

National Association For Gun Rights

Michigan 2014 Gun Rights Candidate Survey

Criminals find ways of obtaining weapons whether legally or illegally. Limits on the number of firearms that a law-abiding citizen may purchase in a specified time period do not limit guns available to criminals. But they do require a complicated and expensive registration system to enforce and create a system for registering gun owners.

Do you oppose "one-gun-a-month" laws that limit purchases of firearms by law-abiding citizens? Yes No

2. Many localities have attempted to discourage gun ownership by creating a web of differing local ordinances and regulations. These rules often trap innocent and unaware sportsmen who are merely passing through a neighboring county or town.

Should state law prohibit Michigan localities from placing limitations on the rights of citizens to purchase, possess or carry firearms?

Yes No

3. A Justice Department survey of perpetrators of crimes with handguns showed that 93% had obtained their guns in ways other than buying them at gun stores where waiting periods could be imposed. In short, waiting periods do not stop criminals from obtaining guns but do increase the paperwork burden on police, keeping them from patrolling the streets.

Would you oppose legislation mandating a waiting period before the purchase of a firearm? Yes No

4. Originally, New York City "only registered" rifles and shotguns. Shortly thereafter police used their ready list of gun owners to begin confiscating those same weapons, demonstrating how registration leads to confiscation.

Would you oppose legislation that would require that firearms purchased by private citizens be registered with law enforcement and tracked by a centralized record system administered by government agencies? Yes No

5. Media hysteria has promoted confiscation of semi-automatic firearms that have certain cosmetic features falsely stigmatizing them. However, all semi-automatic firearms function essentially the same.

Do you oppose legislation banning the manufacture, sale or possession of semi-automatic firearms? Yes No

6. In many jurisdictions politically-appointed police chiefs who serve at the pleasure of anti-gun politicians arbitrarily deny law-abiding citizens the ability to obtain a firearm for self-defense. Of course, criminals do not ask permission.

Do you oppose laws that would require that the police give permission prior to a person buying a firearm? Yes No

7. Manufacturers of any product are held liable if the product is defective and causes injury. Yet some politicians want to hold gun manufacturers and retailers liable when a properly working firearm is used by a third party to commit a crime or cause an accident truly beyond the seller's knowledge and control.

Do you oppose laws which allow persons who are injured by a properly-working firearm to sue firearms manufacturers and/or sellers (strict liability)? Yes No

8. The power to tax is the power to destroy. When anti-gun politicians are unable to achieve their aims directly, they frequently resort to taxes to deviously achieve the same result.

Do you oppose laws which would impose any punitive taxes on the ownership, purchase or use of firearms or ammunition currently available to law-abiding citizens?

Yes No

9. Gun control advocates push increasingly complicated licensing systems with background checks, fingerprinting, high fees, arbitrary "training" requirements, and other hurdles that effectively make law-abiding gun ownership difficult, if not impossible -- all without reducing crime.

Do you oppose government licensing to buy a gun? Yes No

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10. The laws of Alaska and Vermont simply say that every citizen has the right to carry a gun except to commit a crime. Thus, with no government bureaucracy, Alaska and Vermont citizens can defend themselves. Criminals who use arms are more severely punished.

Would you support Vermont-style "Constitutional Carry" legislation which would make concealed carry permits optional and simply allow law-abiding citizens to carry firearms for any reason except for the commission of a crime?

Yes No

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Would you be willing to sponsor or cosponsor Vermont-style "Constitutional Carry" legislation which simply allows law-abiding citizens to carry firearms for any reason except for the commission of a crime?

- I would sponsor such legislation.
 I would cosponsor such legislation.

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