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# CCRKBA RIPS ROAD RAGE 'STUDY'

Calling it the work of a "Michael Bellesiles wannabe," the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms, along with gun rights activists across the map, ripped a recent survey done by Dr. David Hemenway at the Harvard School of Public Health that suggested armed citizens are more prone to road rage than motorists who are not armed.

CCRKBA Executive Director Joe Waldron identified Hemenway as being "among the leaders of the 'gun violence as health epidemic' school of thought; a Michael Bellesiles/Arming America wannabe."

After a small story about the survey appeared in the Feb. 3 issue of *New Scientist*, a British magazine, it set off an uproar. Hemenway and a team of colleagues reportedly surveyed 2,400 motorists. They found that about 23 percent of survey respondents who carry firearms admitted to having made "rude gestures" while driving, as opposed to 16 percent of the unarmed respondents.

"A rude gesture is not road rage," Waldron remarked. He quipped that such gestures as those Hemenway's survey seemed to allude to have been upheld as "constitutionally protected free speech."

The nationally-circulated firearms newspaper *Gun Week* interviewed Hemenway, who said the survey was conducted in 2004, and was inspired by an earlier survey that dealt with drivers in Arizona. He said the results of this national survey closely followed those of the Arizona effort.

However, he noted that the survey does not contend that all people who drive with firearms in their cars are more aggressive.

"That's not what the data says at all," Hemenway acknowledged.

Instead, the survey revealed that more than 75 percent of all motorists do not drive aggressively or make obscene gestures to other drivers. Rural drivers are far less likely to make obscene or rude gestures than urban motorists, Hemenway revealed.

As director of the Harvard Injury Control Research Center, Hemenway was an early advocate of the proposition that gun violence is a public health issue. He authored the book, *Private Guns - Public Health*, and he received a grant from the Open Society Institute and Soros Foundation.

Prof. John Lott revealed to Point Blank editors that he has asked Hemenway and his team for their data so he can analyze it. Lott got a chuckle because the survey also suggested that "Liberals are apparently much more likely to engage in road rage than conservatives and the difference is larger than the difference between those who did and did not have a gun at least one time in their car over the last year. This variable is apparently never investigated, but presumably they are also concerned about liberals being allowed to drive cars."

# QUEBEC PROFESSOR SHOWS GUN CONTROL = CRIME HIKE

“Statistics indicate that gun control only increases crime,” argues Associate Professor Pierre Lemieux in the Department of Management Sciences of the University of Quebec at Outaouais, Canada.

Professor Lemieux knows well that, while gun grabbers began losing legislative ground in the United States, they managed to promote successfully stiffer regulations in Canada. At the same time, crime rates in the USA relative to crime rates in Canada headed down.

“Homicide rates have decreased more in the United States than in Canada,” he writes. “In fact, since 1998, the homicide rate has dropped by 33 percent in the USA, while it has increased three percent in Canada.”

An economist, author, consultant and professor, Lemieux advises people to “look at total violent crimes per 100,000 inhabitants. The rate is now about twice as high in Canada as in the USA. The violent crime rate has dropped markedly in the USA since the early 1990s, but has remained basically stable here.”

Lemieux notes that, “in the United Kingdom, after the introduction of tougher gun control and a prohibition of handguns in 1997, as well as the general repression of self-defense (victims who defend themselves against violent criminals often get more severe sentences than their aggressors), violent crimes have shot up. To control exploding crime, the British government is resorting to police state surveillance and control measures, an astounding development in the cradle of Western liberty, and the cradle of our traditional right to keep and bear arms.”

In a LewRockwell.com article, Professor Lemieux proclaims that,

“massive social science research shows the ineffectiveness of gun control in reducing crime. It is a source of continuous amazement that gun control advocates ignore the results of criminological, historic and econometric studies by reputed scholars like John Lott, Bill Landes, Gary Kleck, James Wright, Peter Rossi, Taylor Buckner, David Kopel, Don Kates, Gary Mauser, Colin Greenwood, and Joyce Malcolm. Why?

“In January 2002, two students of Appalachian Law School in Virginia stopped a mass killing in progress at the university by arresting the killer. Why don’t gun control activists wonder why there have been no mass killings at the University of Utah, where students are allowed to carry guns? Could it be that the madmen look for places where they can do more damage without being interrupted?”

Lemieux points out also that in an “econometric study, John Lott and Bill Landes estimate that, from 1977 to 1999 in the USA, deaths and injuries from multiple victim public shootings fell on average by 78 percent when state governments decriminalized concealed carry of handguns.”

Lemieux does admit that, “gun control will reduce some crimes, because they make guns more expensive and more risky to acquire by criminals on the black market. The problem is that gun control leads to an increase in other crimes, because it imposes on honest citizens who want guns greater costs and risks than it imposes on criminals – who generally already have criminal records and don’t bother with the time and humiliation required to

get a license. Gun control transmits to thugs the signal that people are defenseless – until the police arrive, after the crime. The historical and empirical evidence is that, in the net, gun control increases crime.

“Emotions, anecdotes, selective and poorly analyzed data, and ignorance of social science research: this is what gun control activists have to offer. Or perhaps they have another agenda. The way things have been going, we will soon have a Coalition for the Control of Everything.”



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# UN – A DAGGER POINTED AT AMERICAN GUN RIGHTS

The United Nations is fast becoming a dagger pointed at the heart of American liberty, including the individual Second Amendment civil right of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms.

There are people in the world, including right here in the United States, who just can't stomach the fact that we enjoy and in fact cherish our gun rights.

We understand our gun rights as a guarantee of our other rights, including and especially our right to self-defense, our right to defend our lives and the lives of our loved ones from violent criminals or, potentially, a tyrannical government.

We understand them and the exercise of them as a way of preserving our freedom. We enjoy them for the many recreational benefits associated with their use. We cherish them for these and for other legitimate reasons as well.

The people in the United States who hate our gun rights have been working hard for many years to deny us our rights.

They have used federal and state legislatures, federal and state courts, and national and local media to promote their gun-hate agenda.

We in the gun rights movement have been fighting back hard in these areas to oppose the gun grabbers.

It would appear that, for the moment at least, the gun grabbers have desisted to a certain extent on the home front from an immediate all-out assault on the right to keep and bear arms.

However, this does not mean that they have truly desisted. They simply have retreated tactically. Now, they are holed up with gun grabbers from other parts of the world under

the political umbrella of the United Nations.

In a late January item called "The UN Attack on American Gun Owners," The Conservative Voice reported that, "the UN is planning a full scale war on the American right to own and bear arms."

The Voice noted people realize "just how angry some UN delegates are at the United States for upholding this right. UN Secretary General Kofi Annan said, 'A program of small arms action is only a beginning, not an end in itself. Implementation will be the true test.' A Japanese delegate to the UN said, 'We strictly punish and control possession of small arms by civilians.' An Australian delegate to the UN said, 'Firearm owners in Australia must also demonstrate a genuine reason for ownership.' A Netherlands delegate to the UN said, 'It is my firm belief that the illicit trade cannot be tackled without involving the legal arms trade.'"

The International Action Network on Small Arms (IANSA) had been taking an active role within the United Nations in promoting worldwide restrictive gun control.

A global network of gun control activists, its chief spokeswoman, Rebecca Peters, has stated flat out that, "We want to see a drastic reduction in gun ownership across the world."

So, make no mistake about it: the gun grabbers still are on the march. At the present moment, one of the major elements of their freedom-hating strategy is to use the United Nations to undermine the rights, especially the gun rights, of law-abiding American citizens.

Fortunately, the American Ambassador to the United Nations, John Bolton, a CCRKBA Gun Rights

Defender of the Month, has stated in no uncertain terms that, "the United States will not join consensus on a final document that contains measures contrary to our constitutional right to keep and bear arms."

However, the traditional American position on the right to keep and bear arms ought to be underscored by congressional action.

There has been introduced in both the United States Senate and House of Representatives legislation which, if enacted and signed into law, would do just that. And CCRKBA supports this legislation all the way.

The legislation is S. 1488 in the Senate and H.R. 3436 in the House. S. 1488, introduced by Sen. David Vitter, and H.R. 3436, introduced by Rep. Charles Boustany, both of Louisiana, is known as the proposed Second Amendment Protection Act.

The proposal would withhold American funding from the United Nations if the United Nations abridges the rights recognized by the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution.

We urge all CCRKBA Members and Supporters to contact their Representative and both of their Senators and encourage them to become cosponsors.



# CCRKBA: CAN'T TRUST DEMS ON SELF-DEFENSE

Recent voting activity in the Wisconsin State Legislature proves that Democrats can't be trusted on gun rights and self-defense, concluded CCRKBA.

For the second time in two years, the failure of Wisconsin's State Assembly to override anti-gun Governor Jim Doyle's veto of crucial personal protection legislation proves that Democrats are "all talk and no walk" on the issue of firearm rights and the safety of their constituents, CCRKBA stated last month from its National Headquarters in Bellevue, Washington.

"For all their lip service about supporting the gun rights of Wisconsin citizens," said CCRKBA Executive Director Joe Waldron, "this vote once again demonstrates that Democrats cannot be trusted. When Democrats hit the campaign trail this fall, gun owners will be reminded that their rhetoric is empty, and that when they had the chance to do the right thing, they failed. Gov. Doyle may engage in political chest thumping and call this a victory, but in reality it's a victory for criminals, who will have a risk-free working environment."

CCRKBA Chairman Alan M. Gottlieb called the vote "deplorable" and criticized Wisconsin's Democrats for succumbing to anti-gun hysteria. The ultimate losers are the law-abiding citizens who are once again left with the knowledge that not only Gov. Doyle, but also Democrats in the Legislature do not care about their safety or their right of self-defense, he said. Gottlieb was particularly critical of Assembly members John Steinbrink of Pleasant Prairie and Terry Van Akkeren of Sheboygan, who were considered key override

votes, but succumbed to partisan politics.

"We want these two lawmakers, and Gov. Doyle, to know that every time a woman is raped or assaulted or murdered by an ex-boyfriend, their blood will be on your hands," Gottlieb stated. "Every time a shopkeeper is robbed, every time a motorist is the victim of a carjacking, every time a law-abiding citizen is victimized when he or she would have been able to fight back, that crime is as much your responsibility as that of the perpetrator, because you let it happen."

Gottlieb said that, "the Wisconsin vote is symbolic of how Democrats across the nation will say one thing and do another when it comes to gun rights and personal protection. They are the party of victim disarmament, no matter what they say when they want your vote. Once again in Wisconsin, they have put political ideology ahead of public safety, and the criminals win while citizens lose."

Wisconsin now remains one of only four states that prohibit concealed weapons after the state Assembly's failure to override Gov. Doyle's veto of a bill that would have ended a 133-year-old prohibition, noted local reports. The vote was 64-34 in favor of override, or just two votes short of the two-thirds required for the override. The state Senate previously overrode the veto by a 23-10 vote.

The bill would have allowed state residents who pass firearms training and get permits to carry concealed handguns in most public places except for schools, taverns and police stations.

Noting that "46 states have laws

that allow people to carry firearms for self-protection," Gottlieb declared that CCRKBA is not going to let the issue die. "We are going to keep coming back and fighting for it every single year. More importantly, the Governor is up for reelection and I think gun owners are going to remember that come Election Day."

State Reps. Steinbrink and Van Akkeren, two Democrats who clinched the Governor's veto of the bill after having first voted for the bill, said they switched their votes because of problems with the bill.

Republicans, however, accused them of bowing to "sickening" partisan pressure from Gov. Doyle, the state's top Democrat. State Rep. Scott Gunderson of Waterford, who authored the bill in the Assembly, did not doubt the political reasons for the vote changes.

"Reps. Van Akkeren and Steinbrink have always supported this bill," Gunderson said. "For them to flip based on politics is quite sickening. They both truly believe in this legislation. They have both created a problem with their constituents."

Rep. Gunderson pledged that the fight for a concealed carry law would not stop with the override defeat.

He noted that the Wisconsin State Supreme Court had urged the Legislature to move forward with the legislation. If the high court overturns Wisconsin's law prohibiting concealed weapons in public places, Gunderson warned, people would be able to carry guns without the training and background checks required in the bill.



# BATFE SPENDING MONEY LIKE IT IS OUT OF STYLE

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (BATFE) is spending taxpayers' money like water. The new national headquarters for the federal agency charged with implementing and enforcing federal firearm laws and regulations is at least \$19 million over budget, according to a report filed last month by Dan Eggen, a Washington Post Staff Writer. The overrun, wrote Eggen, comes "at a time when the agency is considering sharp cuts in the number of new cars, bulletproof vests and other basics it provides agents.

"The Justice Department inspector general's office recently received a complaint alleging that ATF Director Carl J. Truscott put through or proposed unnecessary plan changes and upgrades to the 438,000-square

foot building in the past two years, according to four sources familiar with the project."

Eggen reported that Truscott met recently with Acting Deputy Attorney General Paul J. McNulty "to address some of the complaints, and quickly canceled some of the upgrades he had planned for the new headquarters, according to two sources familiar with the events. A Senate subcommittee is also looking into the cost increases."

According to the Post report, "Truscott planned to purchase, among other things, nearly \$300,000 in extras for the new director's suite, including a \$65,000 conference table and more than \$100,000 for hardwood floors, custom trim and other items, according to the sources, who spoke

on the condition of anonymity for fear of reprisal. ATF officials said that none of those upgrades has been approved and that the conference table was initially proposed by the architect and replaced in plans with one that costs half as much... The ATF headquarters' contracted price was \$119.7 million in May 2004. Now the building, planned for a decade, is expected to cost at least \$138.5 million when it is completed next year, according to the General Services Administration."

BATFE, wrote Eggen, has also spent an additional \$75 million for site acquisition, design, furniture and other costs, and is reviewing ...further expenditures..."

# SURGEON-CONGRESSMAN NAMED CCRKBA DEFENDER

Congressman Charles Boustany, M.D. of Lafayette, Louisiana is the CCRKBA Gun Rights Defender of the Month for March.

In nominating Rep. Boustany for the Award, John Michael Snyder, CCRKBA Public Affairs Director, said that, "this Louisianian is a most accomplished and distinguished defender of the individual, Second Amendment civil right of law-abiding American citizens to keep and bear arms. He had an outstanding medical career before being elected to the United States House of Representatives. As a Representative, he has taken a lead in working to combat efforts on the part of international gun grabbers to undermine the Second Amendment rights of all Americans. He certainly is most deserving of the CCRKBA Gun Rights Defender of the Month Award."

Congressman Boustany is the chief sponsor of H.R. 3436, the proposed Second Amendment Protection Act, to withhold funding from the United Nations if the United Nations abridges the rights provided by the Second Amendment.

The bill was referred to the House Committee on International Relations, under the chairmanship of Rep. Henry J. Hyde of Illinois. The original cosponsor of H.R. 3436 is Rep. Joe Wilson of South Carolina, a previous CCRKBA Gun Rights Defender of the Month.

"As you may know," wrote Rep. Boustany, "the United Nations General Assembly first raised the issue of international gun control in a 1995 resolution. In 2001, the General Assembly adopted a Program of Action designed to infringe upon the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution,

and most recently, the UN met in New York City to finalize an agreement on worldwide gun control.

"Additionally, the UN granted the International Action Network on Small Arms (IANSA) with management status over Non-Governmental Organizations' participation in this UN conference. IANSA is a coalition dedicated to worldwide gun control, and its Director and other pro-gun control advocates would help facilitate the implementation procedures for an official UN Program of Action entitled: The United Nations Program of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weaponry in All Its Aspects."

Rep. Boustany wrote also that he "is opposed to providing financial support to international organizations that infringe upon the constitutionally protected rights of law-abiding Americans. As such, I was proud to have recently introduced H.R. 3436. This bill would withhold funding from the UN if it were to abridge the rights provided by our Founding Fathers in the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

"I strongly support the rights of private citizens, as protected under the Second Amendment, to own and possess firearms. Efforts to ban guns will not solve the problem of gun violence. I believe we should enforce existing gun laws and punish criminal offenders to the fullest extent of those laws. In doing so, we must provide law enforcement with the tools necessary to combat criminals, while making certain that the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens are not infringed upon. The ability of sportsmen, gun

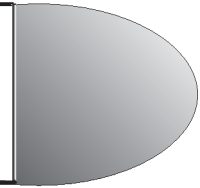
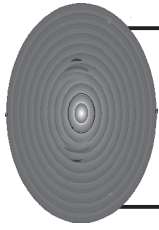
enthusiasts, and citizens concerned for their personal safety to own a gun should not be compromised."

H.R. 3436 is similar to S. 1488, introduced in the U.S. Senate by Sen. David Vitter of Louisiana, also a previous CCRKBA Gun Rights Defender of the Month.

Born on February 21, 1956, Charles Boustany was raised in Lafayette. He and his wife Bridget met on the campus of The University of Louisiana –Lafayette. They have two children, Erik and Ashley.

He continued his education at Louisiana State University School of Medicine in New Orleans where he received his Doctorate of Medicine. As part of his training, Charles served as general surgery resident in Louisiana Charity Hospital System and then moved on to become the Chief Resident in Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery at the University of Rochester in Rochester, New York. Upon completion of his residency in 1990, Charles chose to return to his native southwest Louisiana.

He served on the Board of Directors for the Greater Lafayette Chamber of Commerce and the Executive Board of the Greater Lafayette Chamber of Commerce as Vice President for Governmental Affairs. He served as President of the Lafayette Parish Medical Society. He won an at-large seat on the Lafayette Parish Republican Executive Committee. He was nominated for Congress and won election to the U.S. House of Representatives in 2004.



In Seattle, Washington, CCRKBA blasts a city political plan to hire a so-called "Crime Gun Program Coordinator" who will be "nothing more than a bureaucrat whose job will be to create and advocate gun control schemes." CCRKBA Executive Director Joe Waldron says, "this position is nothing more than the Seattle Police Department's official gun control advocate. They're using an inflammatory term – 'crime gun' – to demonize any and all firearms that may, for example, be stolen and later recovered from residential or commercial burglaries, but are never really used in a crime. If the Seattle Police want to spend up to \$92,000 on a crime gun specialist, that person's first order of business should be to go out and recover the handgun that was stolen from Police Chief Gil Kerlikowske's car more than a year ago."

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In seem brains and guns go together. According to the January 2006 "Official Newsletter of Metropolitan Washington (DC) Mensa" – the international society of persons who have scored above the 98th percentile on a standard IQ test – as reported by The Washington Times, "January is full auto month. This month only we will be at Select-Fire in Glen Burnie, Maryland, which is between Baltimore and DC. Semi and full auto UZIs, MK5s, Stens & Thompsons are available for around \$45 each and come with between 90 and 96 rounds in pre-loaded magazines, which can go pretty fast. Additional pre-loaded magazines cost \$15. Select-Fire also rents other

firearms. Wheelchair accessible. Free parking."

In Massachusetts, Daniel F. Conley, District Attorney for Suffolk County has established a Boston court that will prosecute only "gun crimes." According to The New York Times, "the court was created to expedite gun cases and create a uniform way to prosecute them. It will focus on crimes downtown and in two other neighborhoods with surges in gun violence. Similar courts have been set up in New York, Baltimore and Philadelphia."

Ohioans for Concealed Carry (OFCC) has endorsed Ohio Secretary of State Ken Blackwell for Governor. OFCC President Jeff Garvas says Blackwell "has been a strong consistent supporter of the rights of gun owners. As Governor, we believe he will be instrumental in furthering concealed carry reform in Ohio." OFCC Vice President Bryan Torok, added that, "it is past time to end Governor Taft's roadblocks to freedom that have for too long thwarted the will of the Ohio Legislature and the grassroots supporters who worked on this issue."

In Virginia, a bill allowing college students and employees to carry handguns on campus did not get through the subcommittee stage of the House Committee on Militia, Police and Public Safety. Delegate Todd Gilbert of Shenandoah County had offered the measure on behalf of the Virginia Citizens Defense

League.

In Pennsylvania, leaders of the statewide so-called PATH Coalition met in Philadelphia with state legislators and other community leaders to discuss legislation to limit handgun purchases by individuals to one every 30 days. PATH Coalition members include Men United for a Better Philadelphia, CeaseFire PA, the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, and Ceasefire New Jersey.

In Florida, State Rep. Dennis Baxley has proposed HB 129, to protect the possession of firearms in parking lots. ◆◆◆ According to Unified Sportsmen of Florida (USF), HB 129 would protect the rights of all law-abiding Floridians and out of state visitors who visit the Sunshine State by motor vehicle and who carry firearms in their vehicles for protection and other lawful purposes. "Some Florida businesses are trying to ban guns in cars," charges USF. "They are violating the constitutional rights of gun owners and Florida law. HB 129 protects your right to have a gun in your car for lawful purposes. HB 129 establishes penalties for these arrogant corporations who think they can control private property you have in your private vehicle."

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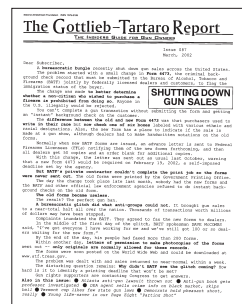
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