

# 20 YEARS OF FIGHTING FOR Own Preedoms

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Jews for the Preservation of Firearms Ownership recognizes its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. Here is an interview with JPFO's founder Aaron Zelman. Aaron is questioned by contributing writer Kirby Ferris.

**KF**: Socially speaking, what is your original background with firearms?

**AARON**: I was raised in Tucson, Arizona, where, I like to say, there were more guns than cactuses. Like most rural youths, I fired a .22 when I was ten or twelve. Ironically this was at a Jewish day camp in Tucson! I seriously doubt that this would be happening today, because liberal Judaism has become so widespread. Additionally, one of the nation's experts on ammunition reloading lived across the street from me.

I bought my first guns via mail order. Obviously, today's America isn't what I grew up with. Additionally, many in Arizona's Jewish community were the ancestors of pioneers who came to the Southwest in covered wagons. In nearly every photo of the descendents in the book "We Were There" the pioneer Jews are armed. Many of these Jews came from Eastern Europe or Russia and were probably very grateful to finally be on the right end of a gun.

**KF**: When did you first suspect that American politicians and cultural leaders were beginning to subvert the intent of the Second Amendment?

**AARON**: It was when the Gun Control Act of 1968 (GCA '68) was passed. How could such an ill conceived, draconian collection of anti-American laws be instituted in a nation founded upon the ideal of an armed citizenry?

**KF**: So, some twenty years later, in 1989, you decided to form Jews for the Preservation of Firearms Ownership. Why even say "Jews"? Why not "Americans for the Preservation of Firearms Ownership"?

**AARON**: An unsettling transformation had taken place in the ranks of "gun control" advocates. GCA '68 was the brainchild of Thomas Dodd, who was not Jewish. The political and emotional advocates of GCA '68, like Lyndon Johnson, Ramsey Clark, the Kennedy family, Jesse Jackson and the Martin Luther King family, were not Jewish.

But then, somewhere during the expansion of "gun control" in America, liberal Jewish politicians and spokesmen became a disturbingly large percentage of the high profile gun prohibitionists. The myopically, arrogant viewpoints of Charles Schumer and Howard Metzenbaum began to seriously alarm me.

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**KF**: In my conversations over the years, when I mention JPFO by its full name, people are a bit startled, but then so many of them say: "Well, that makes sense, seeing what Jews have historically been through."

**AARON**: That non Jews seem to comprehend that in greater percentages than Jews, continues to disturb and disappoint me, considering that Jews are commanded to choose self defense. The

Jewish religion teaches the absolute responsibility of self defense and the defense of the helpless.

I can no longer refer to Jewish gun prohibitionists as innocently misguided, because JPFO has constantly provided them with common sense reasoning and the lessons of history. I now understand that many of them must be latently suicidal and, in many cases, emotionally unstable. They don't trust themselves (because of their repressed anger against humanity) to possess a firearm, and therefore don't trust others who do own guns.

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As for someone like Charles Schumer, Dianne Feinstein, or Rahm Immanuel? There simply seems to be an evil, authoritarian essence running through their core.

**KF**: To be fair, aren't there are a growing number of Jews who are waking up to the dangers of so-called "gun control"?

**AARON**: At this time, I think the answer is yes, albeit a very small percentage. All of us, not just Jews, live in an increasingly dangerous country.

But where are the outspoken Jewish advocates of gun ownership in the media, and in American political life? Why aren't prominent Jews as blatantly visible in the defense of the Second Amendment as they were during the civil rights movement, when they marched for "equality"? Disarming honest Americans is a blatant form of inequality.

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**KF**: JPFO came on the scene quite aggressively. Your first ad read: "Not all Jews are stupid or pro criminal, but Charles Schumer is both." And what about your memorable image of Hitler with the headline "All those in favor of "gun control" raise your right hand"? That must have ruffled many feathers throughout the pro "gun control" community.

**AARON**: But no one has ever stepped forward to intelligently debate us. We didn't publish and publicize that image just to make people upset. JPFO is a solution oriented organization. We reveal the issues, often times with irrefutable historical evidence, and then we offer hard hitting "intellectual ammunition" to combat these well orchestrated and deadly incursions on our liberties.

KF: Why can't one of the other pro gun organizations do what JPFO is doing?

**AARON**: When the profile of the gun prohibitionists became blatantly more Jewish, the label of "anti-Semite" was wielded with a heavy hand against those who protested. At that point it became obvious that a Jewish pro gun organization was sorely needed.

I've been called a few things in my time, but "anti-Semitic" would be laughable. Historically "gun control" has been a fundamental tool of anti-Semitism. It is also racist and totalitarian, because African Americans were the targets of the first American gun prohibition schemes, and "gun control" preceded every major genocide of the 20th Century.

**KF**: Has JPFO left its mark? I've had motivated gun owners tell me that JPFO has "radicalized" the entire pro gun movement.

**AARON**: I believe that JPFO has directed the debate into more fundamental channels. Our moral outrage against the most blatant politicians, our use of educational materials, and our leading edge use technology are matters of pride for me. While the big "pro gun" institution cuddles up to the jack booted goons of the BATFE, JPFO says "Abolish the BATFE". While the big "pro gun" institution

says "some gun control is okay", JPFO says "Destroy all 'gun control'. Nothing good can come of it." While the big "pro gun" institution practices "reasonable compromise", JPFO tells the truth: Compromise invites defeat.

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**KF**: Do you think that people are afraid to join JPFO, or any other pro gun group, because they fear they'll be put on a government list?

**AARON**: That fear is irrational, considering the hard, cold facts. If you have a subscription to a firearms magazine, if you belong to a gun club, if you've ever purchased a hunting or fishing license, if you've ever bought a firearm in a store ... and especially if you were ever in the military ... you're in the database.

If you drive a pickup truck or motorcycle, or have ever ordered anything from a mail order business that also sells hunting and shooting supplies ... you are on some government list. Don't be naïve. Based on these inescapable realities, one is working against one's own best interests by not supporting those who are striving diligently to destroy the evil that is "gun control".

**KF**: Are non Jews invited to join JPFO?

**AARON**: Absolutely. Anyone who wants to destroy "gun control" will find a home at JPFO. We have never asked the religion of a supporter.

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**KF**: Give me a highlighted retrospective of JPFO projects over the last twenty years, some of the freedom tools that you like to call "intellectual ammunition".

**AARON**: Before that, I'd like to thank our members. Without their generous and continuing support none of these freedom projects could have ever happened. With that in mind, here's an overview of some of our accomplishments:

#### 1989 JPFO is launched.

- 1990 Theodore Haas interview in American Survival Guide (This interview gave JPFO some serious momentum, because up until that time there were no Holocaust survivors speaking out against "gun control".)
- 1990 Reprint of JPFO article "Seven Types of Gun Control Advocates" by Gus Cotey in American Survival Guide (To this day, one of the most insightful essays ever written on the mentality of the gun prohibitionists. Understand your enemy.)
- 1992 A key interview in American Survival Guide gives JPFO much wider exposure.
- 1993 Published "Gun Control Gateway to Tyranny" (A landmark work that irrefutably shows the Nazi roots of GCA '68 revised in 2006)
- 1993 Guns and Ammo Magazine article on JPFO and the Nazi roots of GCA '68 (Brought JPFO and this subject into the "mainstream" of alert American gun owners.)
  - 1995 "The U.S. vs. Miller Revisited" by Richard Stevens Attorney at Law (What this 1939

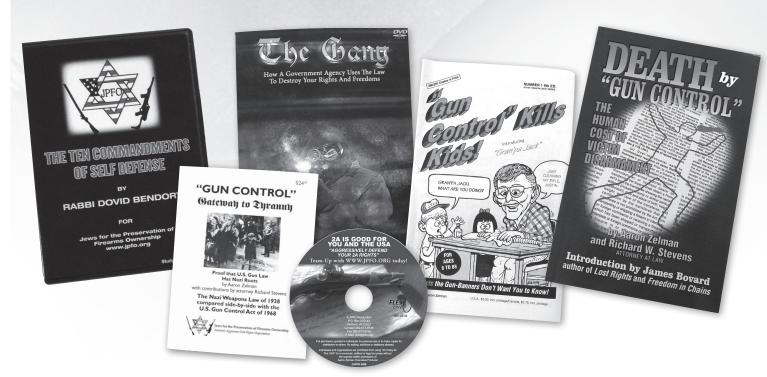
- Supreme Court case said, and, as importantly, did not say, about an armed citizenry.) 1995 "The Battle of Athens" in Guns and Ammo Magazine (Americans have had to take up arms to defend the Bill of Rights ... in 1946.) 1996 to 2003 "Gran'pa Jack" series of educational comic books Vols. 1-8 (More than a million in circulation.) 1997 "Bill of Rights Day" (JPFO becomes the first pro gun organization to aggressively promote "Bill of Rights Day") 1999) Published "Dial 911 and Die" by Richard Stevens, Attorney at Law (The police have absolutely no duty to protect you.) Published "Raging Against Self Defense" by Dr. Sarah Thompson (The deepest motivations of the victim disarmament mentality. Understand your enemy.) **ZDDD** JPFO translates the Bill of Rights into sixteen languages (Helping non English speakers understand the core values of America.) Published "The State vs. The People – The Rise of the American Police State." With Claire Wolfe (How "public safety" is always the cover for oppression.) Published "Death By Gun Control". (Every major genocide of the 20th Century was preceded by gun confiscation.) **2002** Reintroduced "Nazi Death Camps" (45 min. film) (What the Allied forces saw and filmed.) Produced "Innocents Betrayed". (1 hour film) ("Gun control" and genocide. The irrefutable, horrific connection.) Produced "BATFE Fails the Test" (90 min. film) (Watch the blatant dishonesty of this criminal, rogue agency.) Produced "Bill of Rights or Bust" (22 min. film) (Americans have something no one else has. It is precious.)
- Published "RebelFire Out of the Gray Zone" (A freedom novel.)
- **ZDD5** Launched "Talkin' to America" (A podcast series featured on the JPFO website featuring interviews with important people who are defending the Second Amendment.)
- 2005 Congressional Research Service report on ATF's phony testing procedures (CRS used JPFO's research to prepare their report to the Congress.)
- **2007** Created "Goody Guns" (Cookies shaped like guns. Teaching safe firearms handling, and driving the gun haters crazy.)
- **2007** Produced "The Gang" (90 min film) (The BATFE: Jack booted thugs running their crimes and schemes and scams on your tax dollars.)

- Heller vs. District of Columbia. Contributed an "amicus curae" brief to the U.S. Supreme Court. (Five to four vote in favor of the individual right to own a gun. Did JPFO tip the balance in our favor? We'll never know.)
- An interview with Edwin Vieira regarding the upcoming Heller decision (A somber examination from a veteran Constitutional attorney.)
- Produced "2A Today For the U.S.A." (20 min. award winning film) (This film is an effective tool to help gun owners introduce non gun owners to the Second Amendment.)
- Produced "No Guns for Negroes" (20 min. film) (The first "gun control" in America was instituted against freed black slaves. See how African-American support for "gun control" is foolish and dangerous.)
- Produced "The Ten Commandments of Self Defense" by Rabbi Dovid Bendory (CD and annotated text. An Orthodox rabbi explains Torah Law (Old Testament) to prove that we have an obligation to defend our lives, and those of the innocent. Which should we obey? G-d's\* Law or man's law?) \*Jews do not spell out the name of the Almighty in secular texts.

And, or course, add to this the numerous radio interviews over the years that have brought the JPFO story to the public's attention.

In closing I would like to remind people to please access JPFO'S website (www.jpfo.org) search engine to review all the above accomplishments in detail. Then use them to destroy "gun control". If even two or three percent of the probably EIGHTY MILLION gun owners utilized JPFO's material, we would not have "gun control" in America today. Please support our efforts, and tell your friends and family what the members of JPFO have accomplished in our efforts to keep our freedom alive.

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**KF**: What will it really take to remove "gun control" from American life?

**AARON**: There are five crucial steps that must be taken:

- 1. We must each deeply realize that we have a G-d given right to defend ourselves. It is immoral to interfere with this unalienable, individual right.
- 2. We must make sure every citizen understands the "Dial 911" hoax. No one has a guaranteed right to police protection.
- 3. We must make sure that all Americans have a full understanding of the 28 words that make up the Second Amendment.
- 4. We must demand that politicians explain their reasons for supporting any American law modeled on Nazi policies. Any excuse for such treachery should be political suicide.
- 5. We must pound home the obvious fact that gun owners will always get the amount of "gun control" they are willing to tolerate. Gun owners must develop a zero tolerance for "gun control". Otherwise, be prepared to lose a right that was essential to the creation of America.

**KF**: Are you perhaps talking about making "gun control" politically incorrect?

**AARON**: Political correctness is poison. Nazis, Communists and Socialists build empires on it. However, what if the psyche of America changed and it became shameful to call someone who was willing to defend their lives, and the lives of the helpless, a "gun nut"? What if it became a cultural taboo, just like calling a Jew or an African-American a derogatory term? All Americans need to realize, that the Charles Schumers and other gun prohibitionists of our country are mentally unbalanced and fear inanimate objects. Should people with this delusional viewpoint be enacting public policies that harm all of us?

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KF: So I'll ask you a question that I've been asked. "Do you want everyone armed?"

**AARON**: Why not? It worked fine for the first 150 years of this nation's history. Anyone who is lawfully adjudicated unfit to carry a firearm should not be on the street in the first place. They should be in prison or in a mental institution. We've thrown the baby (our personal liberties) out with the bathwater making us helpless to protect ourselves from armed criminals and lunatics. And who promotes this delusional illogic the most fervently? Politicians and the law enforcement hierarchy. Is it only JPFO members who smell this rat?

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Even more importantly, JPFO may have been the first organization to point out that governments have murdered far, far more unarmed people throughout history than all the street criminals who ever lived. Statistically, based upon sheer body count, government, any government, is more a threat to your physical safety and life than any number of common street criminals. It's an uncomfortable realization.

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