:

*Which state has the highest murder rates according to the FBI, do you know, an American?...Allow me to help you! ... Allow me to help you! It's Virginia.*

— Piers Morgan Live, August 14, 2013

Well, Mr. Morgan, not quite.

He went on to state he was using the 2009 stats. So looking at the FBI Uniform Crime Report for that year, the following chart shows the seven worst states (by murder rate).

State	Murder Rate per 100,000
Louisiana	11.8
New Mexico	8.7
Maryland	7.7
Tennessee	7.3
Alabama	6.9
Mississippi	6.4
Missouri	6.4

**2009**

Want to guess where Virginia fits in? The Old Dominion ranked below the national average at 4.4 per 100,000 — as contrasted to the national rate of 5.0 for that year.

Given the egregious nature of this gaffe, Piers did later admit that he had erred. He issued a correction on his show two days

later, claiming he had stated an “inaccurate fact” while discussing Virginia’s murder rate with Hawkins.

However, he has made no effort to correct the other gaffes he made during that very same debate — such as when he asked Hawkins, “How do you explain then that so many other countries that have brought in tough gun control have seen gun crime dramatically reduced? I’m thinking of Great Britain...”

This whopper simply doesn’t hold water, as evidenced by a recent study published in the *Harvard Journal of Law & Public Policy*.

The study states that the ineffectiveness of Britain’s gun ban

## A Brief Moment of Sanity?



*“I’ve always laughed at [pro-gun advocates],” Piers Morgan stated. “I’ve said: ‘Don’t be so ridiculous, your own government won’t turn itself on you!’ But, actually, when you look at [these Obama scandals], this is vaguely tyrannical behavior by the American government.” — CNN’s Piers Morgan, discussing the targeting of AP reporters and Tea Party groups by the Obama administration, May 17, 2013*

in the late 1990s “was such that by the year 2000 violent crime had so increased that England and Wales had Europe’s highest violent crime rate, far surpassing even the United States.”

And the figures are equally devastating when one only looks at “gun crimes.” According to the UK *Telegraph* in 2009, the number of gun crimes in England and Wales almost doubled in the first decade after imposing their ban.

One hates to call a man a liar or misinformed, but in the face of such facts, what conclusion is a reasonable person supposed to come to?

Mr. Morgan, do your research. It will lead to a lot less embarrassment, and who knows, it might even open your eyes just a little. ■

Jason Weiser is a researcher with Gun Owners of America.

## Fast Fact:

**Harvard study documents failure of British gun control.** “In the late 1990s, England moved from stringent controls to a complete ban of all handguns and many types of long guns. Hundreds of thousands of guns were confiscated from those owners law-abiding enough to turn them in to authorities... [T]he ban’s ineffectiveness was such that by the year 2000 violent crime had so increased that England and Wales had Europe’s highest violent crime rate, far surpassing even the United States.”

Source: *Harvard Journal of Law & Public Policy*, vol. 30, no. 2, p. 655.

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funds to pursue his personal political [anti-gun] agenda.”

For this reason, say Pratt and Macy, the Attorney General should “investigate this matter to determine if any laws have been violated, and if any action on your part is warranted ... due to the strong possibility that the residents of New York City have been involuntarily paying to further Mayor Bloomberg’s

personal, radical political agenda.”

The full letter can be read on the GOA website at: <http://gunowners.org/agletter07292013.htm>

There’s a lot happening in the fight to defeat gun control at the federal level, and GOA is alerting the nation — through printed media, radio talk shows and more — to expose the enemies of freedom for their illegitimate tactics.

You can help us remain on the front lines by making sure your GOA membership is current.

Please stay tuned for further updates. ■



## Emily Gets Her Gun... But Obama Wants to Take Yours

by Larry Pratt

Emily Miller started off the New Year in 2010 by returning home to confront a “pool cleaner” coming out of the home where she was house-sitting. It turns out he had stolen her credit cards.

Later, when she saw unauthorized purchases on her bill, it finally dawned on her that she had come face to face with the burglar.

She immediately determined that she was going to get a gun, but unlike most Americans, Emily would not be able to simply go to a store and buy one. Emily, you see, lives in Washington, DC where she is the senior editor of opinion for *The Washington Times*.

It is not possible to carry a handgun in the District of Columbia. And even having one at home is only possible thanks to the *Heller* decision overturning the District’s gun ban.

(See page 1 to read about the *amicus* brief that Gun Owners of America has submitted to the U.S. Supreme Court in an attempt to put teeth in the *Heller* decision and further protect the right to carry firearms outside the home.)

It took Emily weeks upon weeks to jump through all the hoops required by the DC law, which was enacted after the original ban was overturned. It cost Emily hundreds of dollars in fees and expenses to get her permit.

I read Emily’s account of her ordeal when it was serialized in her paper, *The Washington Times*. This was expanded and published as a book by Regnery with the same title as this column.

Violent crime has fallen in the capital city, but it is still much higher than the national average. In 2010, two years

after the *Heller* decision, the murder rate was about five times the national average.

It has to be noted that crime went down, not up, following the overturning of the gun ban in 2008. But as Emily makes clear, it is still exceedingly difficult to get a gun legally in DC.

Not only that, DC frowns upon those who would use a gun outside the home. Only recently, a resident named Ben Srigley was fined \$1,000 after he came to the aid of a young boy who was being attacked by three pit bulls on the street outside his home.

Srigley shot and killed one of the dogs; a police officer killed the other two. Despite saving the boy’s life, Srigley was arrested, charged with possessing an unregistered firearm (he had bought it legally when he lived in Virginia) and fined.

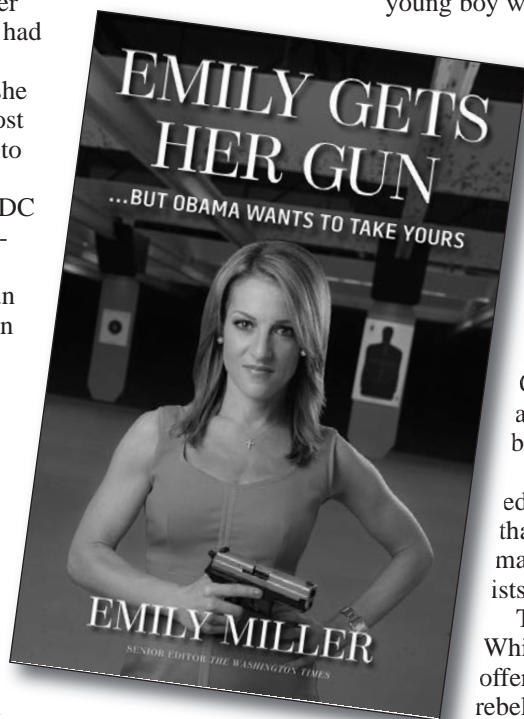
How ironic that DC chose not to arrest or charge NBC journalist David Gregory late last year after he waved an illegal 30-round magazine during a broadcast in the District.

Never mind that, in 2012, DC arrested at least 105 people for gun charges that included the illegal possession of magazines. It seems that NBC journalists are ... well ... “different.”

This double-standard also exists at the White House where President Obama has offered to send assault weapons to civilian rebels in Syria, even while he has tried to ban the semi-automatic versions of those firearms for civilians here at home.

Dr. John Lott has shown that restrictive gun laws result in higher crime — which means that if the District were to make it less difficult to get a gun, their crime rate would go down even more.

Sadly, Emily Miller’s experience — and that of Ben Srigley — shows that the District government is not about to do anything so sensible. ■



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