

THE Gun Owners

35 YEARS OF NO COMPROMISE – 1975-2010

2010 Elections: Time for Fall Cleaning of House and Senate

by John Velleco

Voters across the country have made one thing clear this election season. They are fed up with out-of-control expansion of the federal government and of being ignored and insulted by those who are supposed to be their “public servants.”

Democrats have taken a radical turn to the left under the leadership of liberal anti-gunners like Nancy Pelosi, Harry Reid and Barack Obama, and the electorate is ready to make a correction.

If Republicans are, as many expect, hired by the voters in 2010 to control one or both chambers of Congress, they had better learn from the failures of their Party in the past. If not, the fundamental liberty the Founders intended to protect may slip away entirely.

The current election environment is in some way reminiscent of 1994, when dissatisfied voters changed the political makeup in Washington. People wanted less government, more freedom and — as far as gun owners were concerned — a rollback of unconstitutional laws that were already in place.

But while rank-and-file Republicans started out with a zeal to rein in the federal government, ultimately the Party grew too comfortable with the trappings of power and the mentality that they would be a permanent majority. Government growth eventually took off at an even greater pace than before.

In addition, efforts to repeal bad gun laws were stymied. For instance, Republican leaders repeatedly slammed the door on efforts to repeal the Clinton gun ban — even though that was an issue that President Clinton admits helped to propel Republicans to power.

But it is also important to remember that 1994 did not represent as big a shift in political *thought* as it did in political

GOA in the trenches



Nevada's Sharron Angle started out in single digits in a three-way race, but with the help of GOA won her primary against two establishment candidates and now faces anti-gun Senator Harry Reid in the general election.

parties. The 1994 election was driven largely from the top-down by Washington insiders like Newt Gingrich, who simply believed in a different form of big government than the politicians they replaced.

(Long-time GOA members will recall that as Speaker, Gingrich — who considered FDR one of his heroes — earned a “D” rating from GOA.)

The 2010 election cycle, in contrast, is driven by bottom-up outrage from a country fearful that the elitists in the Democrat leadership are driving this country over a cliff. And they intend for the people they elect in November to slam on the brakes.

Sadly, the evidence suggests that the Republican establishment still does not get that message. Just look at the Sen-

ate candidates supported by the National Republican Senatorial Committee (NRSC).

The NRSC eagerly recruited Mark Kirk in Illinois and Mike Castle in Delaware, two extreme anti-gun RINOs (Republican in Name Only) who want to reinstate the Clinton gun ban. Kirk won his primary. Thankfully, Christine O'Donnell, who is backed by Gun Owners of America Political Victory

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**Special
Candidate
Rating Issue!**

2010 Candidate Rating Scorecard

Candidates who have established a voting record, either in the office for which they are running or in another elected office, are evaluated primarily on the basis of that voting record. However, sponsorship of pro or anti-gun legislation and other such factors can affect their grade.

If an incumbent or challenger has not established a voting record or demonstrated his or her position in some other way, that candidate is evaluated on the basis of his or her responses to the GOA 2010 Federal Candidate Questionnaire.

Every candidate, whether an incumbent or challenger, begins with an "A" and is then downgraded on the basis of each anti-gun position admitted to on the questionnaire or for each anti-gun vote.

A+: Pro-Gun Leader. Carries pro-gun bills, works with pro-gun groups and organizes against anti-gun legislation, speaks out for Second Amendment rights.

A & A-: Pro-Gun Voter. Philosophical sound. Always with pro-gun leadership but takes no leadership role.

B & B-: Pro-Gun compromiser. Generally leans our way but occasionally supports a particular anti-gun proposal.

C & C-: Leans Our Way occasionally. No philosophical commitment. Must be constantly pressured by the pro-gun movement or, if left alone, will vote against us.

D & D-: Leans Anti-Gun. Normally with the anti-gun movement, but strong pressure can sometimes move them into a non-vote (abstention) or an occasional

pro-gun vote, if they believe voting against us could cause their defeat.

F: Anti-Gun Voter. A philosophically committed anti-gunner. Does not carry anti-gun bills but can always be counted on to vote against us.

F-: Anti-Gun Leader. Outspoken anti-gun advocate who carries or cosponsors anti-gun legislation, plots and plans with anti-gun organizations to take away our Second Amendment rights.

NR: The candidate refused to answer his or her questionnaire. This is usually a sign that the candidate is hiding anti-gun views.

PLEASE NOTE

Due to space limitations, only Republicans and Democrats are listed. Grades of third party candidates are posted on the GOA website: www.gunowners.org/votetb10.htm

United States House of Representatives

ALABAMA		CALIFORNIA		24 Allison (D)	NR
01 Bonner (R)	A	01 Hanks (R)	B	Gallegly (R)	A
02 Bright (D)	B	Thompson (D)	F	25 Conaway (D)	NR
Roby (R)	A	02 Herger (R)	A	McKeon (R)	B
03 Rogers (R)	A	Reed (D)	NR	26 Dreier (R)	B
Segrest (D)	NR	03 Bera (D)	NR	Warner (D)	NR
04 Aderholt (R)	A	Lungren (R)	C+	27 Reed (R)	B
05 Brooks (R)	A	04 Curtis (D)	B-	Sherman (D)	F-
Raby (D)	B	McClintock (R)	A	28 Berman (D)	F-
06 Bachus (R)	A	05 Matsui (D)	F	Froyd (R)	D
07 Chamberlain (R)	A	Smith (R)	C	29 Colbert (R)	NR
Sewell (D)	F	06 Judd (R)	B	Schiff (D)	F-
		Woolsey (D)	F-	30 Waxman (D)	F-
		07 Miller (D)	F	Wilkerson (R)	A
		Tubbs (R)	NR	31 Becerra (D)	F
		08 Dennis (R)	A	Smith (R)	NR
		Pelosi (D)	F-	32 Chu (D)	F
		09 Hashimoto (R)	A-	Schmerling (R)	NR
		Lee (D)	F-	33 Andion (R)	NR
		10 Clift (R)	A	Bass (D)	F
		Garamendi (D)	F	34 Miller (R)	A
		11 Harmer (R)	A	Roybal-Allard (D)	F
		McNerney (D)	F	35 Brown (R)	A
		12 Maloney (R)	NR	Waters (D)	F
		Speier (D)	F	36 Fein (R)	NR
		13 Baker (R)	NR	Harman (D)	F-
		Stark (D)	F	37 Parker (R)	A
		14 Chapman (R)	NR	Richardson (D)	F
		Eshoo (D)	F-	38 Napolitano (D)	F
		15 Honda (D)	F-	Vaughn (R)	A
		Kirkland (R)	B	39 Andre (R)	A
		16 Lofgren (D)	F-	Sanchez (D)	F
		17 Farr (D)	F-	40 Avalos (D)	NR
		Taylor (R)	B	Royce (R)	A
		18 Berryhill (R)	A	41 Lewis (R)	B
		Cardoza (D)	D-	Meagher (D)	F
		19 Denham (R)	A	42 Miller (R)	A
		Goodwin (D)	NR	Williamson (D)	NR
		20 Costa (D)	D-	43 Baca (D)	D
		Vidak (R)	A	Folkens (R)	A
		21 Nunes (R)	A	44 Calvert (R)	A
		22 McCarthy (R)	A	Hedrick (D)	F
		23 Capps (D)	F-	45 Bono Mack (R)	C
		Watson (R)	NR	Pouget (D)	NR



GOA Director of Communications Erich Pratt meets with Cynthia Lummis (R-WY) — a freshman Representative who has voted perfectly on Second Amendment issues in addition to cosponsoring pro-gun legislation.

46 Arnold (D)	NR	Tipton (R)	A
Rohrabacher (R)	A	04 Gardner (R)	A
47 Sanchez (D)	F	Markey (D)	D
Tran (R)	A	05 Bradley (D)	NR
48 Campbell (R)	A	Lamborn (R)	A
Krom (D)	NR	06 Coffman (R)	A
49 Issa (R)	A	Flerlage (D)	NR
Katz (D)	F	07 Frazier (R)	NR
50 Bilbray (R)	A	Perlmutter (D)	F
Busby (D)	F		
51 Filner (D)	F-	CONNECTICUT	
Popaditch (R)	NR	01 Brickley (R)	NR
52 Hunter (R)	A	Larson (D)	F
Lutz (D)	F	02 Courtney (D)	F
53 Crimmins (R)	A	Peckinpugh (R)	NR
Davis (D)	F	03 DeLauro (D)	F
		Labriola (R)	A
		04 Debicella (R)	D
		Himes (D)	F
		05 Caligiuri (R)	A
		Murphy (D)	F
COLORADO			
01 DeGette (D)	F-		
Fallon (R)	NR		
02 Bailey (R)	A		
Polis (D)	F		
03 Salazar (D)	D		

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DELAWARE

- 01 Carney (D) NR
- Urquhart (R) A

FLORIDA

- 01 Miller (R) A
- 02 Boyd (D) D
- Southerland (R) A-
- 03 Brown (D) F
- Yost (R) A
- 04 Crenshaw (R) A
- 05 Nugent (R) NR
- Picillo (D) NR
- 06 Stearns (R) A
- 07 Beaven (D) NR
- Mica (R) B
- 08 Grayson (D) F
- Webster (R) A
- 09 Bilirakis (R) A
- de Palma (D) NR
- 10 Justice (D) F
- Young (R) C-
- 11 Castor (D) F
- Prendergast (R) A
- 12 Edwards (D) NR
- Ross (R) A
- 13 Buchanan (R) A
- Golden (D) D
- 14 Mack (R) A
- Roach (D) NR
- 15 Posey (R) A
- Roberts (D) NR
- 16 Horn (D) NR
- Rooney (R) A-
- 17 Wilson (D) F
- 18 Banciella (D) NR
- Ros-Lehtinen (R) B-
- 19 Budd (R) B-
- Deutch (D) F
- 20 Harrington (R) B
- Wasserman Schultz (D) F-
- 21 Diaz-Balart (R) A-
- 22 Klein (D) F
- West (R) A
- 23 Hastings (D) F-
- Sansaricq (R) A-
- 24 Adams (R) A
- Kosmas (D) F
- 25 Garcia (D) F
- Rivera (R) A-

GEORGIA

- 01 Harris (D) NR
- Kingston (R) A
- 02 Bishop (D) C-
- Keown (R) A-
- 03 Saunders (D) B-
- Westmoreland (R) A
- 04 Carter (R) A
- Johnson (D) F-
- 05 Lewis (D) F
- Little (R) A-
- 06 Price (R) A
- 07 Heckman (D) NR
- Woodall (R) NR
- 08 Marshall (D) A-
- Scott (R) A
- 09 Graves (R) A
- 10 Broun (R) A+
- Edwards (D) NR
- 11 Gingrey (R) A+
- 12 Barrow (D) B
- McKinney (R) A
- 13 Crane (R) A
- Scott (D) F

HAWAII

- 01 Djou (R) D
- Hanabusa (D) F
- 02 Hirono (D) F-
- Willoughby (R) A

IDAHO

- 01 Labrador (R) A
- Minnick (D) C
- 02 Crawford (D) NR
- Simpson (R) B

ILLINOIS

- 01 Rush (D) F
- Wardingly (R) A
- 02 Hayes (R) B
- Jackson (D) F
- 03 Bendas (R) NR
- Lipinski (D) F
- 04 Gutierrez (D) F
- Vasquez (R) NR
- 05 Quigly (D) F-
- Ratowitz (R) A-
- 06 Lowe (D) NR
- Roskam (R) A
- 07 Davis (D) F
- Weiman (R) NR
- 08 Bean (D) F
- Walsh (R) A
- 09 Pollak (R) D
- Schakowsky (D) F-
- 10 Dold (R) NR
- Seals (D) NR
- 11 Halvorson (D) D
- Kinzinger (R) B
- 12 Costello (D) D
- Newman (R) A
- 13 Biggert (R) A
- Harper (D) NR
- 14 Foster (D) D
- Hultgren (R) A-
- 15 Gill (D) D
- Johnson (R) B
- 16 Gaulrapp (D) NR
- Manzullo (R) A
- 17 Hare (D) F
- Schilling (R) A
- 18 Hirner (D) F
- Schock (R) A
- 19 Bagwell (D) D
- Shimkus (R) A

INDIANA

- 01 Leyva (R) A
- Visclosky (D) F
- 02 Donnelly (D) C-
- Walorski (R) A
- 03 Hayhurst (D) NR
- Stutzman (R) A
- 04 Rokita (R) A
- Sanders (D) F
- 05 Burton (R) A
- Crawford (D) A
- 06 Pence (R) A
- Welsh (D) NR
- 07 Carson (D) F
- Scott (R) A
- 08 Bucshon (R) A
- Van Haften (D) A
- 09 Hill (D) C-
- Young (R) A

IOWA

- 01 Braley (D) F
- Lange (R) A
- 02 Loebbeck (D) F
- Miller-Meecks (R) B
- 03 Boswell (D) D-
- Zaun (R) A
- 04 Latham (R) A
- Maske (D) F
- 05 Campbell (D) NR
- King (R) A

KANSAS

- 01 Huelskamp (R) A
- Jilka (D) NR
- 02 Hudspeth (D) NR
- Jenkins (R) A
- 03 Moore (D) NR
- Yoder (R) A
- 04 Goyle (D) NR
- Pompeo (R) A

KENTUCKY

- 01 Hatchett (D) D-
- Whitfield (R) B
- 02 Guthrie (R) A
- Marksberry (D) NR
- 03 Lally (R) A
- Yarmuth (D) F
- 04 Davis (R) A
- Waltz (D) NR
- 05 Holbert (D) B
- Rogers (R) B
- 06 Barr (R) A
- Chandler (D) C

LOUISIANA

- 01 Katz (D) NR
- Scalise (R) A
- 02 Cao (R) B
- Richmond (D) NR
- 03 Downer (R) NR
- Landry (R) A
- Sangisetty (D) NR
- 04 Fleming (R) A
- Melville (D) NR
- 05 Alexander (R) A
- 06 Cassidy (R) A-
- McDonald (D) NR
- 07 Boustany (R) A

MAINE

- 01 Pingree (D) F
- Scontras (R) A
- 02 Levesque (R) B
- Michaud (D) D-

MARYLAND

- 01 Harris (R) A
- Kratovil (D) B-
- 02 Cardarelli (R) NR
- Ruppersberger (D) F
- 03 Sarbanes (D) NR
- Wilhelm (R) NR
- 04 Broadus (R) B
- Edwards (D) F
- 05 Hoyer (D) F
- Lollar (R) A
- 06 Bartlett (R) A+
- Duck (D) D
- 07 Cummings (D) F
- Mirabile (R) NR
- 08 Philips (R) A
- Van Hollen (D) F-

MASSACHUSETTS

- 01 Gunn (R) A
- Olver (D) F-
- 02 Neal (D) F
- Wesley (R) NR
- 03 Lamb (R) A
- McGovern (D) F-
- 04 Bielat (R) A
- Frank (D) F-
- 05 Golnik (R) A
- Tsongas (D) F-
- 06 Hudak (R) A
- Tierney (D) F-
- 07 Dembrowski (R) A
- Markey (D) F-
- 08 Capuano (D) F
- 09 Harrison (R) NR
- Lynch (D) F
- 10 Keating (D) F
- Perry (R) A

MICHIGAN

- 01 Benishek (R) A
- McDowell (D) NR
- 02 Huizenga (R) A
- Johnson (D) NR
- 03 Amash (R) A
- Miles (D) F
- 04 Camp (R) A
- Campbell (D) NR
- 05 Kildee (D) F
- Kupiec (R) A
- 06 Cooney (D) NR
- Upton (R) B



Jackie Walorski — who has served in the Indiana legislature and is now running for Congress in the 2nd District — meets with GOA Executive Director Larry Pratt.

- 07 Schauer (D) D
- Walberg (R) A
- 08 Enderle (D) NR
- Rogers (R) A
- 09 Peters (D) F
- Raczkowski (R) A
- 10 Miller (R) B
- Yanez (D) NR
- 11 McCotter (R) A
- Mosher (D) NR
- 12 Levin (D) F
- Volaric (R) A
- 13 Clarke (D) F
- Hauler (R) NR
- 14 Conyers (D) F
- Ukrainec (R) C
- 15 Dingell (D) D
- Steele (R) A
- MINNESOTA**
- 01 Demmer (R) A
- Walz (D) D
- 02 Kline (R) A
- Madore (D) NR
- 03 Meffert (D) NR
- Paulsen (R) B
- 04 Collett (R) NR
- McCollum (D) F-
- 05 Demos (R) A
- Ellison (D) F
- 06 Bachmann (R) A
- Clark (D) F
- 07 Byberg (R) B
- Peterson (D) A-
- 08 Cravaack (R) A
- Oberstar (D) D
- MISSISSIPPI**
- 01 Childers (D) B-
- Nunnelee (R) A
- 02 Marcy (R) NR
- Thompson (D) F
- 03 Gill (D) A
- Harper (R) A
- 04 Palazzo (R) A
- Taylor (D) B-
- MISSOURI**
- 01 Clay (D) F-
- Hamlin (R) A
- 02 Akin (R) A
- Lieber (D) F
- 03 Carnahan (D) F
- Martin (R) A-
- 04 Hartzler (R) A
- Skelton (D) C
- 05 Cleaver (D) F
- Turk (D) NR
- 06 Graves (R) A
- Hylton (D) A
- 07 Eckersley (D) NR
- Long (R) A
- 08 Emerson (R) A
- Sowers (D) NR
- 09 Luetkemeyer (R) A
- MONTANA**
- 01 McDonald (D) A
- Rehberg (R) A
- NEBRASKA**
- 01 Fortenberry (R) B
- Harper (D) NR
- 02 Terry (R) A-
- White (D) NR
- 03 Davis (D) NR
- Smith (R) A
- NEVADA**
- 01 Berkley (D) F
- Wegner (R) B
- 02 Heller (R) A
- Price (D) F
- 03 Heck (R) A
- Titus (D) D
- NEW HAMPSHIRE**
- 01 Guinta (R) A
- Shea-Porter (D) D-
- 02 Bass (R) B
- Kuster (D) NR
- NEW JERSEY**
- 01 Andrews (D) F
- Glading (R) A
- 02 LoBiondo (R) C-
- Stein (D) F
- 03 Adler (D) F
- Runyan (R) NR
- 04 Kleinhendler (D) F
- Smith (R) F
- 05 Garrett (R) A
- Theise (D) NR
- 06 Little (R) A
- Pallone (D) F
- 07 Lance (R) B
- Potosnak (D) NR
- 08 Pascrell (D) F-
- Straten (R) F
- 09 Agosta (R) A
- Rothman (D) F-
- 10 Alonzo (R) C
- Payne (D) F
- 11 Frelinghuysen (R) C-
- Herbert (D) NR
- 12 Holt (D) F-
- Sippelle (R) NR
- 13 Dwyer (R) D
- Sires (D) F-
- NEW MEXICO**
- 01 Barela (R) A
- Heinrich (D) D
- 02 Pearce (R) A
- Teague (D) C
- 03 Lujan (D) F
- Mullins (R) A

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Fund, defeated Castle.

Sharron Angle in Nevada received the endorsement of GOA-PVF early in her primary race against establishment Republican favorites. Sharron “came out of nowhere” and earned the right to take on anti-gun Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid in November.



GOA’s political arm supported Chistine O’Donnell, who shocked the Washington Republican establishment — including former Bush adviser Carl Rove (right) — when she defeated anti-gunner Mike Castle in a September primary.

GOA-PVF supported Rand Paul in Kentucky over the hand-picked choice of Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell in the Republican primary. And in Colorado, GOA got behind the campaign of Ken Buck when he was attacked for his strong pro-gun stance by the Republican Party’s first choice.

Marco Rubio in Florida also earned the support of GOA. His opponent, Governor Charlie Crist, received the enthusiastic endorsement of the NRSC until Rubio chased him out of the primary — and out of the Republican Party entirely.

(Incidentally, as soon as he darted from his Party, Crist hired a former staffer of the most anti-gun member of the Senate, Democrat Chuck Schumer.)

In addition to the new blood coming to Washington, some older RINOs have been shown the door.

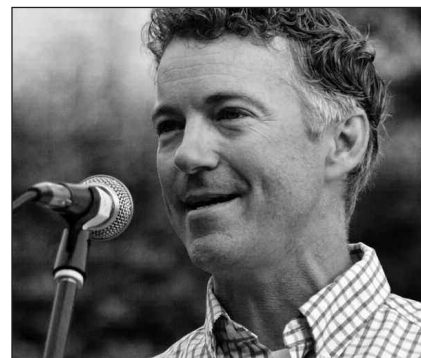
In Utah, GOA-PVF vigorously opposed anti-gun Senator Bob Bennett, who was tossed at the state’s Republican convention. And Lisa Murkowski of Alaska was ousted by strong pro-gunner Joe Miller.

The above races are just a sampling of Senate races; space does not permit an examination of the dozens of U.S. House and state-level races where GOA-PVF is involved.

And all of the candidates supported by Gun Owners of America agree that it is not enough simply to defeat anti-gunners in elections. They must also be replaced with leaders who will fight to restore the Constitutional liberties that have been under attack for decades — and increasingly so since President Obama took office.

That makes the upcoming election perhaps the most important in the lifetime of anyone old enough to cast a vote today. There is no doubt that the country is at a crossroads, with America’s Constitutional Republic hanging in the balance.

And that is also what made it so important for GOA to be involved in primaries throughout the year. If establishment Republicans were victorious in their primaries, it would not matter which party was in control of Congress in 2011 because both parties are guilty of increasing the federal leviathan at the expense of the peoples’ liberty.

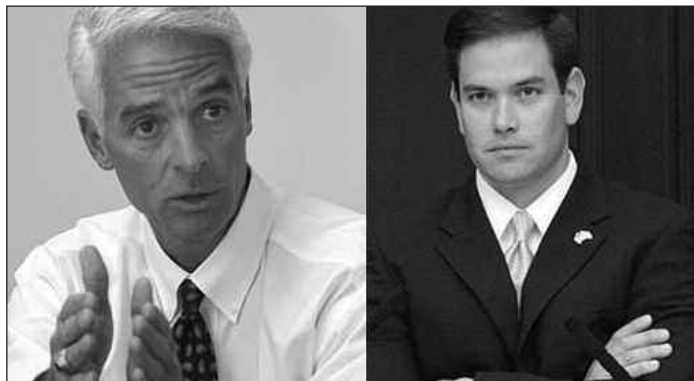


With the help of Kentucky GOA members and supporters, pro-gunner Rand Paul defeated the establishment choice in the Senate Republican primary.

The antidote to the problem of big-government politicians can be found in the candidates supported by GOA — pro-freedom champions like O’Donnell, Angle, Paul, and Rubio (to name just a few) who are not coming to Washington to go to cocktail parties.

If a significant number of these candidates win in November, and if the people who elect them stay engaged, there is hope that the sentiment in these words of Thomas Jefferson might be renewed: “In questions of power...let no more be heard of confidence in man, but bind him down from mischief by the chains of the Constitution.”

The November elections are an exciting, if not anxious, time for millions of concerned Americans. GOA looks forward to working with members of Congress who are serious about pro-



Conservative Floridian Marco Rubio (right) took on liberal Gov. Charlie Crist and, against all odds, chased him out of the Senate primary — and out of the Republican Party.

tecting and restoring the right to keep and bears arms as the Founders intended.

This issue of *The Gun Owners* contains an important tool for Election Day: the 2010 GOA Candidate Rating Guide. GOA encourages all members and supporters to look up their candidates to see where they stand on the Second Amendment, and to pass this rating guide on to fellow gun owners, shooting ranges and gun clubs.

We have been to the marches, rallies, and town hall meetings. Now, it is time for millions and millions of concerned gun rights supporters to make their way to the polls and make their voices heard on Election Day. ■

You Have to Be Nuts to See a Shrink

by Larry Pratt

Even before a dreadful piece of legislation that became law in 2008, the Veterans Administration (VA) was computerizing the medical records of vets and shipping them to the FBI. Any diagnosis that could be interpreted as “might be a danger to self or others” resulted in the vet being denied his right to keep and bear arms. People with concealed carry permits were denied renewals. Customers at gun stores were turned down.

In one recent case, a GOA member visited a VA hospital for a couple of days and soon after returning home, state authorities knocked on the door and confiscated his guns.

There is a campaign at the VA to come in and get the “treatment you deserve.” TV ads to this effect have been run. Obama has announced new

regulations to make it easier for war vets to get help.

WARNING: With help like this you don’t need enemies.

There are three questions that you should not answer yes to:

1. *Have you felt stressed?*
2. *Have you felt threatened?*
3. *Do you feel like doing harm to someone?*

Regarding the first question, how stupid is that? Who does not feel stress? Do they think we should live in a cocoon? As to the second question, who doesn’t feel threatened — by the pack of socialists that have taken over our country and are working to steal everything we have? And number three — who does not want to harm the juggernaut bearing down on us? Looks like with those questions all of us could be disarmed.

An Arkansas veteran, Wayne Irelan, returned from Iraq with a Purple Heart and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. Moreover, he recently learned that no good deed goes unpunished when he was stripped of his right to keep and bear arms. It started when his wife took over the family’s finances in 2009. The VA began paying Sgt. Irelan a small stipend. All of this to say that the Veterans Administration used this as a basis to define him as mentally incompetent — the very words in an unconstitutional federal gun control law that trigger one’s loss of Second Amendment freedoms.

Irelan was notified by the Arkansas State Police that his concealed carry permit was revoked a few days after he attempted to get a gun out of pawn. A few days later still, the BATFE told Ire-

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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 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.



Ratings

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NEW YORK

01 Altschuler (R)	NR
Bishop (D)	F
02 Gomez (R)	NR
Israel (D)	F
03 King (R)	F
Kudler (D)	NR
04 Becker (R)	B
McCarthy (D)	F-
05 Ackerman (D)	F-
Milano (R)	A
06 Meeks (D)	F
Taub (R)	C
07 Crowley (D)	F-
Reynolds (R)	NR
08 Kone (R)	NR
Nadler (D)	F-
09 Turner (R)	A
Weiner (D)	F
10 Muniz (R)	NR
Towns (D)	F
11 Carr (R)	NR
Clarke (D)	F-
12 Velazquez (D)	F
13 Grimm (R)	A
McMahon (D)	F
14 Brumberg (R)	NR
Maloney (D)	F-
15 Faulkner (R)	NR
Rangel (D)	F
16 Della Valle (R)	NR
Serrano (D)	F
17 Engel (D)	F
Kleinhandler (R)	NR
18 Lowey (D)	F-
Russell (R)	A
19 Hall (D)	F
Hayworth (R)	NR
20 Gibson (R)	A-
Murphy (D)	NR
21 Danz (R)	A
Tonko (D)	F
22 Hinchey (D)	F
Phillips (R)	A
23 Doheny (R)	NR
Owens (D)	NR
24 Arcuri (D)	C
Hanna (R)	NR
25 Buerkle (R)	NR
Maffei (D)	F
26 Fedele (D)	F
Lee (R)	A-
27 Higgins (D)	F
Roberto (R)	A
28 Rowland (R)	B
Slaughter (D)	F-
29 Reed (R)	NR
Zeller (D)	NR

NORTH CAROLINA

01 Butterfield (D)	F
Woolard (R)	NR
02 Ellmers (R)	NR
Etheridge (D)	F
03 Jones (R)	B
Rouse (D)	NR
04 Lawson (R)	A
Price (D)	F-
05 Foxx (R)	A
Kennedy (D)	NR
06 Coble (R)	A
Turner (D)	NR
07 McIntyre (D)	B-
Pantano (R)	A
08 Johnson (R)	A
Kissell (D)	C
09 Doctor (D)	F
Myrick (R)	A
10 Gregory (D)	C-
McHenry (R)	A
11 Miller (R)	A
Shuler (D)	C

12 Cumbie (R)	NR
Watt (D)	F-
13 Miller (D)	F-
Randall (R)	A

NORTH DAKOTA

01 Berg (R)	A
Pomeroy (D)	D

OHIO

01 Chabot (R)	A
Driehaus (D)	D
02 Schmidt (R)	A
Yalamanchili (D)	NR
03 Roberts (D)	C-
Turner (R)	B-
04 Jordan (R)	A
Litt (D)	A
05 Finkenbinder (D)	NR
Latta (R)	A
06 Johnson (R)	NR
Wilson (D)	D
07 Austria (R)	A
Conner (D)	D-
08 Boehner (R)	A
Coussoule (D)	NR
09 Iott (R)	A
Kaptur (D)	F
10 Corrigan (R)	A
Kucinich (D)	F-
11 Fudge (D)	F
Pekarek (R)	NR
12 Brooks (D)	NR
Tiberi (R)	A
13 Ganley (R)	NR
Sutton (D)	F
14 LaTourette (R)	B-
O'Neill (D)	D
15 Kilroy (D)	F
Stivers (R)	A-
16 Bocchieri (D)	D
Renacci (R)	A
17 Graham (R)	A
Ryan (D)	D
18 Gibbs (R)	A
Space (D)	C

OKLAHOMA

01 Sullivan (R)	A
02 Boren (D)	A-
Thompson (R)	A
03 Lucas (R)	A
Robbins (D)	D-
04 Cole (R)	A
05 Coyle (D)	NR
Lankford (R)	A

OREGON

01 Cornilles (R)	NR
Wu (D)	F
02 Segers (D)	F
Walden (R)	B

03 Blumenauer (D)	F-
Lopez (R)	A
04 DeFazio (D)	D-
Robinson (R)	A
05 Bruun (R)	A
Schrader (D)	F

PENNSYLVANIA

01 Brady (D)	F-
Varna (R)	NR
02 Fattah (D)	F-
Hellberger (R)	A-
03 Dahlkemper (D)	D
Kelly (R)	A
04 Altmire (D)	C
Rothfus (R)	A
05 Pipe (D)	NR
Thompson (R)	A
06 Gerlach (R)	B
Trivedi (D)	NR
07 Lentz (D)	F
Meehan (R)	NR
08 Fitzpatrick (R)	C
Murphy (D)	F-
09 Connors (D)	NR
Shuster (R)	A
10 Carney (D)	C-
Marino (R)	A-
11 Barletta (R)	A
Kanjorski (D)	D
12 Burns (R)	A
Critz (D)	NR
13 Adcock (R)	NR
Schwartz (D)	F-
14 Doyle (D)	F
Haluszczak (R)	A
15 Callahan (D)	F
Dent (R)	B
16 Herr (D)	F
Pitts (R)	A
17 Argall (R)	A
Holden (D)	B-
18 Connolly (D)	NR
Ryan (R)	A-
19 Platts (R)	B
Sanders (D)	NR

RHODE ISLAND

01 Cicilline (D)	F
Loughlin (R)	A
02 Langevin (D)	F-
Zaccaria (R)	A-

SOUTH CAROLINA

01 Frasier (D)	NR
Scott (R)	A
02 Miller (D)	NR
Wilson (R)	A+
03 Duncan (R)	A
Dyer (D)	NR
04 Corden (D)	NR
Gowdy (R)	NR

05 Mulvaney (R)	A
Spratt (D)	F
06 Clyburn (D)	F
Pratt (R)	A

SOUTH DAKOTA

01 Herseth Sandlin (D)	B-
Noem (R)	A

TENNESSEE

01 Clark (D)	NR
Roe (R)	A
02 Duncan (R)	A
Hancock (D)	NR
03 Fleischmann (R)	A
Wolfe (D)	NR
04 Davis (D)	B-
DesJarlais (R)	A
05 Cooper (D)	D-
Hall (R)	A
06 Black (R)	A
Carter (D)	NR
07 Blackburn (R)	A
Rabidoux (D)	NR
08 Fincher (R)	A
Herron (D)	NR
09 Bergmann (R)	NR
Cohen (D)	F

TEXAS

01 Gohmert (R)	A
02 Poe (R)	A
03 Johnson (R)	A
Lingenfelder (D)	F
04 Hall (R)	A
Hathcox (D)	NR
05 Berry (D)	A-
Hensarling (R)	A
06 Barton (R)	A
Cozad (D)	NR
07 Culberson (R)	A
08 Brady (R)	A
Hargett (D)	NR
09 Green (D)	F
Mueller (R)	A
10 Ankrum (D)	D
McCaul (R)	A
11 Conaway (R)	A
Quillian (D)	NR
12 Granger (R)	A-
Smith (D)	F
13 Thornberry (R)	B
14 Paul (R)	A+
Pruett (D)	NR
15 Hinojosa (D)	F
Zamora (R)	A
16 Besco (R)	D
Reyes (D)	D
17 Edwards (D)	C
Flores (R)	A
18 Faulk (R)	A
Jackson-Lee (D)	F-
19 Neugebauer (R)	A
Wilson (D)	NR
20 Gonzalez (D)	F
Trotter (R)	NR
21 Melnick (D)	F
Smith (R)	A-
22 Olson (R)	A
Rogers (D)	NR
23 Canseco (R)	A
Rodriguez (D)	D
24 Marchant (R)	A
25 Campbell (R)	A
Doggett (D)	F
26 Burgess (R)	A
Durrance (D)	F
27 Farenthold (R)	NR
Ortiz (D)	D
28 Cuellar (D)	D
Underwood (R)	A
29 Green (D)	D
Morales (R)	A
30 Broden (R)	NR
Johnson (D)	F
31 Carter (R)	A

32 Raggio (D)	NR
Sessions (R)	A

UTAH

01 Bishop (R)	A+
Bowen (D)	NR
02 Matheson (D)	C
Philpot (R)	A
03 Chaffetz (R)	A+
Hyer (D)	NR

VERMONT

01 Beaudry (R)	A
Welch (D)	D

VIRGINIA

01 Ball (D)	NR
Wittman (R)	B
02 Nye (D)	B
Rigell (R)	NR
03 Scott (D)	F
Smith (R)	NR
04 Forbes (R)	A
LeGrow (D)	NR
05 Hurt (R)	A
Perriello (D)	C
06 Goodlatte (R)	A
07 Cantor (R)	A
Waugh (D)	NR
08 Moran (D)	F-
Murray (R)	NR
09 Boucher (D)	C
Griffith (R)	A
10 Barnett (D)	NR
Wolf (R)	D-
11 Connolly (D)	F
Fimian (R)	NR

WASHINGTON

01 Inslee (D)	F
Watkins (R)	NR
02 Koster (R)	A
Larsen (D)	F
03 Heck (D)	NR
Herrera (R)	A
04 Clough (D)	NR
Hastings (R)	A+
05 McMorris Rogers (R)	A
Romeyn (D)	NR
06 Cloud (R)	A
Dicks (D)	F
07 McDermott (D)	F
08 DelBene (D)	NR
Reichert (R)	C
09 Muri (R)	A
Smith (D)	F

WEST VIRGINIA

01 McKinley (R)	A
Oliverio (D)	NR
02 Capito (R)	B
Graf (D)	NR
03 Maynard (R)	NR
Rahall (D)	D

WISCONSIN

01 Heckenlively (D)	NR
Ryan (R)	A
02 Baldwin (D)	F
Lee (R)	NR
03 Kapanke (R)	A
Kind (D)	D
04 Moore (D)	F
Sebring (R)	A
05 Kolosso (D)	NR
Sensenbrenner (R)	A
06 Kallas (D)	NR
Petri (R)	B
07 Duffy (R)	A
Lassa (D)	NR
08 Kagen (D)	D
Ribble (R)	A

WYOMING

01 Lummis (R)	A
Wendt (D)	NR



Seen here with GOA's John Velleco (right), pro-gun House candidate Lou Barletta (R-PA) earned the endorsement of GOA in his race against an anti-gun incumbent.

United States Senate

ALABAMA Barnes (D) D- Shelby (R) A-	DELAWARE Coons (D) NR O'Donnell (R) A	INDIANA Coats (R) C Ellsworth (D) D	KANSAS Johnston (D) NR Moran (R) A	NEW HAMPSHIRE Ayotte (R) NR Hodes (D) D	NEVADA Angle (R) A Reid (D) F	SOUTH CAROLINA DeMint (R) A+ Greene (D) F	SOUTH DAKOTA Thune (R) A+
ALASKA McAdams (D) NR Miller (R) A	FLORIDA Meek (D) F- Rubio (R) A	KENTUCKY Conway (D) NR Paul (R) A	LOUISIANA Melancon (D) C Vitter (R) A+	NEW YORK <i>NY race #1</i> Schumer (D) F- Townsend (R) NR	NEW YORK <i>NY race #2</i> DioGuardi (R) NR Gillibrand (D) F-	UTAH Granato (D) NR Lee (R) A	VERMONT Britton (R) NR Leahy (D) F
ARKANSAS Boozman (R) A+ Lincoln (D) D-	GEORGIA Isakson (R) A- Thurmond (D) NR	MARYLAND Mikulski (D) F- Wargotz (R) A	MISSOURI Blunt (R) A Carnahan (D) F	OHIO Fisher (D) F Portman (R) B	OKLAHOMA Coburn (R) A+ Rogers (D) NR	WASHINGTON Murray (D) F Rossi (R) A	WISCONSIN Feingold (D) F- Johnson (R) NR
ARIZONA Glassman (D) NR McCain (R) C-	HAWAII Inouye (D) F Cavasso (R) A	NORTH CAROLINA Burr (R) A+ Marshall (D) NR	NORTH DAKOTA Hoeven (R) A Potter (D) NR	OREGON Huffman (R) NR Wyden (D) F-	PENNSYLVANIA Sestak (D) F- Toomey (R) A-	WEST VIRGINIA Manchin (D) NR Raese (R) A	
CALIFORNIA Boxer (D) F- Fiorina (R) A	IOWA Grassley (R) A- Conlin (D) NR						
COLORADO Bennet (D) F- Buck (R) A	IDAHO Crapo (R) A- Sullivan (D) NR						
CONNECTICUT Blumenthal (D) F- McMahon (R) NR	ILLINOIS Giannoulis (D) F Kirk (R) F						

Patrick Henry Caucus Standing up to Feds

by John Velleco

More and more gun owners across the country are becoming familiar with the Patrick Henry Caucus, a coalition of state legislators working to constrain the federal government by the chains of the Constitution.

The Caucus was cofounded by Utah state representative Carl Wimmer, an average American citizen struggling to make ends meet who was concerned with the direction of this country and felt the need “do something.”

Carl’s journey into politics took off when his local state representative voted against what would have been the largest tax cut in state history. Fed up with out-of-touch elitist politicians, Wimmer threw his hat in the ring and got his name on the ballot for the next election.

Wimmer had no campaign experience and little money, but a lot of support from small-government conservatives. Startling the establishment, he defeated an entrenched incumbent in 2006.

Once in office, however, Wimmer realized that too many legislators are interested in only one thing: controlling the lives of others. So Carl, along with four other like-minded colleagues who



Utah State Rep. Carl Wimmer (right) with GOA’s John Velleco at a Right to Carry rally in New Mexico.

took the Constitution seriously, linked up and formed the Patrick Henry Caucus.

The Caucus, which is open to state legislators across the country, has the simple and desperately needed goal of asserting States’ powers against federal, unconstitutional intrusion.

And one of the first issues Wimmer’s group took on in Utah was the “Firearms Freedom Act,” which states that all firearms, firearm accessories, and ammunition “that is manufactured

commercially or privately in the state to be used or sold within the state [of Utah] is not subject to federal law or federal regulation, including registration, under the authority of Congress to regulate interstate commerce.”

Utah State Senator Margaret Dayton was the prime sponsor of the legislation, and she does not waste words when explaining that the goal of the FFA is about more than gun rights.

“The federal overreach is out of control,” said Dayton when her bill passed earlier this year. “That tyrannical overreach is what we’re trying to stop with this bill ... [and the passage of SB11] illustrates the universal yearning for freedom and shows the people still feel the spark that inspired our ancestors at Lexington and Valley Forge. My hope is that the march toward tyranny can be turned back with our votes.”

The Patrick Henry Caucus also passed legislation in Utah to reclaim federal land through eminent domain, a Health Care Freedom Act, as well as a State Sovereignty Resolution, all of which were signed by the governor.

State legislators and others interested in the work of the Caucus can visit www.thepatrickhenrycaucus.org for more information. ■



Nullifying Unconstitutional Federal Acts

by Larry Pratt

More Americans are seeing every day how out-of-control federal officials have become. As Angelo Codevilla aptly put it, they have become *The Ruling Class*, and a very corrupt one at that.

Patriotic Americans are hoping that the November 2 elections will bring this growing soft tyranny to a halt, but it remains to be seen if congressional Republicans will have the gumption to reverse what they themselves contributed to when they controlled the federal government. If the Senate in 2011 includes Senators Sharron Angle (NV), Marco Rubio (FL), Joe Miller (AK), Ken Buck (CO), Christine O'Donnell (DE), Mike Lee (UT), and a few others, then the GOP caucus may well be forced to cut programs and agencies rather than continuing to bloat them.

But the states, happily, have not been waiting for the federal cavalry to come over the hill. States have rediscovered their powers of nullification rooted in the Tenth Amendment. That wonderful amendment reads that, "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people."

Historically, the most widespread use of nullification was in the North in the years shortly before the War Between the States. They passed laws nullifying the Fugitive Slave Law in spite of a Supreme Court decision upholding it. That point needs to be stressed. The Supreme Court is not the last word in determining what is constitutional! The voters of each state are. If they re-elect politicians who will nullify Supreme Court opinions and unconstitutional laws or regu-

lations, then so be it.

The states have now effectively nullified the REAL ID Act, which would have converted state driver's licenses into a national ID card filled (electronically) with all kinds of personal information. Years past the deadline, that unconstitutional act has never been implemented. In addition, many states are nullifying Obama's efforts to socialize American medicine (or have already done so).

And of particular interest to gun owners, eight states have recently enacted a Firearms Freedom Act. These Acts provide for a nullification of all federal gun laws in cases involving guns made in a state, and which remain in the state. Wyoming's law has one extra provision that is almost perfect.

The Wyoming statute provides for a penalty of up to 365 days in jail for a federal official who attempts to impose a federal gun law in contravention of the state's Freedom Act. Perfection would require amending the law to provide for up to 366 days in jail. That extra day — even if the sentence were suspended following conviction — would trigger the federal law which would revoke the offending agents' civil rights, including their right to keep and bear arms. I personally do not think that revoking a person's Second Amendment freedoms for non-violent crimes is constitutional, but for the time being this penalty provides a handy tool for removing the federal boot from our necks.

A 366-day provision inspired by the Wyoming law not only needs to be inserted into all states' Firearms Freedom Acts, it needs to be part of any state law nullifying all unconstitutional federal laws and regulations. For a first-class treatment of the history and contemporary promise of the use of the Tenth Amendment, one need look no farther than Thomas Woods' *Nullification: How to Resist Federal Tyranny in the 21st Century*. ■

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Ian that he was not allowed to have any guns and that he would go to jail if they ever found any in his house.

In summary, better than going to the

VA, if at all possible, go to a private psychiatrist — or better yet, a pastor or some other person skilled at counseling — and keep yourself off the government books. If ObamaCare is not repealed, ALL doctors will be forced to make their records available to government drones pawing through our private

records. Then you will have to find a non-medical counselor if you want to keep your guns.

Senator-to-be John Boozman of Arkansas wants to repeal this abomination. Until then, warn all the vets you know about the risk they run if they deal with a VA psychiatrist. ■

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