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Stephen Gutowski

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Stephen Gutowski

There's a lot of places you can get good and, frankly, bad opinions on guns out there. So we try to stick to our lane and, and do what we're good at. But, this week we are doing a Q&A podcast, reviewing another Q&A podcast in a little while. A lot of things have happened since the last one.

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Stephen Gutowski

At least we had the election. The outcome of that, we've had the Supreme Court do oral arguments. You know, there's a lot going on, a lot of stuff happening at the state level as well. And so we wanted to give our Reload members the opportunity to ask us some questions. We've got contributing writer Jake Fogleman here with me.

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Stephen Gutowski

How are you doing, Jake?

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Jake Fogleman

Doing well. Steve, I'm excited to do another Q&A podcast. Like you said, it's been a little while and I always love hearing from our members. And they ask us great questions.

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Stephen Gutowski

So yeah, you know, our members tend to be very smart people. I don't know if that's whether the correlation is causation thing. If you by becoming a Reload member, you become smarter. I'm not sure.

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Jake Fogleman

But it's science.

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Stephen Gutowski

But there's a clear, correlation, whether it's causation is another another question. But, you know, it doesn't hurt to try buy a membership and see if you become a smarter person. I think you will. Anyway. What? You know, we we got a lot of great questions. So let's just get started and just dive into it.

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Stephen Gutowski

What? What are the first question we got there?

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Jake Fogleman

Sure. Yeah. This one's a, sort of a Supreme Court related question asking about the current state, assault weapons ban challenges and which case might reach the Supreme Court first. I think we have a general consensus, both you and I, about which one that might be, the snow case out of Maryland, right?

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Stephen Gutowski

Yeah. So, you know, let's set the the landscape here for all of the members sent this in. You know, obviously there are a lot of assault weapons ban challenges percolating through the federal courts right now, some of which have already gone up to the Supreme Court. Right. They've already tried to get, cert at the Supreme Court and, have failed.

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Stephen Gutowski

We just covered Illinois case, with their recent Lee enacted, assault weapons ban in Illinois. And they, the plaintiffs there, the gun rights plaintiffs tried to get the Supreme Court to get involved, but the court said no. And we got we got a message from, Justice Thomas, sort of explaining maybe some of the reasoning involved there and which does, I think, point to snow as a better vehicle for this, a more likely case to actually be the one that the Supreme Court takes up.

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Stephen Gutowski

And why was it what a Thomas said exactly.

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Jake Fogleman

Yeah. So it was a case that was before the Supreme Court, after the Seventh Circuit had denied a preliminary injunction against Illinois's ban. So it was that the preliminary injunction stage, which means there wasn't a final ruling on the merits yet. And after the court denied cert, Justice Thomas wrote separately, basically just to say, yeah, I understand our decision today to respect basically the lower court procedure because this is an interlocutory posture, aka it's not to the final merits ruling yet.

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Jake Fogleman

That's why we're going to send this back, however. And then he went to went on to expound about why he thinks it's just about high time for the court to weigh in exactly what the second what kind of arms the Second Amendment does protect. And he took a couple pot shots at the Seventh Circuit's ruling. And there's sort of the rationale for denying the preliminary injunction.

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Jake Fogleman

So he sort of tipped at least his hand as to, how he feels about these types of bans and his appetite for taking one.

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Stephen Gutowski

Yeah, he basically said he thought the Seventh Circuit was wrong and right. The most popular rifle in the country, leaving being the AR 15, which is broadly targeted by these types of assault weapons, so-called assault weapons bans. While they even though they may vary in their makeup from state to state, what an assault weapon is in Illinois is different from one.

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Stephen Gutowski

So up in is in California, for instance, or Maryland, which is where the Snopes case is out of, but they all try to target similar guns and most prominently, the AR 15. And Thomas made a comment to the effect of, it wouldn't make a lot of sense for the Second Amendment not to protect, the most popular rifle in the country, given their sort of common use standard that they set up in, or articulated in Heller, sort of set up in, in Miller before that.

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Stephen Gutowski

But regardless, yeah. So we have Thomas's view and we have, you know, breadcrumbs as we're always trying to read

entrails and follow breadcrumbs when we're talking about Supreme Court. Right. Because, until you get to that final actual opinion, you're not going to necessarily have a full understanding of exactly what goes on inside the Supreme Court. That's just how it operates.

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Stephen Gutowski

You will get sometimes what a what one justice thinks. And perhaps an influential Justice Thomas, wrote Bruen. After all, the landmark case from 2022, that set up the new standard for judging second in the cases, although he was the single to center in Rashmi the court's last second in a case. So, you know, I don't know if people can guess themselves whether he's the most influential or the least influential.

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Stephen Gutowski

Justice on on Second amendment. Jurisprudence at the court right now. But he did put, you know, here we got his view. No one else joined on that and is you, frankly, is somewhat similar to what we saw from Justice Alito in the Antioch case in New York. The one that dealt with this broom response was the new gun carry restrictions that New York put into place.

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Stephen Gutowski

And, the court was asked to intervene there at an interlocutory stage as well and said no. And Alito, again, in a similar message, said, this doesn't mean that we don't agree with the plaintiffs on the merits. It just means that we're not taking this case right now. And so they seem to have been pretty hesitant about taking any case on Second Amendment that isn't at the final merit stage.

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Stephen Gutowski

And that is why. Right. We think Snopes has a real shot of actually being taken up.

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Jake Fogleman

It's that and they seem to have a preference for wanting any cases that come up before them to have considered Rahimi because you've seen them DVR a couple of cases that haven't considering me, but this also works in this. Nope. Cases favor because the Fourth Circuit on Fourth Circuit handed down its merits ruling upholding Maryland's Sullivan ban. Several months after Remy was decided and Remy was incorporated into the opinion.

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Jake Fogleman

And so all of that is taking care of all of that is off the table. And it is now before the Supreme Court. And as of yesterday, we're recording this on Tuesday, the petitioners in that case, filed their final briefs. So all the briefing is done, and it's sort of at the point now where the Supreme Court can consider it during conference or can release it if it chooses to.

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Jake Fogleman

But basically, the ball is in the Supreme Courts Court, so to speak, as to whether or not they're going to, decide to take this case. There's really there's no other obstacles other than they just don't want to at this point.

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Stephen Gutowski

Right. Other than they might not actually want to answer this question yet. Right. They might not have enough of a consensus on the court to answer this question yet. Now that may sound surprising. So with a six, three, majority of Republican appointed, justices, but, you know, it's it's not entirely clear which way they're going to go.

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Stephen Gutowski

I mean, We'll have to see. And I would note to the Thomas dissented when the court denied, the a sort of a pre brewing concealed carry case out of, out of California years ago and he made a lot of the same points that he's making. Now. This is what you know, Thomas has famously, described the Second Amendment as a second class right.

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Stephen Gutowski

Or at least the Supreme Court's treatment of it as, as such. And, you know, when he did that in the California concealed carry case, you know, Brune wasn't necessarily the very next case they could have taken to resolve that. They did eventually take up a case to resolve this question, which was brewing, which resulted in a landmark, pro-gun.

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Stephen Gutowski

I think it's fair to describe, ruling, but it didn't necessarily happen immediately after, Thomas made his statement in that case. So it's, you know, it Snopes is set up to be what the court is looking for. That doesn't necessarily mean they're going to take that that. So we'll we'll have to see. But yeah, we have another question here from that sort of follows on with that from another member who wanted to remain anonymous, but basically they're, you know, they ask a question, they know essentially that there's there's differences between California's assault weapons ban, as I was just mentioning a moment ago, there are differences between all these solvents bans.

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Stephen Gutowski

Right. They they will sometimes define what an assault weapon is differently. You know, you generally speaking, the definition includes semiautomatic, rifles or shotguns or handguns that fire, center fire ammunition and then have a can accept a detachable magazine and have a series of features over either one feature or two feature on this list of of banned features.

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Stephen Gutowski

That's usually how these laws are written, although they have some states like California, Massachusetts have added on other requirements like copycat designations. If the state thinks they're too similar to a gun they're trying to ban, and they will say that is also banned, these bans usually also have a specific list of guns that they think, are assault weapons.

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Stephen Gutowski

And so, in the end, you get, frankly, a pretty wide variation between, like, Maryland's two feature ban and California's one feature, plus all the ten years of them trying to, go after workarounds, basically, featureless rifles and things like that. So that you end up with pretty distinct and different lists of guns that are actually banned in practice in these states.

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Stephen Gutowski

And so how does that play in when, you know, if the court takes up one of these solvents, in case, let's say they take up the Maryland case, Maryland's science ban definition is pretty different from California's at this point or Massachusetts. So, this member asks, you know, what? If Scotus strikes down Maryland, for instance, ban or some other states, could that apply to the bans and other states?

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Stephen Gutowski

Because, they say I could see California arguing that such a ruling would not apply to states not ban the same exact kind of guns. So what are your thoughts on that? Jay?

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Jake Fogleman

Yeah, I think I see what he's getting at, but I think almost certainly it would still apply. Now, that's it's almost a separate question as to whether California would try to work around that ruling or not. That's almost a separate piece of this. But just as, sort of an analogous situation, the Bruin case. So that case dealt specifically on the merits with New York's concealed carry law.

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Jake Fogleman

But because, you know, 7 or 8 other states had similar may issue regimes you saw in the immediate aftermath, of that Bruin decision striking down New York's May issue carry law. All of those states, basically their attorney generals issuing opinion, saying, you know, our laws are very similar to New York's. And the Supreme Court just said that that was unconstitutional.

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Jake Fogleman

So we were going to amend our current law to comply with what the Supreme Court said. And that's essentially, I think, the situation you would get into in this hypothetical scenario in which Maryland's ban on air fifteens and other rifles is struck down.

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Stephen Gutowski

Yeah, I think that's exactly right. And I think that the the Bruin case, with this, may issue concealed carry laws is a perfect analogy of how this would work in practice if the Supreme Court issues a ruling that strikes down Maryland or Illinois or one of these other states that has cases pending, Delaware, cases pending against their Sullivan's Bans, if they strike down one of those laws, it will almost certainly affect all the Sullivan's Bans throughout the country and any potential federal ban in the future.

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Stephen Gutowski

Because it's going to likely include reasoning that is more expansive than just the this very specific definition instituted by Maryland is unconstitutional. And we're not going to say more beyond that. It'll probably be a bit more expensive than that. And, you know, protect things like air fifteens outright, from, from wholesale bans on, on their sale or, or possession or what have you.

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Stephen Gutowski

So it's unlikely that if the, if the Supreme Court does strike down and Sullivan's ban somewhere in the country that other solvent bans are going to survive, that what is more likely as you like now laid out there, though, is they will come up with some other restriction that they argue complies with the ruling. But, you know, isn't technically an assault weapons ban, right?

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Stephen Gutowski

This is exactly what you saw after brewing the broom response laws. Some of them ended up more strict as far as, gun carry than than the May issue laws were because under the May issue regimes in a lot of these states, if you could get the permit, they were relatively, in line with the rest of the country on where you could carry your gun and the brewing response bills for the most part, have, made it so that more people can get a permit, but made it much, much more difficult to legally carry it anywhere, carry a gun anywhere.

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Stephen Gutowski

California especially, but most of them, they added the, the so-called vampire rule, this, this idea that, that kind of an inverted how, publicly accessible private property had been treated in the past by saying all publicly accessible private property is off limits to carry unless the owner posts a sign or tells you somehow that it's okay to carry there, which in practice makes going out in public, with legally, legally going out in public hearing a firearm almost impossible,

especially combined with a number of the other restrictions on like, parks and government buildings and, and, public transit, things like that.

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Stephen Gutowski

You know, they, they ended up with regimes that were actually, harder to comply with. Than before the ruling. So that and a lot of them are still in place right now. You know, this goes back to what we were talking about earlier. Like the court's reluctance to take up Second Amendment cases, an interlocutory state where if you're not, you know, if you're asking for a preliminary injunction and you don't get one from the lower courts, sure seems like Supreme Court is not going to step in and help you out on any second in a case.

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Stephen Gutowski

And that was one of the first cases was Antioch in in New York on on these new gun carry restrictions. And the court did not step in there. They did. You got alito's statement that basically said, you know, we'll keep an eye on this. And the second circuit should move quickly, but, we're not going to take up the case.

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Stephen Gutowski

So, yeah. So I think that's what's likely to happen in the scenario where the court strikes down one states us all and ban all of them are going to be impacted, but they will likely find some other way to restrict those types of guns. Maybe a way that actually results in it being even harder to, the firearms in question.

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Stephen Gutowski

But, you know, that's all speculation down the line. I do think you're right that that that's the the closest analog is going to be the what happened after Bruen. So, yeah. Which, next question is still Supreme Court. A lot of a lot of interest in the Supreme Court, which makes sense. Right.

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Jake Fogleman

That's sort of interesting is these days. Yeah.

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Stephen Gutowski

Yeah. And they they've been you know, I know for a lot of people probably doesn't feel this way. But the Supreme Court has been fairly busy on at least gun related cases. Not all of them are Second Amendment cases. Right. But they've been doing a lot of gun related cases. They have two gun related cases in front of them right now.

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Stephen Gutowski

The, frames and receivers rule from the ATF. They're they already had oral arguments and that we're just waiting on an opinion. And then they took up the Smith and Wesson v Mexico case, which, you know, Mexico has some Second Amendment arguments, but, it's more of a polka or really not even PLC. I just sort of, straight liability question whether whether Mexico's argument is even viable.

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Stephen Gutowski

Under, you know, basic standards of law in the United States. So that's, they're even now they're taking fewer and fewer cases overall, but a larger percentage of them have been gun related. So anyway, that's where a lot of, like you said, a lot of the action is there. And, so our next question is from our good man, Weird Beard, who asks, what do you think the next second Amendment case is going to be?

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Stephen Gutowski

And when? So, why don't you give it a shot? We already talked a little bit about Snopes. What do you think? That's the best chance for the next one? Or do you have a different thought?

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Jake Fogleman

I'd say Snopes is definitely I like we covered is, definitely a good candidate, just because of, like, all the reasons we articulated in the previous question. It's just fully briefed. It's all the procedural hurdles that the Supreme Court likes to see. Be out of the way or already out of the way. It's a question that at least two of the conservative justices think it's time for them to take.

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Jake Fogleman

So it's certainly up there. Outside of scope, my money is really on a felon in possession case. If listeners will recall, right after Rahimi was decided last term, the DOJ came back with a flurry of all these various federal, felon in possession band cases. You know, it's been by far the most challenged federal gun law after Bruen.

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Jake Fogleman

And so the DOJ came to them with a handful of hand-selected cases ranging from nonviolent felonies to violent felonies and said, please, for the love of God, Scotus, we need guide guidance on this question. This is our most important gun charge that we bring, and there's all these different conclusions courts are coming to. And the Supreme Court said, well, the best we can do is a grant record and remand.

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Jake Fogleman

And they kicked them back down to the circuit courts. And we've already seen 2 or 3 come back with the exact same outcome. Yeah. So I would not be shocked to see the DOJ come running right back to the Supreme Court and say, okay, we did our DVRs. We still don't have guidance. Please give us guidance. And there is one.

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Stephen Gutowski

See that there's one felon in possession case that's currently in front of the court. Right. That could be taken. Moyers is that. Yeah.

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Jake Fogleman

Moya is a case that's been distributed for conference.

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Stephen Gutowski

There's all these names.

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Jake Fogleman

So 2 or 3 movies that haven't been distributed yet, but. But there's been a petition filed, and then obviously some of those GBD cases will probably come right back, in a range, though, the big nonviolent felon ruling out of the Third Circuit, they just heard oral arguments again in the DVR scenario from the ten or more arguments, it sounded like it's going to be the same outcome.

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Jake Fogleman

So there's just all of these options that the court could choose from. So I guess that makes it a little harder to gauge the wind portion of this question, just.

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Stephen Gutowski

Because you think that one that's there and right now is going to be the one that could.

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Jake Fogleman

I don't, because it's just a plain error review kind of an ask. And that's to me, you know, these plainer review questions in the lower courts we've seen have just been unpublished, unsigned opinions from these lower courts. It's sort of a just a small procedural thing that they do in these criminal cases.

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Stephen Gutowski

I see your challenge, right?

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Jake Fogleman

Yeah. And and they're asking for a facial, challenge, a vote on constitutionality of a felony at the felony. That's how much I don't see. I don't see the justices facially striking down that gun law.

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Stephen Gutowski

It's basically saying there's no, constitutional application of the felony possession ban. Right. Now it is it's more challenging from just reading their briefs. It challenges the permanent nature of the ban, which is an interesting question, because that that is something that, was sort of implied by Rahimi, that maybe they don't think that the permanent nature of the ban is a good idea, because Rahimi goes out of its way to talk about how the, domestic violence restraining order ban is temporary.

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Stephen Gutowski

Right. There was some question about whether how temporary it really is, oral arguments. But that was the conclusion the court came to that that was a significant part of their ruling. So I don't know, maybe they got traction, but yeah, it doesn't feel like, looking through the case, the the plaintiffs here or the defendant, I guess, is trying to get charges dismissed against him for felony possession.

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Stephen Gutowski

Whatever his felony was, it doesn't it's not laid out in the briefs, but it's something that had, like, 207 months of incarceration as a punishment. It was probably a very serious and I would imagine, violent crime. I don't know that for sure, but but my guess is he's not going to be a similarly sympathetic plaintiff like ranges.

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Stephen Gutowski

The guy who lied to get food stamps, in the 90s, for like \$2,000 worth of food stamps. And now he can't own guns forever. That's obviously a bit more of a, sympathetic plaintiff. Which, you know, whether the court cares about that aspect or not, as they probably shouldn't write any of all kinds of landmark.

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Stephen Gutowski

Civil rights cases where the plaintiffs are not good guys. Miranda. Miranda rights is the guy who, you know, gotta get us the reading of rights. Miranda was not a good guy, but regardless, Yeah, I think you're right. It's probably not going to be the one that's more is probably not going to be the one that does.

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Stephen Gutowski

It probably will be range or some of these other ones that both the DOJ and the gun rights plaintiffs want to be heard. Although you do wonder if, the new administration changes tact on any of this. The next Solicitor General may have a different argument when it comes to felonies. I mean, I would be surprised if DOJ just said we don't want to send any.

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Stephen Gutowski

It is literally the gun control law. Like, this is what the vast majority of federal gun crime prosecutions are for felony possession. Right? So I don't you know, maybe they'll take a more nuanced view, and especially given that the president is a convicted felon, who can't own firearms and was convicted of a nonviolent, obviously nonviolent crime.

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Stephen Gutowski

Maybe he will have a his he and his department will have a different view on that particular question of dangerousness and violence, you know, being required for this, for this ban. But, I guess we'll see on that point. Nobody, nobody is down to that. Yeah.

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Jake Fogleman

That's it. Yeah. It's interesting curveball. I do have a darkhorse candidate that maybe won't be a full Supreme Court case, but, that's the spirit of Aloha. Hawaii case is currently before the court. And if listeners recall, that's the one where Hawaii's Supreme Court essentially said, yeah, well, Supreme Court may have ruled what they ruled in Heller, but we say that actually in Hawaii there is no individual right to bear arms.

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Jake Fogleman

And and so I could see, you know, perhaps not taking that on, you know, a full oral argument, but issuing just like a, per curiam sort of. Yeah, like Kitano in Massachusetts and just saying, like, hey, you can't just tell us to bugger off, you know? Right. We say matters and we said that there's there's rights.

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Stephen Gutowski

Yeah, I could see that as A90, case that just says Bruin and regime control. And you can't just say whatever you want, right? Especially because they were just basically daring the Supreme Court to do that. The Hawaii, Hawaii Supreme Court is kind of just saying, screw you. United States Supreme Court, we don't care what you say, and I wouldn't yeah, I wouldn't be surprised if we got.

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Stephen Gutowski

Yeah, A901 page ruling rebuking that. But, so yeah, maybe that'll be the next one because that's a pretty although to be fair, there are I think there's probably three justices, maybe only two. That might agree with the, the Hawaiian Supreme Court on that question. Although the nine in Cayetano included, you know, a number of liberal justices who didn't agree with the, the Heller ruling, and they still signed on to say tonight.

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Stephen Gutowski

And so that you might see the same thing here. As long as they don't break new ground that you might get all nine of them. But either way, here. Yeah, I honestly, that might be the Snopes. Seems like the kind of, you know, big brain pic of, like, it's got everything that they say they want, or at least that the, the conservative justices who have talked about this say that they want whether that's enough for the whole court to take it up, I think is still a big question is nope.

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Stephen Gutowski

Is kind of your that's definitely one everybody wants them to take in the gun rights community. I would say that that's

what they they don't I don't think the gun rights committee is not as interested in the drawing. The thin line between who's what kind of felons should be banned for life. I mean, certainly there is interest in that, but it's not the big ticket item that they're looking for.

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Stephen Gutowski

They want to go after the assault weapons ban. They want to go after the magazine limits. You know that that's the kind of stuff that the, the movement, the legal movement here is, is looking for. So they see Snoko, they see what Thomas has said. And they I think the the instinct is to believe that that's going to result in the court taking up the case.

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Stephen Gutowski

And I don't know, I don't know. That's a I think you're right as far as felon in possession makes the most sense in terms of like the federal if the court is worried about. You know, overseeing the federal court system, that's probably the most significant, because you're just going to have so many more cases that involved don't in possession charges than you are anything to do with solvents bans.

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Stephen Gutowski

I mean, the only a solvent many cases you're going to get are these challenges to state laws. And so it's not impacting nearly as much the federal docket and these lower courts, whereas the the uncertainty around what sounds can be barred from owning guns and for how long, whether it can be permanent, that's having like much more widespread impact in the lower courts.

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Stephen Gutowski

And so, yeah, I would I kind of agree with you and start, you know, maybe, probably, maybe that Hawaii case, they just like, hey, what are you doing? This is stupid. Stop this. Without giving any sort of new, real insight. Okay? Tyler didn't give you a lot of new insight. Okay? You had some. You did have some, concurrence in K-Town, specifically from Alito.

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Stephen Gutowski

That talk that that a lot of people reference. But that's concurrence. That's different from the majority opinion, which just said, hey, stun guns. Really, it's just about no, the second movement doesn't apply to only the weapons that existed in 1770. There's 1792. And, you know, that was that was what they actually held. So it wasn't anything groundbreaking.

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Stephen Gutowski

It was just, you know, this is we agree as a court that this how you guys decided this in Massachusetts doesn't make any sense. And you could absolutely see something like that, with this Hawaii ruling that doesn't really give you any any new meat on the bone, but just rebukes the the lower court there. But yeah, other than that, I, I still yeah, I would expect some sort of dive into the dangerousness thing, but I'm still looking for the anti-fracking me.

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Stephen Gutowski

Right. The reaming was all about how okay, here's an example of what we mean when we say blank check. Right. Or what we mean when we say brewing's not a straight jacket. You don't need to find an exact, duplicate of the modern regulation in history. And so when are they going to do the case that says, okay, here's an example where the worker was using our history test as a blank check and that this there's no historical that looks anything like what this modern regulation looks like.

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Stephen Gutowski

So I don't know, maybe they do that in range. It could be something like that. It doesn't have to be range itself or something similar. There's a lot of these felony possession cases as you can probably imagine. But all right I think so. Yeah, I guess we're betting on felon in possession. And yeah, timing is much harder to predict.

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Stephen Gutowski

Right. If it's going to be found in possession, I guess we're saying that they're not going to take snap immediately. Maybe they'll relisted a couple more times and. I don't know, what they might do it because. Yeah, I guess denying it would be a big problem, too, because they're letting the lower court ruling stand in that case, but maybe they will have to take snap.

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Stephen Gutowski

I don't know, but. I would I would think that at some sort of felony possession case would make more sense. Maybe not more. Yeah, but something else might percolate up pretty quickly, I would think, including the the ones they've already got, it might just come back pretty fast and, and end up with the same questions because as we've written.

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Stephen Gutowski

Yeah. And you noted reading hasn't changed in these cases at all. So yeah, they can be back up at the court pretty fast. Right. All right. But yeah. So maybe within the next year or so, I don't know. Either way, we will tell you when it happens.

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Jake Fogleman

Absolutely.

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Stephen Gutowski

All right. Next next question here, starts off with a statement. Actually, you guys do great work from, member Julia. Thank you. That's very kind of you.

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Jake Fogleman

See what we mean about our smart members?

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Stephen Gutowski

Yeah.

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Jake Fogleman

See their smart opinions.

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Stephen Gutowski

Great opinions. All right, so here's this actual question with with the increased number of first time gun owners, I'm, finding they do not understand or appreciate the significance of the Second Amendment. Are there good, relatively unbiased resources available which explain the history and significance of the Second Amendment in simple terms? So, is pretty straightforward question, not necessarily a super easy one.

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Stephen Gutowski

You know, I think we we had David, Hennessy on the show, on the podcasts a while back when he wrote his book on,

you know, the American relationship with guns. You know, obviously he's a program, dude. So, you know, he comes with that perspective, but I thought his book was pretty well done.

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Stephen Gutowski

And, and, and, focused a lot on.

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Stephen Gutowski

The American gun culture dating back to the founding era and the importance of firearms, in American, history. So that's one example. What what do you got?

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Jake Fogleman

I would say, to two different three, actually three different Davids come to mind. On this question. So David Hassan is I think first, freedom was the name of the book. And that's going to give you a lot of the historical stuff, because he goes back to the colonial era and then kind of traces America's relationship with guns to today, David Yamani, who we've also had on the podcast before.

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Jake Fogleman

He's much less less historical, you know, examining of the Second Amendment, but a great resource as someone who came from outside gun culture and sort of his journey through modern American gun culture. So I think that could be relatable to someone that maybe doesn't know a lot about gun culture. And so I think Gun Curious is his latest book, but he's written several books in this vein and some as well.

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Stephen Gutowski

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Jake Fogleman

Another David that's been on the show, David Kopel this is a little more academic, but he published, I think, the first ever law school textbook, and I know most people probably are. Their eyes glaze over when they think about reading a textbook, but, I've actually, you know, peruse through it and it is accessible to most people.

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Jake Fogleman

And it really is a just a dense history of not only law and regulation, but also policy. And you can sort of glean some insights into what the Second Amendment historically and currently based on. Just it's it's a big thing. Obviously, most people probably aren't going to read a textbook, but it is a valuable, I think, resource for this.

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Stephen Gutowski

Yeah. And then, you can obviously go back to the founding documents themselves. And, you know, some of the supporting writing from the time, The Federalist Papers started this paper, 29 B1A fairly good, example of that. You know, there's there's also the, you can actually read like Heller. Heller itself has a lot of the, scholarship around the Second Amendment included in it.

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Stephen Gutowski

You know that there's quite a bit of, fairly accessible writing on, on this topic, especially in conservative legal circles. You also have, like Kostas Morrison, I did a piece a while back on sort of the second generation of Americans and their views of the Second Amendment and, some of the debates from that time as well.

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Stephen Gutowski

So you have you can go through the founders views. There's a lot of founders who wrote about the Second Amendment within The Federalist, you know, the concept of an armed populace and the Federalist Papers in the Anti-Federalist papers as well. And, and also, the legal scholars from the, you know, 19th century that grapple with this problems.

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Stephen Gutowski

The idea that the Second Amendment grants an individual right is not new, right? It wasn't something created by the NRA in the 20th century. It's something that dates back to, early on in American history and, and, and the debate over what guns it covers and doesn't cover and so forth has been going on almost since the second member was ratified.

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Stephen Gutowski

So, yeah, there's some interesting discussions of that, especially that that piece that Curtis and I, wrote a while back. So, yeah, I mean, that's. I guess those are the best things I can. Yeah. If you there's, Would we have anything else?

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Jake Fogleman

I'll say I would pitch, Charles C.W. Cook, who writes for National Review. He's done he's written a book on this, but but sort of his articles that he's written over the years, he, he's pretty good on this stuff detailing some of the founding era arguments in chronicling some of that stuff as well. So if you have access to, you know, online news sites and stuff, you can get some of that information there as well.

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Stephen Gutowski

Yeah. I mean, these are, you know, if you're looking for a countervailing view, which I don't think is exactly what you're looking for, but there's like Gun Fight by Adam Winkler, there's a number of, liberal academics who've tried to look at the history as well. Yeah. So it's always a good idea to have a little more, variety in your reading to to challenge your ideas and, and cut through, you know, be informed, that's all.

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Stephen Gutowski

But, yeah, there's a lot of good resources out there, on this front. You know, I don't know that there's a specific, it's harder when you're talking about, like, somebody that doesn't have any point of view on it, right? I mean, other than just reading the founding documents themselves and some of the founders writings on the Second Amendment, is there were a number of founders that wrote at length about, about the second man, about the right to keep and bear arms and you know, reading first documents is always kind of the best.

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Stephen Gutowski

It is usually better if you have some guidance from somebody like David Kopel in a story history book or, or, you know, some of his counterparts in the left and their views, but, yeah. The I mean, so it, I don't know that there's any, like, none nonpartisan, somebody that doesn't have any of you on the subject out there and maybe the Constitution Center and in Philadelphia or somebody like that might be able to give, another point of view that's tries to be a little more.

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Stephen Gutowski

Down the center of it, I don't know.

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Jake Fogleman

That's. Yeah.

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Stephen Gutowski

That's my. All right. What's what do we got next? What's the next question? Yeah.

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Jake Fogleman

This is, another one from Reload member Paul. And he's asking about, any ideas on how to harness the growing. I'm assuming he's talking about the liberal gun owners club or gun club type community. So some of these folks from outside the quote unquote, traditional, gun culture spaces, to better, you know, to better inform them about, you know, knowledge about guns.

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Jake Fogleman

If, you know, maybe, perhaps their only is similar to this question if perhaps their only understanding of guns comes from sort of mass understand mass media, typical, outside of gun culture knowledge. So what do you think about, Paul's question there?

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Stephen Gutowski

Yeah. Well, I mean, I, I don't know, I kind of took it as him asking, how do you use folks from the liberal gun owning community to educate people? But I don't know. I guess maybe Paul can send a clarification to us, but, I guess you can look at it both ways. Yeah. I mean, one is like the liberal gun club itself does, I think, a pretty good job of, explaining his views to its members.

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Stephen Gutowski

Right. And, and, educating people on, gun rights in addition to, you know, what? They're basically what their rights are, in addition to, like, the benefits of gun ownership as well as, like, more practical questions around training and, and, and then just like, camaraderie and things like that. But then as far as, like one thing I've always noticed with the Liberal Gun Club, and this sort of fits into.

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Stephen Gutowski

This the idea that we have a lot of new gun owners and they're from backgrounds that aren't, haven't traditionally owned guns at a high rate, whether it's people who are, ideologically to the left or people who are, you know, different sorts of different kinds of minority groups in the United States or women, you know, they they, the if we're seeing more of this kind of gun owner come in.

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Stephen Gutowski

One advantage is that they for the movement, I guess, for the gun rights movement, is that they, can sort of speak to groups that the movement hasn't done a good job of reaching to this point. And, so they have an advantage in being able to, you know, have a shared background or a shared worldview with people who, don't like firearms or don't don't agree with, a lot of gun rights arguments.

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Stephen Gutowski

And so then maybe they can talk to them in more persuasive way. This is something that, you know, the hope, I think long term would be that, for these groups is that they can reach, you know, for instance, elected officials, Democrats who are hostile to gun, owners or gun rights, and they can talk to them in a way that is more likely to persuade them than, you know, other gun rights groups have been able to do that.

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Stephen Gutowski

And that's something that, again, I know the Little Gun Club does is they they will lobby, lawmakers in in ways that I think are potentially more persuasive. You know, obviously, the thing with any group like that that's doing activism, from our perspective as reporters, is that, you know, you need to show results, right, for this. The the idea sounds good, but, delivering is what what matters in the end.

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Stephen Gutowski

And so, how much these new gun owners and groups like the Liberal gather, they're not the only ones. Or if there's a lot of groups out there now that, focus on trying to make people new gun owners from different backgrounds, more comfortable, when they're at the range or when they're training a girl and a gun is a good example of something like that.

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Stephen Gutowski

National African American Gun Association. You know, there's a number of groups out there. That serve this, this sort of purpose. And so, you know, I think that helps probably overall, the gun owning community in the United States, which is huge, right? The Gallup has it at 44% support, having a gun in the home. I think the University of Chicago's at 46.

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Stephen Gutowski

NBC news says 51% of voters have a gun in the home. You know, these are, these are huge numbers of people. And so you'd expect there to be, quite a lot of different viewpoints inside of that group. Even if that does still skew towards more conservative rural white guys, it's less and less skewing that direction.

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Stephen Gutowski

So, yeah, I mean, that's that's how I look at it as far as, like the liberal gun club type groups can help reach and inform people outside of that sort of conservative right wing, bubble of, of of, people who already agree with, with gun rights arguments. Anyway, for the most part, yeah.

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Jake Fogleman

I couldn't said it better myself. That's kind of how I see it. It's like it's sort of like a an ambassador role where you may you people outside of gun culture can feel more like they may have more of a place in gun culture or maybe become more, to use a term I used in the last question, gun curious because they see people that, oh, I agree with you on XYZ.

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Jake Fogleman

Whether it's ideology in the case of the liberal gun owners or you come from a similar background to me in the case of some of these more, you know, ethnic minority related gun groups, and then that becomes sort of an ambassador ambassadorship into gun ownership because they see that, oh, it's not just traditional gun culture, like you talked about.

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Jake Fogleman

So yeah, I agree.

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Stephen Gutowski

Yeah. And then I guess for our final question, we have one from, member named Brett who, you know, it's, this is a question about Donald Trump and, you know, critical view of him as far as, you know, he he's Brett talks a lot of here about how essentially Trump has has made favorable comments towards strongmen and authoritarians like, Vladimir Putin or Kim Jong un or any number of, dictators throughout his, time as politician, he's talked about wanting to be a

dictator, at least on day one.

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Stephen Gutowski

You know, he's made a lot of these, these sort of comments, including about, you know, retribution. This is stuff that I had mentioned during the campaign that that was scary rhetoric that, you know, makes me, uncomfortable and unnerved, for sure. And totally a lot of other people as well. Not everybody, and I'll get to why that is perhaps here.

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Stephen Gutowski

But, you know, he's he's talking about this desire to, or at least he's spoken of his admiration for some of these authoritarian leaders and how they're able to act very strongly, as he will often put it. And, and then, you know, has like I said, Scott talked about wanting to be a dictator for a day at least.

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Stephen Gutowski

And, so Brett's question is, you know, given all of that, do you really think he's going to follow through on promises to support the Second Amendment? You know, historically, dictators have considered an armed populace as a threat. Why would you know? Why would Trump be different if that's really his view on how he wants to govern?

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Stephen Gutowski

And, you know, it's it's a very fair question in my mind. Like, you look at Trump's rhetoric on some of this stuff, and it does sound like exactly the kind of things that most, gun rights people would be very uncomfortable with and very upset about if it was coming from a different kind of candidate. Yes, I think that's frankly true, but but this time it's coming from the candidate that they're aligned with that was promised to do the things that they want done.

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Stephen Gutowski

And so you don't get nearly as much pushback either from the gun rights groups themselves or from gun voters, frankly. I mean, there was not or you didn't see, like a groundswell of support for any other candidate during the primary, even within the obsessively pro-gun party. Right. The, you know, the Democratic Party is, has, has, doesn't really offer a strong alternative for gun voters, for, for people who vote based on gun rights and gun policy.

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Stephen Gutowski

You know, they are still much more aligned with the gun control groups and, and voters prioritize that. And even Harris, when she was talking about, owning a Glock and so forth, didn't really move at all on policy, to try and appeal to disaffected gun voters. But there aren't there's not really about Evan's. There were a lot of disaffected gun voters.

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Stephen Gutowski

Right. Because, you know, for instance, Ron DeSantis, Florida governor, had done a number of pro-gun reforms in the lead up to the primary that seemed to be setting up an argument for, you know, why he'd be a better alternative on the polls on guns than Trump, who had who has a pretty mixed record as president. You know, it's to the bump stock ban.

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Stephen Gutowski

While also appointing Pro-second amendment judges to both the federal courts and the Supreme Court. Right. So, but you didn't see DeSantis actually try to take advantage of that distinction. I guess the whether this is right or not, they did not seem to believe that it would give them an advantage in that kind. Voters were going to leave Trump for him.

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Stephen Gutowski



So, you know, you haven't really seen an abandonment of Trump by either gun rights groups or gun voters. That's just the practical reality of it. I think whatever your view, whether you think that's the correct, calculation to make or not, it's reality. And I think one of the reasons, is that people just don't really believe that he's going to do some of the stuff he talks about.

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Stephen Gutowski

This is a classic, classic dynamic with Donald Trump going back to 2015, 2016. You know, you're supposed to take him seriously, but not literally, which has always struck me as just like you get to pick and choose which things you want to like that, he says. And I think that a lot of people did not that that's unique to Donald Trump.

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Stephen Gutowski

A lot of people do that with a lot of politicians. But, it's certainly a defining feature of Donald Trump as a politician. People will pick and choose what they want to take seriously about the things he says. And, for a lot of gun voters, I think they want to take the promises on gun policy seriously. And you can I mean, you can look at his actual track record, and that's something.

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Stephen Gutowski

Now, is he going to be exactly the same as he was the first time around? Probably not. But it's hard to predict which direction he's going to go often, whether it's, you know, we had a story about his latest AG, Pam, Pam Bondi and her mixed record on gun policy. She became a pretty staunch advocate for, red flag laws after parkland, but so did Donald Trump himself, right?

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Stephen Gutowski

The difference with Bondi is that Florida actually passed, a red flag law that she apparently caught, and Trump didn't actually get a red flag law passed at the national level. So, you know, I guess the question becomes, how much do you take seriously the sort of darker things he said during the campaign? And how much of that to chalk up to bluster or mean tweets is often how a lot of Trump supporters will will, rationalize this stuff.

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Stephen Gutowski

I just don't like the mean tweets or what have you. But I like the policies that he did. And so, you know, he appointed pro-gun Supreme Court justices. He didn't pass a lot of very significant new gun control legislation. Right? I mean, he did the bump stock ban, but, that's not something that affects most gun owners. And so a lot of them maybe don't care as much about that as, as, I, you know, and don't see much of an alternative in the Democratic Party as well as another issue at stake there.

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Stephen Gutowski

But, yeah, I mean, as far as, like predicting what Donald Trump will do, I think it's very difficult to say. That's one of his defining features, that his presidency was fairly chaotic, where he would say stuff and do different things.

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Stephen Gutowski

Yeah. So as far as like, I can't sit here and say, oh, he's absolutely going to send the military out to go and arrest Nancy Pelosi or something, even though he's said he would do that or he's going to become a dictator on day one, because one, you know, he doesn't have the constitutional authority to do something like that to begin with.

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Stephen Gutowski

And whether he would even try is, I think, unlikely. Not impossible. I don't know what to say about it. And it's hard to

predict. I try to just go off of what has been and how his track record is, rather than just trying to guess based on things he says. I guess that's the bottom line for me is like, I don't like a lot of the stuff that he has said.

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Stephen Gutowski

And I said that before the election and, that's just my personal view on it. But, as far as trying to I'm not going to be somebody who sits here and says he's absolutely going to do this, this bad thing or this good thing. I don't really know what he's going to do. We can look at his record and we can try to guess on that, and you can factor in stuff, he says.

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Stephen Gutowski

But one of the things to factor in about stuff, he says is that he doesn't often do the things he says he's going to do. I mean, his big promise in the first election was that he was going to build the wall with the cross the border with Mexico and make them pay for it. And he didn't do either of those things.

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Stephen Gutowski

He built some small portions or updated some of it, but Mexico didn't pay for it. Like this is just. Directionally, you know, you can maybe take something away from what he says, but specifics of it, it's hard to predict. What are your thoughts?

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Jake Fogleman

Yeah, I know all that is, is true. I also think some of the bigger risk of his wild card in this, for lack of a better term on the Second Amendment, comes not so much from his authoritarian flirtations, but more from his populism. This is sort of in a vein that you you actually wrote a piece for The Dispatch, sort of alluding to this, where he's a little bit of a weathervane.

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Jake Fogleman

If he feels like suddenly it's politically advantageous to pass gun control. He kind of tends to do that. You saw this after parkland and then later when he, purportedly flirted with an assault weapons ban because he, he had this sense that, oh, the people want action, and I'm the tribune of the people, as you know, the populist that he is.

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Jake Fogleman

And therefore, I'm going to try to pursue that. And now he was talked off that ledge by the NRA, who was much stronger at the time. And he was also a first term president.

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Stephen Gutowski

And it wasn't the first impeachment happened.

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Jake Fogleman

And then the first impeachment also derailed that he no longer has. You know, the NRA is not in the same position it once was. Politically, he is in. He's essentially a lame duck president. He doesn't have to worry about getting reelected. You might see some some changes. It should, you know, a mass shooting or some other tragedy happen that sort of changes the political mood around guns.

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Jake Fogleman

I think that's a more likely.

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Stephen Gutowski

Yeah. I mean, I think that's a real risk of his presidency, especially the presidency, where he has control, his party has control both houses because I think he's much more likely to move the Republicans to, to support some sort of gun control bill. And then Kamala Harris would have been able to. Yeah. Although definitely, you know, you're already seeing like, he put up Matt gates as his first vice presidential or sorry, ag nominee and the the Republican Senate reject that.

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Stephen Gutowski

So it's not it's not a guarantee that he's going to do one go one way or the other. I think it's it's a good point. You know, when I look at it, most likely thing I would if I'm if I'm predicting stuff, and maybe my predictions are hopeful because I would like to see stability more than I would like to see chaos.

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Stephen Gutowski

And, you know, I think he legitimately doesn't like Joe Biden. He doesn't like that he lost to him last time. He will probably undo the do the things that he said he was going to do when it comes to the Biden administration's, gun policies, which, were mostly done through executive action and federal rulemaking. So he can undo us this week.

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Stephen Gutowski

You know, you did a whole piece on this that looked at what he can and can't really do. Just by on his own. And, you know, he'll probably get rid of the ATF director that Biden appointed. I don't know what he'll do in terms of if he even will try to appoint another one. Or not. We'll have to see.

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Stephen Gutowski

A lot of this stuff is just like, I don't want to get too far out over my skis. I just don't I don't know that he's going to be, you know, the worst possible version of myself or the best possible version of myself. I'll probably fall somewhere in the middle of that. And, what that means for gun policy, I don't know, I would I would look more towards the people further down the line that are going to have a more direct impact.

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Stephen Gutowski

I don't know that Trump is going to pay very close attention to gun policy. It's not one of the things that animates him generally. The only time, you know, other than he wants gun owners to vote for him, that's clear. So, but yeah, like you said, he doesn't can't run again. So I don't know how that plays out.

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Stephen Gutowski

And then he's been animated in the aftermath of, major mass shootings to look at at least supporting further gun restrictions. But hasn't actually followed through on that beyond the bump stock ban. So what does that mean for the next four years? I don't I really honestly just don't know. You know, we'll have to see.

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Stephen Gutowski

I don't want to be I would rather follow along and report on what's happening than try to predict everything. That's. These are my thoughts. This is our stream of consciousness. But here at the end, I don't know is the bottom line. I cannot guarantee you that something wild won't happen one way or the other. On gun policy under Donald Trump.

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Stephen Gutowski

I just can't, what I can do is say, look at what he's done. Look at what he says, try to form that into a guess at where he's

going, and then, more importantly, look at what his actions actually are. Coming in here, like, what is Pam Bondi and Pam Bondi mean for gun policy? I don't really know.

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Stephen Gutowski

Other than that she's extremely loyal to him. And we'll probably just do I don't know that she's going to I don't think she's necessarily like a while she supported, red flag laws. I don't think it's because out of principle necessarily. I think she just did that for politics. And I think she would do what Trump wants her to do for the most part.

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Stephen Gutowski

So, you know, what does that translate to for gun policy? I don't know, I just don't know. Yeah. We'll see. We're going to ask lots of much smarter people than me, who are much better connected and get their insights as we go along here. But that's it's going to be four years of, of the stuff.

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Stephen Gutowski

He's not president yet. He isn't doing anything yet. We'll see what happens when he's in there and what he what he actually does. But all right, that's all we've got for this week. Hopefully you guys had a good Thanksgiving. We're filming this a little before Thanksgiving so we can have an actual Thanksgiving ourselves that hopefully years went well.

00;58;06;27 - 00;58;26;19

Stephen Gutowski

And, yeah, we'll be back to the normal schedule, next week, I guess this will come out on Monday for most people. So on Friday, you'll be getting a news update again. We didn't do one for for this week, but we will get back to that as soon as possible. And yeah, hope you have a good Thanksgiving there, Jake.

00;58;26;19 - 00;58;33;27

Stephen Gutowski

I hope it goes well and have a good time. And that you eat a lot of really good food.

00;58;34;00 - 00;58;36;16

Jake Fogleman

Yeah, I'm planning on it. Same to you.

00;58;36;18 - 00;58;41;01

Stephen Gutowski

Thanks, man. All right, well, that's all we've got for this week. We will see you guys again real soon.