

A LEGACY OF WINNING

Less than three decades ago, the Right to Keep and Bear Arms was under siege, on the ropes and—our enemies hoped—on its way out.

After passing the Gun Control Act of 1968, anti-gun forces across the country rallied to use their momentum to take more—much more. Instead they suffered defeat after defeat, as NRA, its members and its lobbying arm, the Institute for Legislative Action, founded in 1975, stopped them like the blade of a 50-ton bulldozer.

Indeed, since the mid-1970s and continuing to this day, NRA and its members have forged victory after victory for American gun owners, accomplishing feats of political, legislative and electoral success that were unimaginable just a generation earlier.

To put this profound restoration of firearm freedom into perspective, here's a brief history of 25 years of NRA victories:

- NRA protects gun owners through sweeping federal law reform;
- NRA defeats permanent Brady waiting period;
- NRA defeats Al Gore, who made Second Amendment-bashing a cornerstone of his vice presidency;
- NRA wins airline pilots the right to defend their cockpits;
- NRA demolishes “ballistic fingerprinting” fraud;
- NRA defeats extension and expansion of Clinton gun ban;
- NRA voters defeat gun-ban presidential candidate John Kerry;
- NRA saves U.S. firearm industry from bankruptcy through the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act;
- NRA wins federal law protecting your rights during disasters;
- NRA helps secure firearm freedom in U.S. Supreme Court in the *Heller* and *McDonald* cases;
- NRA secures right to transport firearms for Amtrak passengers;
- NRA secures Right to Carry in national parks;
- NRA prohibits health insurance companies from charging gun owners higher premiums;
- NRA stops U.N. global gun ban in its tracks

Need more examples? Thanks to NRA activism:

- 40 states now have passed Right-to-Carry laws -- compared to 10 states that recognized that right in 1987;
- 25 states allow you to protect yourself and your loved ones through Castle Doctrine laws;
- 34 states have barred politically motivated lawsuits against firearm businesses;
- 13 states have passed workplace protection laws;
- 29 states have banned emergency gun confiscations;
- 48 states bar localities from passing gun laws stricter than state laws;
- 47 states have passed range protection laws;
- 50 states have passed hunter protection laws.

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