

Would you carry a National Citizen Identity card that allowed you to purchase unregistered firearms?

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Your responses may be anonymous if you wish. We will later be posting a cross section of commentary on the JPFO web site.

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1	Yes, so long as the Identity card itself was voluntary. You know my friend, we walk a slippery slope here. It is oh so sad that we must fear our own government.	Feb 21, 2011 5:42 PM
2	Agree. the criminals can buy illegally anyway, so we might as well not waste more money on ineffective bureaucracies.	Feb 21, 2011 5:44 PM
3	Don't like it. We accept the premise that Gun Control laws are permissable. We need to reach for Liberty, not more compromise. Any law that restricts, regulates, or otherwise infringes is unconstitutional. Period. Kerodin.com	Feb 21, 2011 5:44 PM
4	My CHL is a "green light card"	Feb 21, 2011 5:46 PM
5	absolutely. Everyone knows about me anyhow. Texas Drivers License, SSN, Library Card, Health Insurance ID, Voter Registration, Bank Accounts, everything.	Feb 21, 2011 5:46 PM
6	Yes! Here in Massachusetts where the licensing laws are often onerously restrictive, depending upon where one lives, the state has refused to supply the federal government with info concerning the mental stability of prospective firearm buyers claiming that it would be an invasion of privacy. What an existential absurdity!!	Feb 21, 2011 5:47 PM
7	No, I would not carry National Citizen Identity Card. The thought of that is Orwellian! Third Reich-ish! If you don't have "The Card", you can't...	Feb 21, 2011 5:47 PM
8	no	Feb 21, 2011 5:48 PM

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9	<p>Yes I would. My name is John N Truby and I don't care who knows my position. Your suggestion could not be anymore screwed up them the "background" checks we have now.</p>	Feb 21, 2011 5:48 PM
10	<p>Hello JPFO,</p> <p>I think this plan would work the exceptions would be hiw do you get your name removed from the Red ID if you were falsely labeled? This plan is 1000% better than what we have now.</p> <p>Dr Edward Fort</p>	Feb 21, 2011 5:49 PM
11	Yes.	Feb 21, 2011 5:49 PM
12	It works for me!	Feb 21, 2011 5:49 PM
13	Yes, of course	Feb 21, 2011 5:51 PM
14	NO, NO, NO, NO, NO! NO TO ANY NATIONAL ID. SS is a voluntary program. No law requires any American citizen to have a SS#. If you're silly enough to volunteer.....that's on you.	Feb 21, 2011 5:51 PM
15	<p>Yes. I would (almost) accept anything in order to eliminate gun owner registration lists. Whatever it takes to deny the government knowledge of who owns guns. I do not want the government to know who or how many guns are in the hands of the citizens.</p>	Feb 21, 2011 5:54 PM
16	<p>I would have no problem with a "Red Light, Green Light" card, and at the risk of sounding like a left wing nut job, In fact I believe if it could be implanted with a chip that, when scanned it would tell the scanner if you are a citizen,this would go a long way towards rectifying the illegal alien problem. But there would be no need to have anymore info then that on the chip. Just so you could be sure that the chip was as it should be, you could go into any police station and scan it for yourself and get the results. So yeah, I'm in favor of this kind of safety measure.</p>	Feb 21, 2011 5:56 PM
17	I already carry a "Get Out Of Jail Free" card, aka CCW, and I already carry a commercial drivers' license, and yeah, I'd probably carry a green-bordered drivers' license if it came to that. I will not be chipped, however, and I will seriously misbehave if required to. However, I hate like hell doing any or all of the above. I want my Constitutional Right to Keep and Bear Arms and my Constitutional Right to Privacy in the exercise of my rights, and I want felons either locked up or their citizenship rights restored once they've paid their dues, and I want illegal immigrants stopped at the border. All of which is unrealistic, and the fact that all of which is unrealistic is being used to destroy what few liberties we have left. We are facing Revolution or destruction.	Feb 21, 2011 5:58 PM
18	<p>An intriguing thought! Frankly, I agree wholeheartedly with Aaron Zelman in that if you are too dangerous to own a firearm you should not be on the street.</p> <p>As for this proposal, on one hand it would do away with many institutionalized prejudices that now exist. However the process for getting this card could be turned into a zoo as is the process in the various states that now have FOID cards.</p> <p>This process would also be a back door registration system 'if' the government can track the sale of firearms.</p> <p>I routinely object to concepts that require citizens to 'show me your papers' and I am afraid this falls into that category for me. I do not trust bureaucrats to act altruistically and manage this kind of a program without encroachment.</p>	Feb 21, 2011 5:58 PM

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19	<p>Since the police do not protect us from harm/bad guys, we have that responsibility on our own shoulders.</p> <p>Hell, yes! I would be glad to carry a 'green card' that allows me to purchase and use firearms, without all the c**p we have to go through now!</p> <p>All the 'lists' of gunowners/purchasers would be destroyed and we would be totally free to protect ourselves from 'overactive' g-men and bad guys.</p> <p>Sign me up!</p> <p>Kathe Watkins</p>	Feb 21, 2011 5:58 PM
20	No ID Card. No BATEF & no forms. Commit a crime go to jail.	Feb 21, 2011 5:59 PM
21	YES	Feb 21, 2011 6:00 PM
22	<p>I think that is a brilliantly simple solution. As a veteran, a licensed driver, a CCW holder, a FFL licensee and a Medicare recipient, I have been ID-checked, photographed, fingerprinted and vetted for more than half a century. Sure, I'll carry a National Citizen ID card, right along with my handgun.</p>	Feb 21, 2011 6:00 PM
23	<p>Yes, I would.</p> <p>Think something like this could be easily implemented in much the same fashion as a TWIC Card (Transportation Worker Identification Credential) with the same FBI background check and finger-print scan. Yea, they take your prints but that could be a give & take compromise. Lots of nut-jobs (with no name) just prints get admitted and released all the time. Im willing to give a little to if the info is placed on the card instead of a data base to be manipulated.</p> <p>You buy a gun, you swipe your card (the card issuing agency) does the NICS check on you through your card.</p>	Feb 21, 2011 6:01 PM
24	<p>NO NATIONAL ID CARD. NO NICS EITHER. I GO INTO A STORE AND PAY FOR SEVERAL GUNS AND WALK OUT. NO ID REQUIRED TO EXERCISE MY RIGHT TO OWN AS MANY GUNS AS I WANT.</p> <p>STEVE PORAK</p>	Feb 21, 2011 6:01 PM
25	Yes.	Feb 21, 2011 6:02 PM
26	Under the circumstances as outlined, yes.	Feb 21, 2011 6:02 PM
27	Yes.	Feb 21, 2011 6:02 PM
28	<p>NO!</p> <p>This would be nothing more than a back door and incremental creep to having to "show your papers" for every little thing. And as anyone who has done the research knows, the fact that many of us have an ipso facto national identification card in the Social Security card is no reason to give up the fight. NO AMERICAN is required by law to participate in Social Security. Social Security was the means by which Americans were enslaved to the debt system by FDR's 'switch in time' in 1938. See the short video:</p> <p>The Way Home – v2 http://usofavus.com/2011/01/27/the-way-home-v2/</p>	Feb 21, 2011 6:05 PM
29	<p>I think this is a GREAT idea. I am a Libertarian and this tells it all. An ID card to buy booze, smokes, use of a CC and guns.</p> <p>Richard, life member of JPFO North Carolina</p>	Feb 21, 2011 6:05 PM
30	<p>Yes I would, but how would people being mentally unfit be determined? This could open a door to liberals "red lighting" a number of people unfairly. Such as Vets who suffer from PTSD.</p>	Feb 21, 2011 6:06 PM

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31	No, I would not. Who would issue it? A government agency. Therefore, the government knows where to look to confiscate. The "Red Card", I'm all for that, but it would be easy for a criminal to get around and they don't purchase firearms/ammunition legally anyway. (I have heard that there is a move afoot to "nationalize" driver's licenses thereby creating a national I.D. card.) I no longer purchase firearms from gun dealers because I do not trust the Instant Check system to erase the transaction as they are supposed to do. I trade/purchase from private owners. I have no firearms that the system knows about and they never will. Anonymous	Feb 21, 2011 6:06 PM
32	Red Light, Green Light a great idea. Can't wait to see inacted!	Feb 21, 2011 6:07 PM
33	the red/ green id is not a bad idea, however I might suggest adding a yellow border for minors, that may not be an automatic "no" but would let clerks proceed with caution.	Feb 21, 2011 6:07 PM
34	No! This is one more way to control the masses and take our liberty away. Additionally, this will be easily circumvented by forgery.	Feb 21, 2011 6:08 PM
35	No I would not carry a National Citizen Identity card, one reason is they already have my social security number, 2nd reason, if it sound too good to be true, then it isn't. You now have my answers. Norm Alderman	Feb 21, 2011 6:08 PM
36	As long as my name was not recorded. I think it is a good idea.	Feb 21, 2011 6:09 PM
37	I would carry National Citizen Identity card only when I go to purchase unregistered firearms. America needs more organizations like JPFO to make the American people aware of what is happening to our liberties and our rights to do and buy whatever kind of gun we want. I'm on SSD and having a hard time financially, but I will find a way to donate to your organization soon. David Polston earnbenefits@yahoo.com 256.466.6911 And don't give a crap who knows how i feel !!!!!!!	Feb 21, 2011 6:10 PM
38	You can BET I WOULD.	Feb 21, 2011 6:10 PM
39	I already do. It's called a driving license. Replacing NICS with a new ID card might be an improvement. Or it might just be a way of registering gun owners. I mean, who else is going to carry the ID card? And that card you only need to purchase a gun will soon be mandatory for all sorts of other things. And there will be a ready supply of counterfeit green cards for goblins. The only solution that works is to encourage the careers of violent felons to be ended by their intended victim at the scene of their intended crime, and for those who are not considered safe to allow to carry a gun to not be allowed to walk the streets at all.	Feb 21, 2011 6:10 PM
40	no	Feb 21, 2011 6:11 PM
41	YES	Feb 21, 2011 6:13 PM
42	Yes I would.	Feb 21, 2011 6:13 PM
43	How does one get out of the red light database if put there erroneously? Who makes and keeps this list? This sounds like the governments no fly list. Just more authoritarian claptrap that requires time, money and jumping through hoops if mistakes are made.	Feb 21, 2011 6:14 PM
44	Sounds like a pretty good idea to me....and I'm even a Libertarian.	Feb 21, 2011 6:15 PM

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45	Absolutely NOT! This is nothing more than a subliminal way to control gun owners. To me this is one of the most ridiculous schemes any Jewish organization can dream up. Sounds akin to 1930's Germany.	Feb 21, 2011 6:15 PM
46	No I still think that by giving into anything that the government can use to know who might even remotely possess a firearm is asking a lot. Can anyone actually say that they trust our current government, the same government that gave us Waco, Ruby Ridge, Oklahoma City, the Gulf of Tonkin. As a retired head of Public Safety I have seen the abuse of power from this government . So again No, a thousand times NO !	Feb 21, 2011 6:15 PM
47	Not perfect, but I would definitely take it over the current system. As you say, we already have a de facto national ID card now, and we definitely need to make firearms purchases more anonymous.	Feb 21, 2011 6:17 PM
48	As long as it was done as written in the article. No recording of serial numbers, no calls to the ATF "registration" line. I don't see a problem with it, as long as there was also a easy way to contest and clear your record if/when the Government decides to change your status from green to red.	Feb 21, 2011 6:17 PM
49	I have been saying the same thing for years, A go-no go situation. With cards becoming harder to counterfeit this would go well in the states that already have little or no carry laws ie Vermont. G-d help us in California. Capmo	Feb 21, 2011 6:18 PM
50	Actually, I don't think that I would want to mentally or morally assign a governing body the authority to have more input into how I live. There is no assurance at all that a tyranny - either the soft tyranny that we currently endure, or a hard tyranny like that of Pol Pot, Robert Mugabe, et al - would not simply use the 'mentally unfit' label to justify a prohibition of firearm ownership or to rationalize the seizure of arms. We have only to look at the former Soviet Union, in the heyday of the KGB, to see that anyone who dissented from the State's positions was, ipso facto, mentally ill (as were people of faith, whether Christian or Jew) and since they were insane, they needed to be placed in special institutions, wherein they could be treated chemically, or via electroshock therapy. Eventually, such 'patients' were either rehabilitated by their years of seclusion and torture so that they publicly recanted of their religious views or their objections to State policy, or they were simply disposed of so as to pose no inconvenience. Given the behavior of communists, leftists and others in current control of our nation, why should we think that acknowledging the 'right' of the government to certify us as mentally ill (since we voted against them) would not also result in our own untimely demise?	Feb 21, 2011 6:18 PM
51	I would! No registration whatsoever. In Maryland, when you buy a handgun or "regulated firearm" the state police process the application - then they keep it on file. Ergo, gun registration. That is why I moved to West Virginia.	Feb 21, 2011 6:18 PM
52	The green light card would be ok, but as a citizen of the U.S. and have served my country with honor, I don't think I need any card to carry to show that I can make a fire arm purchase. I came out of the service with an honorable discharge and a top secret security clearance and therefore have all the rights that I need. Because of the top secret security clearance, when I was discharged from the service, I got a letter from the F.B.I. asked me to work for them. I didn't , but still the whole thing is that I gave to my country my time and energy. Not meaning to sound as if I deserve any thing special, which I don't, I just feel anyone serving their country should be able to buy a gun for his/her self defense with any red tape. Sincerely, Duane Hinde	Feb 21, 2011 6:18 PM

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53	No.	Feb 21, 2011 6:23 PM
54	I do agree with what you are proposing as it does make a lot of sense as a first step. I believe that we should be pre-1968 at least. If a criminal really wants a gun, then they will get one. Also, does someone that is convicted, and then do their time, less of a person than the rest of us? I mean that in the sense that they now have no way to defend themselves as a human? Goes back to if you want the most people to have RED cards, then come up with stuff to convict them. Just saying.	Feb 21, 2011 6:24 PM
55	The Red Light on a person's drivers license would go along way to preventing the sale of firearms to felons/mentally ill. This would also keep the rest of the population free to exercise their 2nd Amendment rights.	Feb 21, 2011 6:25 PM
56	If we get stuck with a national ID card, it should have MANY such applications - including the purchase of alcohol, firearms, automobiles, etc.	Feb 21, 2011 6:25 PM
57	Good idea. Like any other ID card, there will be a market for fakes and a wack job will buy a gun and become that "Lone Gunman" and more laws will be thrown at the "problem." Other than every state having an unencumbered "Must Issue" CCW permit system, or 2A system, I don't see much help here. As long as there is BIG government, there will be big laws and tight hoops to jump through for a gun permit. Just shoot ALL the polictios and be done with it. Just saying.	Feb 21, 2011 6:25 PM
58	I believe you have changed my thinking on the subject of a national identity card. Thinking that the government can't track a single citizen is historical bunk. For Kryin out loud ! Mfgrs. are putting tracking chips in new clothes. Anyone with an internet account can be tracked by big brother. My only worry is that the issuance of such a card will take about three or four thousand new, unionized government employees who will be just as efficient as the Post Office, can't ever be fired, will get at least 44 paid holidays a year. pregnancy leave, family leave (while your wife is preggers or has just delivered) -- or, in fairness, leave for those gender confused among us whose significant other is experiencing faux cramps.	Feb 21, 2011 6:27 PM
59	Depending on what it takes to get the ID card, yes.	Feb 21, 2011 6:28 PM
60	I agree; and for those who think they are living in anonymity, I -and your government- have a surprise for you....	Feb 21, 2011 6:29 PM
61	The author's statement: "Let's face it, we've all basically had "National I.D." since Social Security cards. Get real. Give me my "Green Light Card" and let me get on with my life with a bit more freedom, thank you." just about says it all. How 'secret' is our ID in today's world, not at all. I find no fault with his premise and I agree with his article. [It is also a grand way to further reduce the size, cost and power of this overly large government.] Alvin Palmer	Feb 21, 2011 6:30 PM
62	Yes	Feb 21, 2011 6:30 PM
63	yes!	Feb 21, 2011 6:31 PM
64	maybe	Feb 21, 2011 6:31 PM
65	hello my two cents. if you believe that some kind of card, or legislation will make your life better or safer you are wrong. i believe firearms should not be regulated in any way. if felons or insane people get them, oh well. you must protect and defend yourself. if someone tries to harm you with a weapon you must use your weapon to stop them. if this sounds "wild west' to anyone, just think cars and flush toilets have replaced horses and outhouses. other than that what has changed?	Feb 21, 2011 6:31 PM

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66 It would be superfluous in Idaho, with a CWP, I buy a gun, they record my CWP #, Feb 21, 2011 6:32 PM
I pay for it and I'm out the door. No wait, so Sara check, nada.

The problem is not that there are too many guns out there, the issue is there are not ENOUGH guns with good people out there.

The murderer in AZ should have been taken out by John Q Public immediately.

Save money,time and space.

Jeffrey Johnson
Rupert, Idaho

67 This sounds like a very workable solution. I don't see any problem with this idea. Feb 21, 2011 6:32 PM

68 No. A national I-D card cannot work to control behavior of "bad" individuals as well Feb 21, 2011 6:34 PM
as commercial interests who would use the data as another avenue to invade one's personal privacy. Example: one's Social Security information was supposed to be private but that changed when the government did not keep it's promise.

69 I think, offhand, that it's basically a good idea. My main concern is that some good Feb 21, 2011 6:35 PM
ideas turn to absolute crap when the politicians and bureaucrats get a hold of them. Take the DHS for example, that was a response to the 911 commissions finding that different agencies of the federal government didn't have good line of communication, were on completely different networks that couldn't even talk to each other, with the result that the right hand didn't only not know what the left was doing, it didn't know what the left hand KNEW. OK, fine a small office to coordinate and standardize networks, and compile and maintain a database of potential terrorist threats, right? No, we get the ICE, Customs, Coast Guard, and a whole new one, TSE all rolled into a big top heavy expensive monstrosity!

70 My goal is more freedom via less government intrusion. So, your "Red Light, Feb 21, 2011 6:36 PM
Green Light" idea is interesting. However, fraud or fake IDs would be a growth industry. I would Iso like to go back before 1934 in legislation.

71 I have no problem with National Citizen ID card, if no information other than NICS Feb 21, 2011 6:36 PM
background check info is used to issue Green Light Card.

72 Absolutely !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!, I already cary my Social Security Card, Retired Feb 21, 2011 6:37 PM
Military ID, Driver License, and Veterans Affairs Disability ID. What's one more.....AS LONG AS IT GOES HAND AND HAND WITH DISBANDING THE BATFE AND DISDTROYING THEIR DATABASE.

73 More than just Guns enters into this equasion. And who would be overseeing this Feb 21, 2011 6:38 PM
new form of ID? Our Gov? God forbid! We need less Gov ! Government cannot find there ass with both hands! Are you kidding!!!!
I no longer have any faith in any kind of peaceful resolution.DO you?
It will eventually come to the killing (not murder) of all government officals, just look at history. Tyrants only understand one form of NO, and it is always under the threat of loosing there life. , or seeing another loose theres. They are not in touch with reality. God Help us all!

74 yes Feb 21, 2011 6:38 PM

75 Not a bad idea. It has a lot of merit. As long as it was only needed to buy a gun Feb 21, 2011 6:38 PM
not ammo. But I can see "mission creep" coming, what else would they ad to it. Green you can buy food red you can't. Also who assigns the red and green borders, I'm not sure if I want to give the government and more authority that they already have.

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| 76 | <p>JFPO is right. We always have had some form of ID in America. The Social Security Card, Our State Driver's License, Military ID, Corporate ID. Perhaps there are some others out there. We are already on several data bases IRS, Veteran, Military, Police, Health, Banks, Credit Card Companies etc... One more ID card will not hurt anybody.</p> <p>Also, there is more to the mentally unstable people getting guns business. America has dumbed down our population intellectually, socially and emotionally so that many of our people are not capable of handling any dangerous implement and the marxists use this to promote their anti gun agenda. In a way, you cannot argue with that. We do have plenty of crazies running around who cannot handle their emotions and act out in gun violence for stupid reasons if they even have a reason. Who taught these people non self control?</p> | Feb 21, 2011 6:39 PM |
| 77 | No I would not carry such a card | Feb 21, 2011 6:39 PM |
| 78 | The National Citizen Identity Card with the Green Light or Red Light is a very good idea. As is the flat tax which will do away with the IRS | Feb 21, 2011 6:39 PM |
| 79 | <p>Howdy.</p> <p>i don't feel any REAL AMERICAN needs to carry any type of ID.</p> <p>i think that should be a personal choice hell we already had a DRIVERS LICENSE as far as i am concerned that's ENOUGH ALREADY.</p> <p>i also feel any man ow woman who is convicted of a crime and does their time to pay for it upon release they should get ALL OF THEIR LOST CITIZENS RIGHTS BACK EVEN THE RIGHT TO OWN A FIREARM.</p> <p>govt and their pink pantie girlie boys are the ones who want to KEEP a person down once they make a serious mistake.</p> <p>i believe in REDEMPTION.</p> <p>Semper Fi.</p> <p>Jim.</p> | Feb 21, 2011 6:40 PM |
| 80 | yes | Feb 21, 2011 6:40 PM |
| 81 | <p>Yes.</p> <p>This card would/could also serve as a Voter Registration ID card.</p> | Feb 21, 2011 6:41 PM |
| 82 | I really hate the idea of national registration cards. Those cards will be faked in mass and you could buy one on the street for \$100. Forget the card, forget the registration and gestapo paper work. Return to 1932 gun laws and let us defend ourselves. No need for cards of any kind. | Feb 21, 2011 6:42 PM |

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83	<p>No thanks. No compromise, no ID cards, no BATFE... NONE of it.</p> <p>A Blueprint for Ending Gun Control http://www.ncc-1776.org/tle2007/tle434-20070909-06.html by L. Neil Smith lneil@netzero.com and Aaron Zelman jpfo@jpfo.org</p> <p>STEP EIGHT: MEMORIZE THESE FIVE POINTS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A holding action, no matter how prolonged, is doomed to defeat. You must decide to take the offensive and eliminate victim disarmament altogether and forever.2. You can't defend one right by sacrificing another. Other people are going to do things with their lives you don't approve of, just as they're unlikely to approve of everything you do. Making criminals of them gives socialists a precedent for making a criminal of you.3. You can't stay free—or regain your freedom—by exalting your oppressors, no matter how flashy their cars and uniforms may be.4. You can't defend without attacking. Let the world know who the real enemies of liberty are, and that there's no such thing as a liberal.5. And you must decide upon another kind of "Zero Tolerance"—for compromise. <p>Do you disagree? Then let's see your blueprint.</p>	Feb 21, 2011 6:48 PM
84	yes	Feb 21, 2011 6:48 PM
85	<p>Yes I would. We already carry a national I. D. card. Several in fact. Our social security cards are in a national database. Our drivers licenses and/or state issued I. D. cards are accessible from interlinked national databases i.e. N.C.I.C. So i would welcome the ability to go back to before 1968 and order a rifle from sears or some other out of state dealer without lining every in between's pockets and getting another check mark on my file.</p>	Feb 21, 2011 6:51 PM
86	<p>I oppose any kind of National ID. Though it sounds good there will always be someone who will want to abuse that info.I oppose a card or a chip or any kind of tracing ID. I do realize that my cell phone, my credit card, my web usage allow tracking. Even that is way to much for me. I want small government not larger more reg oriented regimes as we now have. God bless you,Scot1ru</p>	Feb 21, 2011 6:52 PM
87	<p>I think the government will find it too easy to register your gun when you present your greencard...Government bureaucrats just don't respect rules and will keep a huge data base ready for the next tyrant who use the info for confiscation.Once all these cards are issued it stands to reason that only gun owners and buyers will seek to have one in his or her pocket and then the gun graves will just have to show up at your door and demand you turn over your weapons and ammo..I just think the potential misuse of the card far outweighs any temporary benefit it might yield....for purchase ...until the day comes when the next horrific gun crime occurs and all the bleeding heart gun grabbers will say we know who you are we're coming to your home and we will leave with your firearms.</p>	Feb 21, 2011 6:52 PM

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88	<p>I will not carry a mark of the beast.</p> <p>I can make private purchases of unregistered firearms all day long and twice on Sunday.</p> <p>The ends doesn't justify the means - I'm glad Mr. Zelman didn't propose this on his watch.</p>	Feb 21, 2011 6:57 PM
89	<p>I like it. Those of us with a permit to carry are registered. The drivers license in Minnesota has a magnetic strip with all kinds of information on it. My cell phone has a GPS chip in it. Another great feature is that your local illegal can't get one. Finally, I just joined JPFO and Oath Keepers so I'm already on the national watch list so who cares. Great Idea! Bill Hoppe, Bloomington, Minnesota</p>	Feb 21, 2011 6:58 PM
90	<p>The only reservations I have on such an idea is the quantity of biometric information collected for the card and how the use of the card -- including, but not limited to buying a gun -- would/could be tracked and the resultant database built on one's profile.</p> <p>If, in example, such a National ID card could be used to track books and magazines purchased by an individual what is to stop some governmental watch group from declaring that such reading materials classified an individual as a potential "enemy of the state" and placing them on a watch list which could easily be used to prohibit future activities, even change your "green card" to a "red card?"</p> <p>David Forward Aurora, CO</p>	Feb 21, 2011 6:58 PM
91	<p>no</p>	Feb 21, 2011 6:59 PM
92	<p>After reading the article, a qualified yes.</p>	Feb 21, 2011 7:02 PM
93	<p>Yes I would. As a Libertarian, I tend to cringe at the idea of a national ID card, but you are quite correct in stating that in reality we've all been doing that for years anyway. I may consider making the card something like a credit card. If you have a valid card you could purchase a firearm at any location in the nation, simply by presenting your card and having it run through a device like a credit card reader. If you had a valid card and were later judged mentally unfit or convicted of a dangerous felony, the purchase could be denied when the card was run at the point of purchase. Granted, this is a spur of the moment suggestion, just some food for thought.</p> <p>I'd even consider taking this a step further. Require the card to purchase things like gasoline, food, vehicles and housing. Denied the right to purchase these items, it would seem to me that illegal aliens would begin to "self deport" in record time.</p> <p>Mike Powell Utah</p>	Feb 21, 2011 7:08 PM
94	<p>Yes! I think it would be better than the current situation!</p>	Feb 21, 2011 7:12 PM
95	<p>I would carry a National Citizen Identity card that would allow me to purchase unregistered firearms</p>	Feb 21, 2011 7:14 PM

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- 96 the system sounds good at first glance ,no background check and no surprise that you have been denied by NICS,and spend an eternity trying to find out they had you mixed up with someone else,and the good thing is as you get the card you will know ahead of time wether you get a green light or a red light,it will make liberals feel better,however those with red bars on their I.D.'s will still just break the law and steal or buy them from the black market ie: (crooked cops from property rooms),,i lke this idea better,,we put to death all murders,and rapist or at minimum life with no parole,and if you are declared to have a metal issue but are not in an institution the test to own a gun is simple,if you can have a drivers license and drive a 3000 lb. weapon you can own a gun,,and citizens need to be aware that those who are unstable,(as was the louden guy who killed in arizona you belong in an institution until well enough to re-enter society...and if you enter society and try what he did and a good citizen stops you by blowing your brains out,,the police should pin a medal on you and thank you for stopping a maniac. but for this to work we as good citizens need to carry everywhere and everywherewith no restrictions,,even in the courthouse as long as we have no business in a particular hearing room as a defendent,,as a witness or victim we should carry concealed in court
I PERSONNALLY KNOW A JUDGE IN WORCESTER MASS. THAT DOES S&W 4 INCH BARRELL 357 MAG SIX SHOT....HAS NEVER USED IT BUT HAS PUT HIS HAND ON IT UNDER HIS ROBE WITH SOME CLOSE CALLS...when this country accepts the fact that carrying a gun is the same as carrying your thermos or keys to your car then we will be a truly free and peacful society..jerry costa, jpfo,nra andGOA member.....
- 97 NO! NO! Feb 21, 2011 7:15 PM
- 98 Yes! Definitely! It is a great idea. We need a more practical I.D. anyway. Illegals, nut-jobs, ex-cons, and gang-bangers be damned! Feb 21, 2011 7:18 PM
- 99 Tough question. A national ID card is police state. But, if it will help me purchase a firearm or gain government access, it would be a necessary evil. Yes, albeit, reluctantly! Feb 21, 2011 7:22 PM
- 100 As Kirby notes, the reality of our present Social Security numbers and cards is that we already have a national ID, so there's no escape from that. I'd consider a "National Citizen Identity card" an improvement on the status quo. The right intended by our founding fathers, to "keep and bear arms", was lost in part with the firearms acts of 1934 and 1968, in the first place, and every realistic citizen should most certainly fear the government that fears his/her gun. Such government intends you harm, sooner or later. Bet on it! Feb 21, 2011 7:24 PM
- 101 Great idea. You are so right about national ID. I figure that I am on a whole bunch of lists. George Feb 21, 2011 7:24 PM
- 102 Yes, sounds good. Feb 21, 2011 7:29 PM
- 103 No there will always be a paper trail as long as uncle sam is involved. By at gun shows from private owners. Feb 21, 2011 7:34 PM

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104	<p>Would I carry a National ID card to allow myself to purchase unregistered firearms? Absolutely NOT! I already chafe under the existing yoke of a driver's 'license', 'license' plates, and the SSI my parents sold me out to when I was born. The only benefit to those statist controls is given to the government that issued them, and NONE to me.</p> <p>Unregistered firearms? Do they even exist anymore, outside the black market? Nope, the BATFE has its crimson claws hooked deep into everything, from the end of the assembly line at Ruger, right to the buyer's pocket. As I said, at this point, any unregistered firearm is likely stolen, and fetches an enormous sum in the underworld.</p> <p>My major refutation for the "Red Light, Green Light" proposal is simply this: COUNTERFEITING. Illegal immigrants can already, for a sizable sum, purchase a "legal" driver's license. Sure, under close scrutiny by the automated police state, they will fall down, but what about the average pawn shop owner, gun shop, or private seller? I can't say I'd be able to tell all differences between an 'authentic' or 'fake' license, or National ID, given the skills of counterfeiters today. With 'dead IDs' or stolen identities, some of them are actually "valid" copies, until one of the several illegals 'trolling' on the ID of a squeaky-clean national slips up, and the whole thing falls apart when the REAL owner of the ID finds out.</p> <p>RLGL? Sorry. It's just another compromise effort, which will only end in failure. Get the BATFE to ditch their databases? GOOD LUCK! It'll never happen, never in a million years. Nothing short of bloody revolution will EVER get the bureaucrats and pols to give up their control. There's always a backup, somewhere.</p>	Feb 21, 2011 7:36 PM
105	no way, give me pre 1934 laws. i will take my chances.	Feb 21, 2011 7:36 PM
106	Yes	Feb 21, 2011 7:38 PM
107	<p>Cautiously, yes. But there are always unintended consequences. In this example, we might find more of us adjudicated as mentally "ill" or "defective," especially those of us who are more vocal about our dissident opinions.</p> <p>After all, this expedient has worked in the USSR and Russia.</p>	Feb 21, 2011 7:39 PM
108	As long as there could be NO chance of counterfeiting that card, I'M GOOD TO GO.	Feb 21, 2011 7:42 PM
109	Yes, I would go for the Red Light, Green light ID card idea. The only fault I can see, is even if the govt is required to destroy the gun registration info...someone, somewhere would still have the registration info on file.	Feb 21, 2011 7:45 PM
110	<p>It'd be a start, Kirby.</p> <p>John</p>	Feb 21, 2011 7:46 PM
111	Yes.	Feb 21, 2011 7:46 PM
112	I'm for it but I believe the system as you have stated it can be used against the average American. Not too long ago the Federal government and some states would have outlawed the purchase and ownership of any weapon by a service person suffering from PTSD. It almost went into effect. What's to prevent the state and Federal government from drawing up something similar to control access to firearms? A possible example: Drive too fast and have too many tickets and you might be considered a rash person subject to road rage. Who do you go to to fight something like that? I'm sure folks out there can think of a myriad of other wacky laws that could be used to circumvent the Green Light, Red Light card.	Feb 21, 2011 7:47 PM

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113	no thats stupid	Feb 21, 2011 7:51 PM
114	If something like that happened I would more than for it as a matter of fact I would be behind "our" gov't. to enforce something like that. That being said what would the "gun-grabbers" like Bloomberg or Schummer would say about doing something along those lines, I would guess that they wouldn't like something like that.	Feb 21, 2011 7:51 PM
115	Yes Marty Sharpe Life Member JPFO GOA NRA	Feb 21, 2011 7:53 PM
116	naaah	Feb 21, 2011 7:55 PM
117	yes	Feb 21, 2011 8:00 PM
118	No. it still seems too close to federal Identification. I don't need my Social Sec. card to do anything except get a job.	Feb 21, 2011 8:01 PM
119	yes I wold but there are many out there who would have a green and for whatever reason be turned red .either through their own actions or some beaurocrats devious shenanigans (bad cops) So how do you define the difference between someone who has no intention ever of committing a crime or being dealt a dirty hand by dirty cops and yes, they do exist,lets not decieve ourselves.	Feb 21, 2011 8:11 PM
120	Yes.	Feb 21, 2011 8:21 PM
121	I THINK YOU ARE OUT OF YOUR MIND, LOOK AT YOUR OWN HISTORY W/GERMANY THEN LOOK AT THE HISTORY OF THIS COUNTRY, THEN LISTEN TO SOROS,CLINTON,PILLOSSI,OBAMA,KERRY AND THE REST OF THE TREASONOUS POLITITIONS, EVEN THE MEEKEST PERSON CAN BE SENT OVER THE EDGE,AT SOME TIME WITHOUT WARNING EVEN WITH HIS GREEN LIGHT IN HAND.WAKE UP, WE AND OUR FOREFATHERS FOUGHT AND DIED FOR FREEDOM AND NO ONE WILL TAKE IT AWAY AGAIN, THANKS .A TRUE PATRIOT OF THE UNITED STATES.	Feb 21, 2011 8:32 PM
122	Yes, I'd be glad to.	Feb 21, 2011 8:38 PM
123	The idea has some merit to it. It is less intrusive than the database system that is now in use. However, my question is, will it be used in the way it is or will it turned into a system of registration by some manipulative government bureaucrat. I am a retired police officer and have had a love affair with firearms all of my life ever since I saw Roy Rogers and the rest of them on saturday afternoons at the movies. I shot my first gun at the age of three a 410, I still have the empty shells somewhere. That was 65 years ago. I do not trust any of the government agencies or very many of the new breed of police officers that I have met. I have gotten paranoid over the years. The definition of paranoid is a heightened sense of awareness. I am a member of of JPFO, GOA and NRA. I am not happy with the middle of the road stance that the NRA has.	Feb 21, 2011 8:40 PM
124	YES ! I like this proposal. Simple, Clean.	Feb 21, 2011 8:41 PM
125	i agree about returning to pre 1934 status viz gun laws. the green light card might help prevent batf anonymous denial of purchases but more to the point would be a shrinking of this federal government to something this country can afford without borrowing from china.	Feb 21, 2011 8:42 PM

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126	<p>Under the terms you described in your "Redlight, Greenlight" column yes. Unless I can come up with any reason why it would not benefit us (Which I can't at this time), the answer is; it's a simple answer to the proof of eligibility problem, and a great idea.</p> <p>Rene Stover</p>	Feb 21, 2011 8:47 PM
127	<p>Any ID scheme, no matter how it's structured, will play into the hands of the "controllers".</p>	Feb 21, 2011 8:48 PM
128	<p>As I posted (shared) the article on Facebook, "This is absolute logical for rational humans. It even fits within the Rule of Law found in the US Constitution."</p>	Feb 21, 2011 8:59 PM
129	<p>On thje surface it sounds reasonable. But, To think BATF or any other government agency will destroy their gun data base,(which they are not suppose to keep in the first place), is wishful thinking. If "they" would go along with this, "they" would surley find a way to track us, RFID for example. Some states , if can belive the "talking heads" on TV, are doing away with carry permits, which, if true, I heartaly applaud. They must take it a step farther and not track gun purchases. How? I don't know. There are greater minds than mine out there, hopefully, one of them has a workable solution to get "big government off our back.</p>	Feb 21, 2011 8:59 PM

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130 Yes, but only if the card could not be counterfeited and would have to be renewed Feb 21, 2011 9:01 PM

every 3 years. The green card would have to be immediately surrendered if convicted of a felony and the individual would be REQUIRED to carry the red card or be subject to stiff jail time. If the person committed a homicide after the red card was issued and found guilty, the death penalty must be enforced after all appeals were exhausted. No 3 strike rule. The green card would also hold you harmless in a civil suit should you have to defend yourself and the case deemed justified. The card would also serve as a national weapons carry card recognized in every state and reasonable training would be required for the card to be issued. The cards would ONLY be issued to those who prove U.S. citizenship. Should an illegal alien somehow obtain a green border card and uses it as personal identification, they are immediately deported. If they commit a homicide during this period, they face the death penalty. If they come back into the country again, they are imprisoned for 1 year and can apply for citizenship at this time if they are sponsored if not then they are deported. If they come back a third time, they face the death penalty.

With great power comes great responsibility, as they say. There is no greater responsibility an personal safety of yourself and others in your charge. If you carry a gun you must understand and accept what the consequences could be if you are forced to use it and the card is not a "hunting" permit for society predators. You must be held to a higher standard and if you are not willing to accept those responsibilities then you must be willing to accept the fact that law enforcement will not always come to your aid in time and take your chances.

I think freedom without personal responsibility is anarchy. The Constitution is the Constitution and if you want to change it you follow the rules in place to do so. Those who do so by other means will face the consequences of their actions and the level of those actions and extremes taken to do so would be deadly to the perpetrators. It would be violent and it would be bloody, but Freedom and Liberty will die hard and not go easily.

I know some of what I said if fairly extreme and I am good with that. The times we are living in are extreme and are approaching a dangerous tipping point. If we are to save this country perhaps we should start thinking of such steps, before some terrorist smuggles in a suitcase nuke and takes out Dallas, Phoenix, LA, Chicago, New Orleans or DC.

Maybe the only way to handle terrorists and cartels is to be more extreme in our actions against them. The days of "playing nice" are over.

Hope I didn't get off target too much... but these kind of things are pretty much intertwined.

I am a peaceful man but will fight to keep my freedom and liberty, regardless the personal cost.

131 I would say yes depending on the OTHER uses of the card. The problem is (like Feb 21, 2011 9:08 PM

the ssi card) you cannot trust the gov't to outline the uses and stick to them. I would fear it would become an interstate passport or sme such garbage to be abused. I do agree it would be better than the BATFE sys, and I would LOVE to see them out of work. I would also expect them to default and continue even after implementation of such a resonable measure(in for no other reason than to keep their power).

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132	i am not willing to be a little less free,in order to be a little more secure; that said,people without criminal intent-who may be "armed to the teeth" are not a threat to anyone;the mentally ill,criminal & irresponsible citizens are-and -always have been;i believe the guiding principal is to make those who enact and administer the gun control laws feel they have done "something" to stem the violence,when in truth they have not; if carrying the red/green card allows for more personal freedom then,i reluctantly, would be in favor of it;	Feb 21, 2011 9:17 PM
133	No, I would like the law changed to what it was when I was young. Anyone could buy any legal gun without any paperwork at all. No infringement, just like the 2nd says.	Feb 21, 2011 9:22 PM
134	I like the idea of a border on all ID. I have carried since 1961 both on and off duty. Along with the borders, we need to have a real push to go after the real bad guys. A mandatory 25 years for selling stolen firearms and a 10 year for felon in possession. The green border should also be available for concealed carry anywhere in this country. Thank You Ron Binnie	Feb 21, 2011 9:25 PM
135	I remember long ago a friend was teaching some police/military from Venezuela how to shoot pistols. One of them told me that they riot at the drop of a hat but the people of America let the government run amok over them and do nothing. I believe the only way we will get those green cards is to get it forcefully. Our government will not go for it. Leonard Doss	Feb 21, 2011 9:26 PM
136	NO!	Feb 21, 2011 9:31 PM
137	I like it - - - I am with you, what's the big deal? Big brother knows who we are anyway. If you don't want to do it - - - do without. I't called free will (Volition). Simplify the system and get thousands of free loading bureaucrats off the payroll. Next is the IRS - My law enforcement ID is insufficient to buy a gun but the CHL works - figure that one out. Many LE get the CHL just for that reason.	Feb 21, 2011 9:34 PM
138	I don't want to. I would avoid buying.	Feb 21, 2011 9:35 PM
139	Yes	Feb 21, 2011 9:37 PM
140	If it really could be that way, yes.. GKL	Feb 21, 2011 9:37 PM
141	Sure, whatever. I'll find one on the streets or make one. Doesn't bother me. Forever yours, convicted felon	Feb 21, 2011 9:43 PM
142	The only way I would accept the card- disband the BATFE! -Bob McCune	Feb 21, 2011 9:44 PM
143	No, absolutely not. I can already buy unregistered guns from private sellers. I say move in the same consistent direction by eliminating drinking & smoking ages, driver's licenses, Social Security #s and all associated taxation -- along with ALL government in sum total. THAT is the only true path to Liberty.	Feb 21, 2011 9:44 PM
144	I would be in favor of this on a state level, ie driver's license. The determination of red or green would be on a state level. No special identification cards though.,	Feb 21, 2011 9:47 PM

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145	<p>I might carry an I.D. card, actually I do now which is my drivers license and must be shown at time of purchase. This should also allow sales across state lines. Other people may add more details than these. We need to end as many restriction as possible on honest people.</p> <p>I understand there is legislation being introduced here in Tennessee to remove the background check for those who have a carry permit. We can carry openly or concealed. The choice is ours.</p> <p>I was married for 54 years February 16th. My wedding vows said "Until death do us part". The same vows go for my guns.</p> <p>"A disarmed man can be a slave".</p> <p>"An armed man can be a fee man".</p> <p>God bless</p>	Feb 21, 2011 9:53 PM
146	Sure, but why not just put a rig around our drivers licenses?	Feb 21, 2011 10:13 PM
147	hell no	Feb 21, 2011 10:17 PM
148	<p>No! A National ID card is a form of citizen registration. The only gun laws should be the same as for knives, baseball bats & strong muscles and martial arts training. If a person commits a crime, the severity of it should, upon conviction, dictate the punishment. Whether a weapon is used, brandished or carried should make no difference, Just the commission & conviction should be all that matters.</p>	Feb 21, 2011 10:21 PM
149	<p>NO, Why help the government out, If they have my social security number why would they need a National Identity card too? Social Security is a joke too !Crimminals have always had guns and alway will... I don't believe in gun control. How about kepping crimminals locked up! How about putting insane in an mental institue, we did it for years then all og a sudden somebody says ,, oh you can't keep them in here. So there out at schools and such shooting congress people.</p>	Feb 21, 2011 10:23 PM
150	yes	Feb 21, 2011 10:28 PM
151	<p>Absolutely NOT.</p> <p>Kirby, there is no reason, what so ever, that you, I, or anyone else should have to produce i.d. to purchase a firearm.</p> <p>If someone is a 'defective', then he/she should be LOCKED UP until that person is no longer a threat to anyone else. If that person chooses to harm himself/herself, it is not the governments job to stop that from occurring.</p> <p>Any free man/woman should be able to purchase ANY weapon he/she so chooses, including the latest fully automatic weapon on the market---as well as suppressors--- WITHOUT governmental interference, control, or "stamps".</p> <p>"No Free Man Shall Ever Be De Barred The Use Of Arms"</p> <p>"... The Right To Keep And Bear Arms SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED."</p>	Feb 21, 2011 10:29 PM
152	<p>The idea certainly does sound interesting, according to it's description in the text. As was mentioned however, I don't think that we are there yet.</p> <p>Also, respecting existing empires, and their destruction, I suspect that it would take a hellish amount of philosophical C-4, to do the job. This is NOT to say that the idea should not be pursued. It does however raise two questions.</p> <p>1. Do the politicians, our "elected things" have the intestinal fortitude to lock horns with, and perhaps to overturn established bureaucracies? They are sworn to "support, uphold and defwend the constitution", but how much value do they put in oaths taken?</p> <p>2. Do Joand Jane Six Pack, have the staying power to pressure their "elected things", as would be necessary?</p>	Feb 21, 2011 10:30 PM
153	I will not carry ANY National ID Card EVER for ANY reason.	Feb 21, 2011 10:31 PM

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| 154 | No read light green light cards
The feds can't keep any database operational properly.
Don't forget counterfeiting is too easy to do these days
And why does a convicted felon, who has served his entire sentence, loose his natural rights protected by the constitution? (voting, to bear arms, etc)?
The premise of this survey is ludicrous--it would create yet another federal bureaucracy like many more that have no constitutional authority. | Feb 21, 2011 10:35 PM |
| 155 | Yes. | Feb 21, 2011 10:38 PM |
| 156 | I think having my Concealed Weapons Permit should be enough. Why does the Federal Government need me to fill out their long form everytime I want to buy a gun? Obviously, all of my personal information is already on file with both the state and Federal governments.

By the way, Green Card or Red Card won't do anymore than that. IF the government ever becomes so tyrannical as to confiscate personal firearms, they have enough information already on file to hunt down each of us. Does anyone really believe the Fed doesn't have all of our firearms applications filed somewhere? Even IF they are obeying the law and not creating a database, the records exist because the BATFE requires FFL dealers to maintain them; and when an FFL goes out of business the records are forwarded to the BATFE. Convenient, huh?

To paraphrase that song: "Whatcha gonna do when they come for you?". | Feb 21, 2011 10:41 PM |
| 157 | Since I'm a Californian all of my guns are in the registry, both state and federal. The majority of the population will not buy into this "red-green" proposal since gun owners make up such a small percentage of the population and the NRA isn't pushing this any time soon. The ACLU would be anxious to take this concept to court. Sorry about the negativity, but I'm constantly fighting my fellow Jews, family and friends, about gun ownership. They treat me like a pariah and I see them as lemmings waiting for "it" to happen again. | Feb 21, 2011 10:49 PM |
| 158 | I probably wouldn't carry this ID card--don't want to be in anybody's else's database. All of my firearms have been bought in private buys, so there is no record anywhere of what I own.

Works for me!

Mari | Feb 21, 2011 10:52 PM |
| 159 | Sure, this sounds like a workable option, just as I have a CC permit, that also should serve the same purpose. I have been background checked and had fingerprints recorded. I was clean and should be able to buy without chipping out 10 or 20 bucks for another check. | Feb 21, 2011 10:54 PM |
| 160 | Your RLGL card has the same problem as the present rules. "The crooks ignore them" Just be required to show a "18 or over" ID card would be all that is nessary. The nut jobs would soon be blown away, and problem solved. If little Jonnie borrows Daddys gun the Daddy ends up responsible as it should be. No extra paperwork. | Feb 21, 2011 10:55 PM |
| 161 | I already carry a national ID card, I am retired military and it has my SS number on it. I think this is a very good idea since we have had national IDs since the start of SS. Right on the SS card it says NOT FOR IDENTIFCATION. That did not last very long. I was on active duty when the military changed from service numbers to using the social security number. Let's get this done and done now and see how many of our current pols, both Dem & Repub get "RED" border cards. | Feb 21, 2011 10:57 PM |

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| 162 | I suppose this red light green light concept would work better than anything that is currently available. However, officialdom (various elected officials, bureaucrats, many police,) won't like this because it would facilitate gun purchases. And they are more inclined and more adept at curtailing rights. Do we have a constitution or not? Do we have a second admendment or not? Why must we always play their (government/ gungrabbers) games with their rules? | Feb 21, 2011 11:01 PM |
| 163 | No. I'm nervously waiting for my FOID (7th week). Govt should never be allowed to regulate our guns. A national identity card violates the slippery slope principle.

I really doubt only the top echelon of pigs are antigun. It is many more.

Multiple victim shooting rampages are the result of people refusing to arm themselves. | Feb 21, 2011 11:09 PM |
| 164 | Ok, I'm basically with you on this and, in theory, I would like a "Green Light Card" too but...as with any new system, there may be some bugs. Here's one: suppose someone goes for counseling because they have ADD or another learning disability. And, as is the usual treatment (thanks to greedy drug companies and their lapdog doctors) this person is given a stimulant &/or an antidepressant. Now WHO decides whether this person is a "nutjob" or "normal?" WHO? The county judge? So my point is: anyone who has had any kind of mental health treatment may be not only denied a "green light" but given a "free ride" to the looney bin! There really are hidden forces behind all this which is also why something like the Holocaust REALLY DID HAPPEN and was ALLOWED TO! | Feb 21, 2011 11:11 PM |
| 165 | No I will not carry or support a NID. I will support getting rid of the BTAFE and all new purchase forms for firearms. | Feb 21, 2011 11:20 PM |
| 166 | Of course I would if there were assurances the card would be very difficult to counterfeit. We already have national ID cards even though they aren't standardized. Your drivers license. How many times does law enforcement stop anyone and not ask to see their ID? NEVER, NEVER, NEVER. | Feb 21, 2011 11:22 PM |
| 167 | Yes, if there were not a million strings attached to carrying a "green card". And no tracking of any information on that card to any other federal or state or local agency, not sharing of my my personal information at any level. | Feb 21, 2011 11:23 PM |
| 168 | How about pinning yellow stars on people? That oughta do it. | Feb 21, 2011 11:28 PM |
| 169 | yes | Feb 21, 2011 11:32 PM |
| 170 | Real I D is Hitlers identity papers reincarnate. My instant check comes back "We don't know" after a "Hold" expires I can go ahead with a purchase. What color would my card be.
Just pass a law that says no one can purchase a gun illegally. Obviously if it's against the law no one can do it. | Feb 21, 2011 11:41 PM |
| 171 | A bar code on the front or back of the driver's license would allow business to access a data base to determine if a person is a mental case.

It would be easier to update the data base than it would be to issue a new driver's license if the information changes.

Felons have the right to defend themselves and should be able to carry a gun.

If you think that a felon shouldn't be able to carry a gun, he shouldn't have been released from prison in the first place. | Feb 21, 2011 11:43 PM |
| 172 | I think this is the greatest, most refreshing idea I have heard in a long time. Outstanding yet simple.
John Spearin | Feb 21, 2011 11:45 PM |

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173	<p>My first reaction is that I do carry such a card -- my concealed carry license.</p> <p>I do not have to get a permit to purchase, but a instant check is run, and in my state handguns are registered. If all green light people were to be issued green light card regardless of intent to buy liquor or guns, by all means, I would go for it.</p> <p>Before I cast my "final vote," I would want serious consideration of the possible misuses of the system.</p>	Feb 21, 2011 11:49 PM
174	<p>No "National Citizen Identity Card," regardless of the color of its border, or even the contents of its RFID chip, will do anything to stop an insane person or a criminal, who is intent on doing harm to someone or to society in general. There are workarounds which evade the law today, and there will be workarounds which will evade the restrictions of tomorrow.</p> <p>The price of personal liberty is an amount of personal danger, and the need to take personal responsibility for your own well-being and for the well-being of those around you.</p> <p>Therefore, the best deterrent to the unexpected insane and criminal killer is widespread personal armament, which could provide the quickest possible end to any unforeseeable rampage.</p> <p>Identity cards are suited only for fawning subjects, dependent upon the state for the all-too-temporary illusion of safety.</p>	Feb 21, 2011 11:49 PM
175	<p>I may have to think about this a little more. I do not have a "knee jerk" response to the idea though I consider myself more Libertarian than anything else. However, I am also realistic. I suspect, that the background check info done on every gun purchase will reappear one day. If I have gleaned correctly we are talking about a National FOID card (Chicago land approach). I am curious as to what the counter arguments may be.</p>	Feb 21, 2011 11:50 PM
176	<p>I would absolutely love it!!! Especially now that drug lords can cruise over the border using guns supplied by the Mexican military, and go "loco" on whomever they find. Any other administration would have the National Guard there by now. If the government refuses to do anything about it, citizens should be able to have means for self-preservation. That is the bottom line that should stick out in our minds, if not just stick in our craw.</p>	Feb 21, 2011 11:58 PM
177	<p>absolutely</p>	Feb 22, 2011 12:03 AM
178	<p>maybe, if atf were abolished or similar measures were instituted prior to issuance of ID cards, such that there was absolutely no traceability, no ATF paperwork, no other paperwork. and with the expectation that any 'national ID' type card wasn't simply a federal 'firearms approval permit' of sorts. ie, the only people who would want one would be gun owners. ?</p>	Feb 22, 2011 12:06 AM

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179	<p>I offer a simpler process and it could relieve a number of issues.</p> <p>We already have a National I.D. called Passports, and the system is already in place to process applications without adding much permanent bureaucracy. Passports are positive photo identification as well as proof of citizenship.</p> <p>Correctional and mental health systems can process passport applications for persons in their charge if those people do not already have one. The actual document is held by the incarcerating agency until the person is released into the public.</p> <p>Visitors and permanent residents will have a foreign passport. These are recorded at point-of-entry to include status regarding their presence in the U.S. and they are still required to carry their green card, visa, etc. at all times.</p> <p>The huge NICS bureaucracy is reduced to a handful of data entry clerks at Dept. of State. They maintain a database of the passport numbers of prohibited persons, the nature of the prohibition and the authority for establishing the prohibition. An appeals unit must quickly process alleged errors and be able quickly to confirm or correct status.</p> <p>FFLs, ICE, FBI, DEA, USCG, local police, election judges and other agencies can check the database by passport number. If there is a match, it is electronically referred to appropriate enforcement authorities as possible unlawful activity determined by the nature of the contact. All non-matches are discarded as inconsequential.</p> <p>No one needs to carry their passport, but they will need it to vote, purchase a firearm or engage in any other sort of activity that is restricted to eligible persons.</p> <p>Craig R. Brownell Chief Instructor www.mnpistolclass.com</p>	Feb 22, 2011 12:12 AM
180	No National I.D. card . end .	Feb 22, 2011 12:13 AM
181	<p>NO. That's still asking permission from the state in a round-about way. Besides, I actually believe if you have served your time for a crime you should get your guns back. As has been stated a million times, if you can't be trusted in a free society where firearms are available, you shouldn't be in free society. It's really that damn simple, and I'm kind of tired of people coming up with what are basically pre-emptive background check systems to avoid point of sale checks when there should be no checks at all. Everybody who keeps thinking up such schemes should go to the blackboard and write "If you can't be trusted in a free society where firearms are available, you shouldn't be in free society." 100 times, or until it finally sinks into their skull. It's a REALLY SIMPLE CONCEPT. Think this one over if you think this is a good idea: It doesn't do a damn thing about people that haven't been designated as mentally defective yet and/or haven't committed a crime yet, which is a HUGE chunk of actual criminal shootings. Most people that snap and murder their family and such never snapped and murdered people before, did they? Serial murderers usually get to be serial murderers because they are good at it and they'd skirt the system anyway.</p>	Feb 22, 2011 12:24 AM
182	yep	Feb 22, 2011 12:33 AM

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183	<p>As long as carrying such a card was not mandatory, no problem. As the author observes, its not as if we live in a society where ID cards are uncommon. I'd bet 99.99% of Americans have at least 1 form of government issued ID close at hand for much of their daily life.</p> <p>Also, if I understand correctly, the card would only be needed to BUY a gun - not to own one (i.e., your guns could not be confiscated for failing to have such a card), and if you really object to the very concept of ID, nothings stopping you buying the guns you need then destroying the card...</p> <p>Of course, the simplest way would be to put the red/green border on drivers licenses, or state-issued non-drivers ID Cards, which I suspect, 99.9 of adult Americans possess.</p>	Feb 22, 2011 12:36 AM
184	<p>I already have identity cards: social security, driver's license, 2 different pistol permits, a hunting license, numerous entries in the NIC database and 4 different library cards.</p> <p>One more card would not seem onerous. It would help control illegal aliens I'm sure. And if it allowed me to by guns by just letting the gun store see the color of it and matching the picture with my face and no other information, I see no harm in it. Can you imagine the hundreds of databases that already have information about me?</p>	Feb 22, 2011 12:36 AM
185	<p>No. Legitimizing the idea of a national ID is fundamentally flawed. The social security issue is a red herring - that agency is unconstitutional, and needs to be abolished as well - not have another program legitimize the idea of a national ID.</p>	Feb 22, 2011 12:36 AM
186	<p>Yes, I would be happy to buy legal, unregistered firearms using "Green Border" Nat. ID Card.</p>	Feb 22, 2011 12:38 AM
187	<p>No</p>	Feb 22, 2011 12:38 AM
188	<p>I like the idea. t would work well, but makes too much sense for the Nannies-on-Potomic to ever agree to it.</p>	Feb 22, 2011 12:38 AM
189	<p>Basically this is a good idea. But it will, obviously, be opposed by all of the bureaucrats and power hungry cops who, respectively, get paid or get their" I'm more powerful than you" kicks from the current system.</p> <p>From the practical/operational standpoint it seems that a whole new bureaucracy will grow up around the need to ensure that a convicted crook or a madman gives up his green card, if he ever had one-another bureaucracy needed for that, too. But maybe some imaginative input and fine tuning will erase these kinds of considerations.</p>	Feb 22, 2011 12:41 AM
190	<p>Yes, it's better than present circumstances. Would love less government control. I can handle national ID, especially if it would help against illegal immigration, but I worry about the fine print.</p>	Feb 22, 2011 12:45 AM
191	<p>I don't need an ID to purchase a so called unregistered firearm. I can buy in private treaty from a news paper ad.</p> <p>My drivers licence is all that is needed to buy from a gun shop as it is already registered in Washington DC.</p> <p>Anglo</p>	Feb 22, 2011 12:49 AM
192	<p>Yes.</p>	Feb 22, 2011 1:00 AM
193	<p>No! I do NOT trust the Federal government, NOT one iota!!!!!!</p>	Feb 22, 2011 1:01 AM
194	<p>No</p>	Feb 22, 2011 1:03 AM
195	<p>YES</p>	Feb 22, 2011 1:07 AM
196	<p>I already carry a National Citizen ID card, as do most people. Actually, more than one; Social Security card, and a Drivers' License. I have never bought a registered firearm, never intend to, nor does my wife, and she is Concealed Carry. So, to purchase an unregistered firearm using my Drivers' License wouldn't be a problem if I decided to purchase one from a retail outlet, which I've never done anyway. Good commentary.</p>	Feb 22, 2011 1:08 AM

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197	We are already required to carry state ID, I think one step further, in the manner you describe, would be o.k.	Feb 22, 2011 1:10 AM
198	YES	Feb 22, 2011 1:12 AM
199	Since I can already buy firearms via personal "face to face" transactions, it doesn't matter much to me. But it would be nice to occasionally buy a brand new firearm so I could support this move as a good first step.	Feb 22, 2011 1:12 AM
200	Sorry, I don't like the idea of a National card of any kind. If the card was issued state by state that would be a bit better. Once the federal government has control of most ANYTHING they already have too much control. Once these cards became the law of the land it would be too easy for the federal government to declare any group of people (including Jews) to be "red" in one fell swoop. It really scares me!!! I hope this doesn't discourage you from 'thinking out of the box'. We need people who can come up with inventive ideas - just not this one.	Feb 22, 2011 1:15 AM
201	I much prefer a different system I heard about recently... instead of a national database ala brady, download the system data base to the FFLs... potential abuse tho, similar to being on the current no fly list--- hell to get off if innocent	Feb 22, 2011 1:16 AM
202	Absolutely. This places the onus of prevention of illegal gun sales where it belongs: on the back of the governmental bodies and not on the good guys via burdensome legislation that impacts the legal gun buyer. Good idea. Let's make it work. Brian Pumphrey Saint Petersburg, Florida	Feb 22, 2011 1:18 AM
203	Probably, but another Freaking "Credit card" thing? I know my government and there will be more BS added to it so it won't work that way, such as "having to carry it at all times" while illegals, felons, and whackos won't have to carry a "red Card"t because the ACLU says it makes them feel bad, but it our responsibility as law abiding citizens to inconvenience ourselves to make somebody's job easier. I am afraid I don't trust anything "they" are willing to do. (I live in a Blue state - NY - where I think the state motto - Excelsior - {ever upwards} didn't used to refer to taxes, but once meant to aspirations)	Feb 22, 2011 1:22 AM
204	yes	Feb 22, 2011 1:35 AM
205	No.	Feb 22, 2011 1:35 AM
206	Yes! I would support. But lets carry the proposition 1 step further with the Green Card giving you the clearence to carry firearms also. ----No Free man should be barred from the carrying of arms. ---Imprisoned in Indiana by carry laws, Raymond Clements	Feb 22, 2011 1:43 AM
207	Why not, you have to have a ss card for half the things you do now.	Feb 22, 2011 1:46 AM
208	No, nein, na, no way	Feb 22, 2011 1:47 AM
209	Sure. This would be a fairer way to treat the Good Citizens of this Country. And then, if they could talk our court system into enforcing severe penalties on those who commit violent crimes (with or without firearms), instead of putting these repeat offenders back on the streets, maybe the law abiding citizens could again enjoy the freedoms that they are entitled to under our Constitution. We have been punishing the wrong people for much too long. Unfortunately, we have a long, long way to go before that is even a remote possibility. ---DPB	Feb 22, 2011 2:02 AM

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210	No. Once we all have a national ID card... what's to stop our beloved, sanctimonious federal government from requiring us to use it for everything we buy and for everything we do? (So they can build a database on every Amerikan.) I realize they're doing it right now, but why make it easier on them? I use cash for a lot of my purchases... no record there.	Feb 22, 2011 2:15 AM
211	I think doing away with gun registration is a good start. However, I dont know if a national ID card is the best way to go about getting acceptance for doing away with the gun registry.	Feb 22, 2011 2:17 AM
212	I will admit I never thought about this in the way he has. I must agree that anyone who feels they have a secret life is really fooling themselves. I kind of like the idea. It sounds pretty good. I also agree that the business of tracing is mostly a show business fantasy. It really doesn't catch criminals. I LIKE IT!!!	Feb 22, 2011 2:19 AM
213	<p>NO!!!</p> <p>Just because we more or less already have National ID cards (Social Security, Driver's License, etc.) doesn't make it constitutional or biblical!</p> <p>Article II Bill of Rights Constitution of the United States: A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed. THAT'S "SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED!!!"</p> <p>Exodus 22:2 If a thief be found breaking up, and be smitten that he die, there shall no blood be shed for him.</p> <p>Luke 11:21-22 When a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace: ...</p> <p>Luke 22:36, 38 Then said he unto them, But now, he that hath a purse, let him take it, and likewise his scrip: and he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one. And they said, Lord, behold, here are two swords. And he said unto them, It is enough.</p> <p>NOTHING ABOUT GET A ID (LICENSE, PERMIT, ETC) FIRST, THEN GO BUY A SWORD!!!</p>	Feb 22, 2011 2:29 AM
214	No, I would rather just get a card that allowed me (cleared me) to make gun purchases. I don't like the idea of a national id card.	Feb 22, 2011 2:34 AM

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215 We have drivers licenses already. Would it be any different? The green card would be an incrementalization of our rights. Lenin's strategy was two steps forward, one step backward. It worked for the Bolsheviks. Why not adopt incrementalization as a part of our strategy to regain our stolen rights. Feb 22, 2011 2:35 AM

Another thought is to keep the NICS. NCIS approval should and could recognize the RIGHT to possess ARMS as an absolute. ARMS in its broadest sense is as the founders intended, not just firearms alone. The founders used the word "arms" for its broadest possible application of the right of defending oneself against criminals or the government. Arms is inclusive of everything from a slingshot to an H-bomb.

In 1791 George Washington toured the states. When he visited Savannah, Georgia, he presented the Chatham County Artillery with two field pieces (cannons) as a gift. They are still on display in downtown Savannah. George Washington recognized, de facto, that the right to keep and bear arms included any arms that could be used by an army; mortars, hand grenades, rocket launchers, tanks airplanes, artillery pieces, flame throwers, etc. Militias organize for their members to be able to warehouse those arms that are not practical, or too dangerous, to be kept at home.

NCIS could be turned back upon the politicians. If the federal government recognizes that individuals are law-abiding then how can the government deny them the right to carry concealed or to possess machine guns.

I recently went through the NFA procedure and had a PPSH-41 transferred for my own use. It is of my mind that if I pass the NCIS crap then I shouldn't have to be looked at again to buy an automatic firearm (It is a firearm until it is used offensively. Then it becomes a weapon. recognize the difference. It is important). By passing the NCIS I should be able to walk into any gun store, pay the \$200 fee and purchase an automatic firearm.

Check out Sheriff Mack's thoughts on the CLEO being the highest police authority in the county and requiring any federal agency to have to have the permission of the CLEO to do anything in the county. INCREMENTALIZATION.

216 No, we already have too many American citizen ID cards. At the most, a state issued driver's license should be all that is needed to purchase any firearm. Feb 22, 2011 2:41 AM

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217 A driver's license, or a mandatory citizen identification card, is a mere document. Feb 22, 2011 2:44 AM
ID cards are counterfeited all the time, even with the new anti-counterfeiting measures like holograms employed these days. Trusting a mere card is naive, but then the premise was to return to the days before 1968, which can never happen.

Once upon a time, Oregon had an administrative rule that license plates of drivers convicted of drunk driving had to be marked when drivers lost their driving privileges. The measure was a reflective orange diamond stuck between the numbers and letters in the middle of the plate. It was supposed to allow police patrols _see_ drunk drivers driving around. Guess what? Convicted drunk drivers who wanted to drive on suspended licenses did so anyway, but they merely peeled the stickers off the license plates. Other convicted drivers who got their had their driving privileges restored forgot to peel the stickers off their plates, and they got pulled over. After awhile police officers ignored the little stickers, and a few years after that the administrative rule just went away as unworkable. I can easily imagine the same thing happening with your "red license green license" scheme. Oh, Oregon's drivers licenses used to color code those under 21 from those over 21 by having the photo with a different color (yellow for kids, blue for drinking age adults, if I remember right). The problem was that drivers licenses last longer than the "under 21" time period, so I got carded routinely just because my photo had a yellow background. I've noticed that everyone has the same color background now when they get new "Real ID" licenses, perhaps because that color coding idea just didn't work out either.

As onerous as the current NICS scheme is, most of the time it does work just like it is supposed to. And I bet it doesn't keep any guns out of the hands of people who aren't allowed to have them. Eventually, it will go away after it has been shown to be useless, and perhaps Congress will want to save a little money, but it may not be for generations.

Almost any scheme that uses the the power of the state to police society will eventually result in a police state if liberty and justice aren't the aims of society, and its state. It's an oxymoron, but so many people forget the ideals of liberty and justice, and those people often seek positions where they can "rule" over society instead of serve it.

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US SUPREME COURT 1989

IT STATES UNDER FEDERAL LAW THERE IS NO SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CITIZENS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AND INDIVIDUALS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN DEFENSE

PLASTER IT EVERYWHERE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

219 It depends on who's operating the system. The NCI card would have to have a pic on it of course. Silly me, I'm distrustful of anything that 'sounds' too good to be true. Nearly anything can be counterfieted so place a high penalty on trying to counterfiet one or being in possession of a counterfieted one. Persons legally possessing one would also be required to go through continuous periodic background checks or risk having their ID card revoked? Feb 22, 2011 2:47 AM

220 Why not incorporate the National Citizen Identity card to include a drivers license? Feb 22, 2011 2:48 AM
We have to carry a DL anytime we drive and it is used for identification so what difference would a card make. I would rather see one card for identification and DL. Just MHO.

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221	Having read Red Light-Green Light I have to agree it makes sense. Like you though I'd prefer to return to the way it was before 1930. Today we have way too much government in all respects.	Feb 22, 2011 2:56 AM
222	First. As of now firearms are not registered by the feds. Second. I am against any type of National ID card.	Feb 22, 2011 3:21 AM
223	I can already purchase "unregistered" firearms--buy them from a private party. Your idea is a good one, but the control freaks won't go for it; the batfe would never destroy their records! Further, it would greatly streamline the gun buying process, putting many agents out of work, and bureaucracy would not allow that to happen either! The only other problem I see is that there are people who have become "prohibited possessors" for non-felony crimes, such as domestic violence, which they illegally made retroactive as well. Other than those problems, it would likely, work well.	Feb 22, 2011 3:22 AM
224	It's a 'National Citizen Identity'. Get it, you have been and are being identified. There is no such thing as a quaranteed unregistered firearm under any 'system' such as this because it supports the very bureaurcratic system that underwrites registry.	Feb 22, 2011 3:28 AM
225	Hell no! I'm Jewish. And have you lost your mind?	Feb 22, 2011 3:44 AM
226	It seems like a workable plan, but some people would try to get fake ID's. Still, its better than waiting periods and high capacity magazine bans as it might actually help. MCRUS	Feb 22, 2011 3:48 AM
227	Not sure	Feb 22, 2011 3:58 AM
228	I think the concept is sound. This is really no different from ID displaying "underage" status for buying alcohol. A better variation on this that someone suggested (the author's name eludes me) is a mark on a corner of the card that can be clipped off by the appropriate authority should a person lose the OK status.	Feb 22, 2011 4:04 AM
229	I already do, in the form of my state I.D. This looks like a good idea to me.	Feb 22, 2011 4:11 AM
230	NO! I will obey the laws of God ,although I'm not sure all of them are necessary, but beyond that I am my own man. I will ask permission for nothing.	Feb 22, 2011 4:26 AM
231	While we haven't croosed that bridge yet, I feel this could vastly grease the gears to abolish gun control. On the other hand, anyone who has withheld adjudication or executive clemency, expungent, sealing etc. should without question, have a "green border." I also feel this bordered licensing system should do away with concealed carry licencse requirements.	Feb 22, 2011 4:31 AM
232	Yes! Sounds like a good, "common sense" idea!	Feb 22, 2011 4:36 AM
233	Yes.	Feb 22, 2011 4:48 AM
234	While I'm not too crazy about the national 'mandatory' ID card...there could be alternatives to that, the MAIN premise here is sound. I like where you're going with this. It sounds like the start of a good idea.	Feb 22, 2011 5:01 AM

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235	It would put a damper on the person violating the law by entering the US by illegal means, hence a criminal from the get go, and give us a way to do away with paperwork and database tracking. But being realistic, it would only allow the power hungry control freaks (the real insane among us) to think up new forms for us to fill out and put into tracking databases and would most likely lift the now in place laws for inter-department and inter-state data sharing restrictions. It seems good as presented but would ultimately be twisted and used against us good sane folk. DH	Feb 22, 2011 5:51 AM
236	Yes, if there was no BATF gun serial number database.	Feb 22, 2011 6:07 AM
237	Yes. I live in California. It would be a better system than I live with now. Considering that our 2A rights have been taken away incrementally, I will always take any incremental improvement I can get in restoring those rights. I would prefer to not have the identity infringement of a Red/Green system, but it would be better than the system now in place. It would be a good start towards restoring 2A rights.	Feb 22, 2011 6:20 AM
238	no	Feb 22, 2011 6:29 AM
239	Yes, If I was sure that the gungrabbers were not in charge of the issuance of the cards. They would just give everyone without political connections a red light card.	Feb 22, 2011 6:55 AM
240	No	Feb 22, 2011 7:18 AM
241	no one should be eligible doe parole until and unless they are ready to ve trusted with guns.	Feb 22, 2011 7:19 AM
242	I'm against it !! Paying the communistic income tax tied to my social in-security number is bad enough, I really don't care that much if a convicted fellow buys a gun or not. Like you say 'he can steal one or pick one up on the street'. Mental defectives the same. WHAT I do want is no paper work or ID when I buy a gun. And I don't want to have to say 'mother, may I' if I pack concealed. Hugo Brodin	Feb 22, 2011 7:33 AM
243	That would be a great idea, except for one thing: people who have been unjustly accused and convicted. (Do you really think that every convicted criminal/felon is actually a true criminal?) But, since it is better than the current system, it is a very good idea. /Lei	Feb 22, 2011 8:08 AM
244	Maybe.. Things like this have been expanded for additional use; most obviously the ss card! Don't own a firearm, but think it's important for people to be able to do so. It is the LAW!!	Feb 22, 2011 9:29 AM
245	YES! KISS!	Feb 22, 2011 9:45 AM
246	Yes, I would carry a card.	Feb 22, 2011 10:34 AM
247	Definitely 'YES'. hjpydo1@gmail.com Lake Mills, WI.	Feb 22, 2011 10:53 AM
248	No. The concept sounds great in an honest world. Who decides if you are red or green? What methods do they use to reach their decision? I feel that it could be used to red light thousands of veterans etc. that are using the VA medical system to treat PTSD etc.	Feb 22, 2011 10:54 AM

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- 249 If it's managed with the same precision and care that has marked Social Security, it would be useless as a means of "keeping guns out of the wrong hands", and as with all government ID programs, could devolve into "Papers, please!" all too easily. Without a database, fake IDs will be rife.
- Feb 22, 2011 11:26 AM
- The law is already written: "...the right to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed". That should be enough.
- Anyone walking the streets legally should be afforded the same rights. Anyone walking the streets ILLEGALLY is a failure of the penal or mental health systems, and no reason to saddle the whole populace with more documentation.
- Pre-1934 sounds like a real good idea. Perhaps we can apply it to all that New Deal crap, too.
- 250 Yes I would carry the N.C.I. card, and I would carry it with pride, righth next to my N.R.A. card. In this great country we do not have a right to an 'education' or a right to "employment", however we do have a right "to keep and bear arms". Without that right all other rights are meaningless !
- Feb 22, 2011 11:58 AM
- 251 No, No, No,...No! Either the Constitution is the "supreme law of the land" or we exist at the whim of executive decree, judicial fiat and legislative over-reach. Since the definitions of "unalienable" and "infringed" remain the same today as in the late 18th century when the Bill of Rights was ratified, one wonders exactly what part of "shall not be infringed" is it that you consider open to interpretation? We have all seen abuses of legally adjudicated power? Who will watch the watchers? Deny the obvious at your peril.
- Feb 22, 2011 12:34 PM
- 252 Taking this as a thought piece, there are some very positive aspects in play as well as a couple of caveats.
- Feb 22, 2011 12:47 PM
- First, in a perfect world, the federal government would honor its Constitutional obligation to stay out of the firearms regulation business, period. Although this world is far from the ideal at present, there are a few signs that give me hope; several States are telling the feds to butt out, and there seems to be a shift in the political winds that might lead to lessening of federal power in many areas. I'm not holding my breath, but ...
- That having been said, a few partly-baked ideas: this could easily -- and preferably -- be implemented at the State level. Further, and again, ideally, the 'certification' leading to a green border should be done by the private sector, at the gunowners expense, perhaps by organizations like Front Sight. This would eliminate the bureaucratic nonsense that always accompanies such efforts, and preclude government collection of data. It need not involve drivers' licenses; it could be a separate photo ID. A red border would be unnecessary; possession of the Cert ID would suffice. If you're really worried about 'nut cases', a red-bordered drivers' license could be used, I suppose, but then we're back to allowing the government to decide who's the 'nut case' -- not very satisfactory, considering, for example, the no-fly-list debacle: who gets to make these decisions?
- Would I carry a national id card? Not if I could help it, I'm afraid. Too easy for the government to assume that all green-stripers are potential gunowners -- first ones to call on when they come for the guns. Yeah, better than a positive registry, but ...
- A lot of food for thought here. Good job!
- 253 Yes.
- Feb 22, 2011 1:11 PM
- 254 No, it's just another step in giving up all freedoms/ It's a major step. Get real I can't believe I even read this suggestion here. The criminal / mental systems is just as corrupt as every other government org.with names being unjustly added to the data base without cause or due process.
- Feb 22, 2011 1:19 PM

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255	Yes I would carry it. I have nothing to hide and like to exercise my Constitutional rights!!	Feb 22, 2011 1:30 PM
256	Yes, provided there are precautions taken to prevent conterfitting, misuse and that the system can be updated in a timely or immediate fasion to covert a bad Green Card holder into a good Red Card holder	Feb 22, 2011 1:54 PM
257	I am TOTALLY AGAINST a National ID card of any kind.	Feb 22, 2011 1:58 PM
258	Red light/green light ID sounds pretty good, though it may impose a financial burden on the states -- every time someone does something, they have to track him down, retrieve the old card and issue the new one. All-in-all, though,	Feb 22, 2011 2:02 PM
259	Why not ,we've been carrying papers (your papers please) SSN, car insurance, DL,med.card, DOT, to name a few for a long time why not and good luck Kyle in Oregon	Feb 22, 2011 2:03 PM
260	good idea	Feb 22, 2011 2:11 PM
261	<p>I bought my first rifle with my savings from my job on my own without any supervision. My dad started me hunting at age 11 and I had to prove myself in safe handling and the like before I could hunt on my own. When that time came, I could buy what I wanted, which happens to have been a Stevens semi-automatic. I also bought a couple of boxes of shells at the same time. After taking the rifle home, I loaded it and walked out to woods about two miles from our home and went squirrel hunting. The next year, I bought my first shotgun.</p> <p>The 2nd Amendment is quite clear. It does NOT specify an age at which one may become armed, nor does it allow for any infringement whatsoever. It also does not limit the type of arms, or the numbers of but, logically, we people should be able to keep any arm that is available, or one's defense of self and country becomes quite questionable. After all, it is the military's job to defend our borders but it is the people's job to defend within the borders. Hence, the reason the founding fathers knowing the value of the militia and defining it as the people, especially males between 17 and 45.</p> <p>Any regulation outside of 2nd Amendment limitations against government eventually leads to expansion or, in the case of Red/Green card BS, will be abused just as sheriffs abuse concealed carry permits when the fact is we need no permission from government to carry concealed. Just refuse the card and the man./woman is controlled from owning firearms. It is underhanded but government at all levels is corrupt, disabeying law at will and virtually 100 percent of the time. Besides, with ever issue one can virtually guarantee there will be a record of it, which may or may not hold facts but that violate one's right to privacy.</p> <p>Therefore, we must stop government's interference in the free expression of rights and forget all the stuff that allows government expansion overnight or slowly as has been done with millions of so-called laws. Get government out of our lives, and do not give it a toe hold against our inherent, unalienable rights.</p> <p>I believe that is how it should be, that people in government have no authority to regulate anything about me and my life so long as I do not intentionally interfere with another's rights.</p>	Feb 22, 2011 2:19 PM
262	No! We should not have a national identity card. There are already laws that cover legal purchase of firearms. The 2nd Amendment guarantees our right to have arms.	Feb 22, 2011 3:56 PM

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263	Christians believe that in the end times, anyone wishing to conduct commerce, must have a "mark of the beast" on his head, or hand. Prophecy doesn't tell us in what form this "mark" will be, but it's pretty clear the "beast" is the Anti-Christ. I understand your argument regarding Social Security cards, driver licenses, etc., but I am fundamentally opposed to a National, or Universal ID. The difference is that the SS card must not be presented upon demand by police. Driver's licenses must be presented on demand, but only when driving on public highways. With 30 years police experience, I know individual command officers and local politicians who would relish the prospect of more and more power and control over citizens. To require additional government documents in order to exercise a civil right, seems to me to be unreasonable.	Feb 22, 2011 4:03 PM
264	No	Feb 22, 2011 4:11 PM
265	While this is an interesting proposal, my concern is that as the federal government is currently constituted, a collection of elitist bureaucrats, there will be a great tendency to misuse "power". If the 1968 "gun Act" is repealed first as well as all subsequent legislation related to it along with the 17th amendment, I would then be supportive of such an idea. I appreciate your efforts but until the federal government is reigned in, I am hesitant to support anything that could give them more information as they are so out of bounds already and cannot be trusted.	Feb 22, 2011 4:15 PM
266	Yes. Anything else is a control-enhancer for the powers that be.	Feb 22, 2011 4:24 PM
267	No... do not support ANY FORM of national identity card.	Feb 22, 2011 4:48 PM
268	Yes. However, a physical "green ID card" is weak; it can easily be forged or outdated. It would STILL require some sort of ability to do a real-time background check to make sure the holder's status is STILL green at the time of purchase. What I WOULD advocate in its place is a background check decoupled from the gun serial number. The specific firearm being purchased, or even the actual act of purchase itself, is completely irrelevant to the customer's eligibility to purchase. If he/she is eligible to purchase, he/she's eligible to purchase ANY legal weapon. WHICH weapon, or even whether he/she purchases one at all, has no bearing upon his/her eligibility to do so, and should not be included in such eligibility check. Also, I have to point out that at least part of your article is weak from the standpoint of sound reasoning and debating strength. The statement that various organizations "...have probably done exposés..." is VERY weak; unless you can cite specific exposés, it means that either (1) there aren't really any and you're trying to buttress an opinion with just another opinion or (2) you didn't do your homework. Then you ask "What's the actual gun trace to conviction ratio?" Your lack of an answer again suggests a lack of homework. That having been said, I do support your position that the mere fact of lawful gun ownership should not be a part of ANY government database or tracking system.	Feb 22, 2011 5:10 PM
269	Yes, it's a good idea.	Feb 22, 2011 5:13 PM
270	yes	Feb 22, 2011 5:26 PM
271	Yes I will take a Card	Feb 22, 2011 5:32 PM
272	Shalom, Yes, I would most definitely carry said card. This is in line with a similar scenario I have been pushing for years to friends, family and any stranger who will listen to me without running away. I have found more than a few fellow veterans who feel the same as I and apparently you do. This a superior idea to any I have yet to hear produced by any governmental agency or politician. Steve Slinker Texas	Feb 22, 2011 5:44 PM

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| 273 | No! If I wanted to carry a gun, I don't want my persona to be attached to it in any way. Many are stolen and that would implicate me in another crime. Mostly, "fore warned is fore armed". I don't want any criminal, be they felons or government, to know I can defend myself. Besides, the bible warns of some means of positive identification in the end times. Identification is a bad omen. | Feb 22, 2011 6:04 PM |
| 274 | if it also repeals gun laws back to 1930's, certainly, again, unregistered lawfully owned guns...of any caliber, any style ie. styer aug, thompson guns, and the like.

i wish you all the best in getting this through the law books, yet i'm here with you. | Feb 22, 2011 6:07 PM |
| 275 | NO! | Feb 22, 2011 6:16 PM |
| 276 | No. It doesn't matter what reasoning is used, tyranny is tyranny. Incrementalism is the modus operandi. Once you give power, you never get it back. Tyranny is built in layers. No compromise. Principles matter. | Feb 22, 2011 6:26 PM |
| 277 | Dear Kirby,
Red Light, Green Light: Sincerely Written and much merit, however, you will not accept the idea that the Federal Government, aka, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, A CORPORATION (which is not The United States, our true representative government.) does not have legal authority over the union of the states. It has authority only over it's coporately owned territories, and land acquired from the states withing the states. One example is Federally owned buildings with land attached. The Federal Gov. can legally, constitutionally only control states through amendments to the Constitution. All else is a BIG fabricated lie that very few people know is a lie. IN LIGHT OF MY CLAIM, LEARNED FROM OTHERS, THAT THE ABOVE IS TRUE, THEN WE SIMPLY BEGIN A BIG EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE FEDERAL RULES OF GUN LAWS, PROVIDING THE RESEARCHED BIBILOGRAPHY TO PROVE THE CASE. WHAT SAY YOU TO THAT? DO YOU REQUIRE PROOF OF WHAT I CLAIM? OR DO YOU WANT TO SOMEHOW KEEP THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN CONTROL BUT "LIMIT IT". ARE STATES, TRULY SECRETELY, "DISTRICT TERRITORIES OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT?" DO YOU WANT PROOF? YOUR REPLY WILL INDICATE ONE OF 4 THINGS: YOU DON'T BELIEVE WHAT I SAY; YOU KNOW IT'S TRUE AND WANT TO MAINTAIN THE FED'S STATUS QUO; YOU BELIEVE WHAT I SAY BUT CAN'T THINK OF ANY WAY TO REVERSE THE SITUATION.
PLEASE REPLY. clabianco@gmail.com. Title it" Reply from JPFO or Kirby, JPFO.
Sincerely yours,
Charles Labianco | Feb 22, 2011 6:47 PM |

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- 278 NO! The problem with these kinds of ideas is one of trust. And trusting our elected representatives to not screw us impossible at this point. Feb 22, 2011 7:16 PM
- A program like this one could be created with all of the best intentions, restrictions upon government, checks and balances, etc. But then the politicians will simply change it either in some weekend, midnight, holiday bill that's ram through with little discussion, or it will be buried in some sort of 2000+ page bill.
- Further, I simply don't trust the government enough to believe they would destroy any of their gun registration databases anyway. Someone, somewhere will keep the database and use it with the red/green card program...they just won't tell you that they're doing it. Call me cynical if you want, but its true.
- Further, more and more Americans are discovering the truth about freedom, true freedom. Things like drivers licenses that apply only to commercial operations not citizens, social security cards aren't mandatory, income taxes aren't required, etc. The more people learn the truth about these things, the more people will take back their personal liberty. I believe that by creating new programs that circumvent these unknown / forgotten liberties will actually be worse than what we have now.
- Its kind of like the federal flat tax debate...its the wrong debate. The true debate should be abolishing the 16th Amendment. And all the problems with Congress...the true debate should be about abolishing the 17th Amendment. The more we self-limit and short change ourselves the longer tyranny will continue, the longer the People will remain in the dark.
- True proof of citizenship, true proof of patriotism is not how many ID cards you have, or can produce. True patriotism and citizenship is demonstrated by the fact that you don't have any ID cards at all. Free people have no papers. Let papers reign for foreigners, visitors, legal residents, etc. Not patriots.
- 279 Registering people is just as bad as registering guns. Feb 22, 2011 7:26 PM
- The govt knows WAY too much about us and our private lives already.
- 280 Yes. Makes sense to me Feb 22, 2011 7:31 PM
- 281 Why NOT? If the "rights of the American People shall not be infringed", the present harassment and paper work associated with FA purchase is infringement, hence violation of the 2A. Feb 22, 2011 8:22 PM
- I would add. No passport to visit friendly countries and to return home to USA – no more hassles at the border
- NO TSA HARASSEMNT of Americans with such IDs. The TSA would thee be only for foreign nationals and to catch illegals.
- 282 Yes Feb 22, 2011 8:44 PM

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283	<p>Wow, this seems like a great idea. Your "Red Light, Green Light" article was posted to reddit.com/r/guns and I really like this idea.</p> <p>The only problem I can see is this:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Someone has a clean record, and "loses" his/her green light card in their safety deposit box * They go to the DMV to get a new green light card because they "lost" the old one * They commit a crime later in life (let's say a week, hypothetically) but now they can still buy a new gun <p>I'm not saying that there is any perfect system in this country, and I'm not saying that this idea is bad, I'm simply giving one argument that the anti-gun people could/will use.</p>	Feb 22, 2011 10:43 PM
284	<p>Yes, As long as the police could never demand to see it unless it was a gun related incident or open carry situation. I also would not want the post office, pharmacy, health care provider, etc to have a right to demand to see it or use it like the social security system is used. I'll take one card that works in every state and forgo the BATFE and all the permits and databases. Unfortunately everything the gov does ends up twisted and perverted so there is zero trust on how the national id would end up being used eventually.</p>	Feb 22, 2011 11:39 PM
285	<p>Yes. I would go for that. We are already forced to carry ID anyway. Although, the idea and discussion of Driver Licenses vs Insurance in Molon Labe, making Drivers Licenses unneeded in the first place, made sense to me. In Molon Labe, the proposal was, no registered government license or database needed. The Insurance Companies would set their rates according to experience, training and accident records. They are in the position of calculating risk anyway.</p> <p>I WOULD LIKE TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS.</p>	Feb 22, 2011 11:53 PM
286	<p>makes more sense than any other solution I've heard</p>	Feb 23, 2011 12:10 AM
287	<p>The red bordered card would cause subconscious prejudice against felons every time some one saw it. Opening a bank account, being pulled over for a traffic stop, applying for a job, would cause the person use to seeing green to suddenly think "CRIMINAL" .</p> <p>The card is only updated every few years, so anyone who has committed a felony can still buy guns until the next renewal without check or record or any way to tell how many felons bought guns. I am for an instant background check for every store bought gun. The registration of firearms should be tackled some other way.</p>	Feb 23, 2011 12:34 AM
288	<p>No. I agree with a your premis but I don't need anymore ID information out there. There is always a way around it and people who shouldn't have guns will get them. It only works with honest people.</p>	Feb 23, 2011 12:53 AM
289	<p>No! I might if all ineligible carried theirs.</p>	Feb 23, 2011 1:09 AM
290	<p>Yes.</p>	Feb 23, 2011 1:14 AM
291	<p>Are you insane? Red and Green Registration cards - next yellow stars! I think you have lost your mind!</p>	Feb 23, 2011 1:22 AM

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- 292 Amen to your idea. Basically like the "Go/No go" gages we use in the automotive industry. And you said it right about "living a secret identity" !! Feb 23, 2011 1:29 AM
- Right on. Keep up the great work.
- Abolish the BATFE.
- John
- 293 yes Feb 23, 2011 1:45 AM
- 294 Thanks for the opportunity to speak out. That is a cool idea, but I think someone would find away around the card. That is to say if someone did,the card would have to be checked to see if it is valid. I don't have a problem with a background check to see if someone is fit to own a weapon or poses a threat to other citizens. At least as long it is on the spot and is based only on criminal history or mental illness. Also, the information was collected by a Constitutional government who remembers who it serves. I can go on,but I know this is not a perfect world . No matter how much some people would like to think otherwise,absolute power corrupts. Take 1930s/40s Germany or Russia in the early 1900s. We, the human race will always have to fight for our freedom and stay vigilant. As you are aware, our Government is looking for job security. I have first hand experience of this as I'm looking at retirement from 30 years of law enforcement. I know Police administrators don't like the thought of self defense. Feb 23, 2011 2:22 AM
- I don't have a perfect answer,but I do know I don't trust the thought of a national I.D. card. Seems to me, it would be used to keep records no matter how much the Government says it won't . I personalty think the 2nd. amendment is the absolute and only answer. I'm looking forward to the thoughts of others on this. I have a lot more to say,but that would take too much space.
- 295 No, I do not want or need a national ID. I already have one national ID, a passport, and, as a retired law enforcement officer, I know that all IDs can be counterfeited. What is to be gained with another one? Criminals will always be able to get a weapon. Feb 23, 2011 2:51 AM
- 296 No. Any national ID card is anathema. And the notion of keeping guns out of the hands of the "wrong" people (defined by government) is a cure worse than the disease. Anyway, even felons have a right to life, and to a means to defend that life. Not to mention, your proposal is unconstitutional. Feb 23, 2011 3:23 AM
- The correct response is to do what the criminals do: go get a gun and carry it, and pay no attention to what the unconstitutional law says about it.
- 297 Im a Canadian. Your "Green Light" card, is just one simple step, for Government to build a Database containing all info on gun purchases, type of gun, serial number. Aaron Zellman would be rolling over in his grave right now, Kirby, Gun Control does NOT work, is NEVER reasonable, and your version is as toxic as any ive ever heard of. Sincerely. Phil Hewkin. philhewkin@telus.net CANADA, where EVERYTHING is ILLEGAL. Feb 23, 2011 3:44 AM

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298 I don't like the idea that just because we've had a social security number for decades,we should now accept a national ID scheme. Feb 23, 2011 4:08 AM

The social security number was not supposed to be used as a national ID when the social security scheme was created,and is still not legally supposed to be used as such.

The author either does not know or forgets that the federal government is bound by the Constitution to be limited to 16 enumerated duties,none of which entitles it to administer any form of national ID.

I understand the authors frustration with having to ask permission via a background check when he goes to buy a gun,and I agree that the form you fill out is pretty much a de-facto registration scheme that is ripe for abuse,but to compromise with one liberty is to compromise with them all.

Let me explain-

Anyone logged onto this website probably knows what the Second Amendment says and what its about.Here is the first compromise.Why should I have to ID myself AT ALL to excersize my right to keep and bear arms?I don't have to have a national ID to excersize any of the rights contained in the First Amendment.Yet. The second compromise is this-the implied rights I have as per the Ninth Amendment.

I have the implied right to be free from government intrusion unless I violate the rights of another person,and this ID scheme would be yet another government intervention that has no basis in anything but political law and penalizes the liberty of innocent people without any violation of anyones rights happening at all to justify such a government intrusion.

Heres the deal-

The Second Amendment says what it means and means what it says-the government of the United States is not allowed to infringe on the right of the people to keep and bear arms.Any licensing scheme,gun control scheme,or any other regulation or legislation that involves government having anything whatsoever to do with arms is an infringement and Constitutionally illegitimate violation of the Supreme Law.

Hypothetically,if I'm not currently incarcerated in either a mental health facility or a jail by a verdict delivered by a jury of my peers,by Constitutional law I have the God given right to keep and bear arms.

My rights are inalienable,irrevocable,and not debatable.They are as much a part of me as my feet.I do not have to have permission from the government to use my feet(yet),just as I refuse to obey laws that demand I have permission from it to keep and bear arms.

The government cannot lawfully use the excuse of past convictions,mental illness,or whatever to violate my rights;and only a judge,upon a conviction by a jury of a crime,can put me in the custody of the state where I may not excersize these rights,just as much as I couldn't use my feet to escape that custody.

My rights are still there,just as my feet are,but I can't use them because I am in the custody of the state- after the lawful proceedings of due process I have been removed from my ability to excersize my rights.

When I am released,if ever,I am then free to excersize ALL of my rights,including the right to bear arms in my own defense,including my implied right to be free from government intervention,unless I commit another crime,am found guilty by a jury,and sentenced back to custody by a judge.

A national ID scheme is not the answer to the ^{36 of 42} 'debate' on guns. Its just vet another surrender to the swelling tide of national socialism thats

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299	No. The constitution does not authorize National Citizen Identity cards.	Feb 23, 2011 4:15 AM
300	Yes. I don't see a problem with a system like this.	Feb 23, 2011 4:46 AM
301	OK, I like the concept but let's keep "National" out of it. All fifty states, seven territories (This is how Obama came up with "57 states".), and DC issue driver's licenses. Most of them color code the photo background to indicate age for the purpose of limiting purchases of tobacco and alcohol products, also for driving restrictions. Interestingly, many parolees also have an alcohol restriction in addition to their convict status. So, the red background that currently identifies underage drivers could also be applied to those other restricted persons. The rest of us get the current greenish blue background. For those who need specific guidance, there are Endorsements and Restrictions on the back. In my case, the endorsement is "M" motorcycles and the restriction is B-corrective lenses. In short, this could work but let's stick with the Tenth Amendment.	Feb 23, 2011 6:04 AM
302	I say go for it. This a great idea. I would definitely go for a Red light, Green light Id system.	Feb 23, 2011 6:08 AM
303	Great Idea!	Feb 23, 2011 6:42 AM
304	No.	Feb 23, 2011 7:58 AM
<p>The concept does not admit of the possibility of redemption or rehabilitation.</p> <p>If you trust someone to be on the street, mixing with society at large, you trust him to be armed. If he cannot be trusted with the tools of self defense, then he cannot be trusted to walk among free men.</p> <p>Adopt a workable system of rehabilitation and redemption and quit subscribing to the psycho-charlatans.</p> <p>To release a prisoner (felon) into society, and then require everyone else to prove they're not him, visits cruel and unusual punishment on the population at large.</p> <p>The correct default for everyman is that he is armed. Habitual bad actors will eventually succumb to "armed victim" syndrome and cease to be a problem.</p> <p>~~ ArfinGreebly</p>		
305	<p>If the ID card is not tied to any database I'd be in favor for it due to the convenience of not having to fill out a form. However, this will open up a whole new industry of fake ID card manufacturing. It won't stop the people who have the connections to get a counterfeit card. Just with currency, any kind of safety thread or hologram can be duplicated.</p> <p>Is there going to be a system where you have to renew the card? Who's going to report when you've been convicted of a felony or have a mental issue so that it is documented that you've gone from green to red? How much more bureaucracy is going to be established to staff this system?</p> <p>Thanks, David Ames, IA</p>	Feb 23, 2011 12:11 PM
306	yes I would	Feb 23, 2011 12:58 PM
307	no. what if you get your green card and then kill some one you still have a green card to buy guns	Feb 23, 2011 1:53 PM

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| 308 | Sounds like a good idea but I doubt the politicians will sign off on it as it does leave open the problem of those charged/convicted of crimes after receiving their green bordered license. I see plenty of folks with drivers license even after they have been revoked/suspended, etc. so I don't see how the States would be able to do any better with this green/red system. Maybe someday they could automatically and remotely change the color (then too the perps could hack in and change the color) as a persons status changes but right now though I like the idea I don't see it being feasible. You would end up with some felons still retaining their green border and though I personally would be for such a system that worked I don't see how such a system would work properly and in a timely manner right now. | Feb 23, 2011 1:57 PM |
| 309 | Even though things currently seem to be making a turn for the better, I'm not foolish enough to believe that the anti-freedom crowd has given up. Considering what COULD happen in the future, this sounds like it could work. If the details could be worked out to protect the cardholder, then yes, I think I would go for it, or at least something similar. Finding a way to sort out the inevitable fake id's, etc. would probably be one of the most difficult obstacles to get past, but I don't recall anyone ever saying that liberty was easy. | Feb 23, 2011 2:06 PM |
| 310 | I would assume this also includes carrying any way, anytime, with what ever you wanted (within reason). Do away with all the gun free zones, travel from sea to shining sea without a worry about what state is or isn't pro freedom.

My answer; Why not
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N.C. | Feb 23, 2011 2:11 PM |
| 311 | Most definitely, it will be as close to real freedom as we are going to get now. | Feb 23, 2011 2:25 PM |
| 312 | Why not just "mark" the criminals and mentally ill drivers licenses? Under our system of law we are suppose to be innocent until PROVEN guilty. Make the guilty suffer the consequences of their actions. | Feb 23, 2011 2:33 PM |

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- 313 Considering Jewish history I'm rather surprised that one of the Jewish faith would be in favor of any sort of mandatory ID, especially one administrated by a central government. Feb 23, 2011 2:52 PM
- That aside, what is being proposed seems to me to have two major flaws.
- First, it illustrates the author's lack of understanding about what a Right is since he seems to be just fine with further entrenching the trend of converting a right into a privilege (and a government regulated one at that). This proposed hand-off to "government authority" is especially strange since the point to the Second Amendment is to safeguard our right to own the tools to fight back against a government if it becomes too corrupt for us to tolerate any longer. Supporting government control over that right seems an awful lot like setting the fox to watch the henhouse.
- Secondly, this would be yet another layer of expensive bureaucracy to be imposed on, and at the same time paid for by, the honest and law abiding for never having done anything wrong. It seems to me that if you support freedom then we'd do away with the restriction foolishness altogether and just let people obtain firearms. Then we see what they do with them. The stable and law abiding will never again come to our attention. The sociopaths, criminal, and unstable will quickly highlight themselves by their actions and then we can focus on what we need to by only dealing with the "demand side" of crime and violence. No more guessing games, we'll know precisely who we need to go after to deal with the rogues.
- Oh I can hear it now "but that's insane, people will get hurt". To that I have a dual response. 1) Freedom is not especially safe and 2) People are getting hurt right now under the current mess of laws/restrictions.
- 314 I'm sorry but I disagree. All government is evil. If there were no government, ANYONE would have the right to own weapons for whatever legitimate purpose. That "red light" is still information sitting in some government database. It would have to be or there is no sense to having the categorizations. Otherwise, how would you know the card color wasn't counterfeit? Plus, red or green is no guarantee of behavior, so, it is going to accomplish nothing. All gun laws are illegal and unconstitutional, and, they all violate human rights. Feb 23, 2011 2:54 PM
- 315 No I would not. And I will tell you why. To get the card you would have to undergo a background check. And yes I agree with you that we are all in a data base somewhere. Some more so than others. (it depends on how much noise you make about your rights) But this is a surrender to our right to privacy. Either we are free and have all our rights or we are slaves. And we are slaves if our public servants can con their masters out of even one of our rights. Feb 23, 2011 3:34 PM
- No system run by man is perfect and that goes especially for anything the government runs. They have no business running any part of our lives. Prior to 1968 the only paperwork required to buy a gun was the store receipt. There was even a man selling surplus Thompsons through an ad in the back of one of those popular mechanics or popular science type magazines. You send the money and he shipped the gun. And get this. No one shot up a school or a post office or a place where they worked.
- I saw a study recently that had two time lines. One was a time line of gun laws enacted and the other showed the increase in violence in society. I'll let you guess what the correlation was. Yes, the violence in society increase dramatically as more gun laws were passed. A pretty telling correlation. So like Franklin said, he who gives up a little liberty for a little security, gets neither liberty or security.

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316	Even as a Libertarian I can see where this makes some sense. I stopped believing one could be "unregistered" long ago. Someone somewhere could track you if the need was enough. I like the ideas of simply just getting on with it with this card BUT the argument will be that that can be illegally made stolen falsified ect, In the end no matter what criminals will not have them and law abiding people will. A change in laws and attitude IS the only real solution.	Feb 23, 2011 4:56 PM
317	Absolutely.	Feb 23, 2011 5:28 PM
318	Only to the gun shop and home again. If it is a single purpose card I can see it, otherwise..., nope!	Feb 23, 2011 5:32 PM
319	As stated in the article, we are already carrying one or more. This is not a bad idea except the 'Cultural Marxists' won't like it - stigmatizes the poor, down trodden, unfortunates that get the red light - tooooo bad.	Feb 23, 2011 5:35 PM
320	YES Michael Grubbs, Denton, TX	Feb 23, 2011 6:21 PM
321	A constitutional right can be validly curtailed only to the extent that it conflicts with carrying out some constitutional mandate. Denying the right to bear arms to someone under constitutional restraint (prison, under arrest, parole, etc.) would be valid because to allow otherwise would potentially defeat that restraint. It would also be valid in the interests of public well-being, an implied constitutional concern, to deny firearms rights to some, i.e. mental defectives and children, but this would be because of individual conditions or circumstances, not because of being in some class, i.e. felon, violent or otherwise. The Tenth Amendment says that unless the constitution authorizes the government to do something, it cannot do it; the Second Amendment says that the right of the People to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed; the Fourteenth Amendment says that everyone is entitled to the equal protection of the laws. Why do you advocate for 2nd Amendment rights and in the same breath advocate for their infringement?	Feb 23, 2011 6:22 PM
322	Yes to question number 1. Michael D Gottung	Feb 23, 2011 6:39 PM
323	A great idea, but in practise likely to be manipulated for negative results. The socialist/progressive/hoplophobics will start demanding an adjudication for every issuance of any card instead of just the revocation of the Green Card. Then they'll argue the stigma of Red card is violative of every criminal/mental defective's rights. Those so stigmatized are suddenly labled victims. The so-pro-hoplophobes love victims, and the likes of such as the "Arizona Shooter" become their poster children. Good idea, but it would quickly be subverted.	Feb 23, 2011 6:48 PM
324	Yes.	Feb 23, 2011 6:57 PM
325	Absolutely	Feb 23, 2011 7:02 PM
326	A national ID card of any kind is unconstitutional, social security included. A state issued drivers license is the only kind I would carry, in a perfect world. A truth in sentencing law would take care of a lot of problems with convicted felons. A 300 year, or 4 life sentences is ridiculous and shows a lack of intellect of the courts and legislators, both state and federal. One life, or death for that matter, sentence is sufficient. If anyone has paid their debt to society in a just system, they should have full rights restored. All gun laws are unconstitutional. They should be treated just like any other product that is in commerce. No more, no less. I bought my first pistol in a hardware store when I was 17 years old. That was many years ago and I still haven't killed anyone with it. If I really wanted to kill someone, a baseball bat or a rock, stick, or skillet would be sufficient.	Feb 23, 2011 7:17 PM
327	Why carry a card when I can do like the "crooks" and buy a firearm unregistered off the street?	Feb 23, 2011 7:53 PM

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328	NO! If I have to explain it to you then you need more reality than can give you. Read Lysander Spooner (free on line) it's a good start.	Feb 23, 2011 9:29 PM
329	Well I looked in my wallet just to see what I did have... First off was my Social Security Card which came from the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare Form OA-702 Rev.(7-54). Then my New Mexico Voter ID card with full name address date of birth LAST 4 of S/S number etc.Then my Passport ID card and Medicare Card, Then my New Mexico Drivers License, and Retired Military ID card. I don't think a National Citizen ID card could carry any more info. The Feds could put me in there sights in a heart beat !!! NO I DO NOT WANT ANOTHER CARD. No citizens Id... John D. Fay	Feb 23, 2011 9:42 PM
330	Maybe	Feb 23, 2011 10:02 PM
331	Doesnt sound like a bad idea.	Feb 23, 2011 10:22 PM
332	I'm sorry but your solution will never work. There will be locations for forged green stamps to be placed over the red border by printing machines. Criminals like tattoos; lets just place a tattoo on their foreheads or wrist. (same problem) a new tattoo will be placed over the id mark. I'm for pet technology, inject marker tags deep into their fat or mussel tissue in five locations. Then we can have door scanners and hand held devices to detect all criminals and nut jobs. In my world we would have transmitters that would cause pain to all of these people when they get near a restricted location. But i'm a little extreme, I don't believe in super max prisons either. If you're that bad a rope or a bullet is much more cost effective solution for tax payers. (no bureaucracy or budget costs)	Feb 24, 2011 12:53 AM
333	It sounds good in theory.	Feb 24, 2011 1:10 AM
334	no	Feb 24, 2011 2:56 AM
335	No!	Feb 24, 2011 3:32 AM
336	I think this is one of the best ideas ever. Simple common sense. The Anti gun morons would never go for it though because all of their lies and "research" on gun control would be exposed for what they really are. I really think you guys should try to get this idea going.	Feb 24, 2011 4:57 AM
337	YES	Feb 24, 2011 5:22 AM
338	Frankly, I think that it is an excellent idea. As you say in the article," get real, do you think that we haven't a National Id Card in the social security card? How about the driver license's in the states--think that they aren't tied to a data base? It is time that the People (Of the people, By the people, For the people) start to get off their asses and demand that our representatives Do OUR bidding, not what they think in their Elitist views they should do. Do OUR will or BE FIRED. But then again, I am a Christian and believe in G-D (respect for my Jewish Brethren) and am an Old Fart that was brought up with moral values and a distinct knowledge of right and wrong. I could be wrong-----But, you know, I really don't think so.	Feb 24, 2011 8:33 AM
339	I love the idea. It's sure a step in the right direction!!	Feb 24, 2011 3:29 PM
340	Yes	Feb 24, 2011 7:17 PM
341	Yes.	Feb 24, 2011 7:54 PM
342	I have a social security number, I have a military ID number, I have a concealed weapon permit number, I have an NRA membership number, I have a pilot license number, I have a driver license number, I have a web site to train others in the use of guns, I have been finger printed probably 50 times or more for various reason including working for law enforcement agencies and/or organizations. I'm not hiding, I'm a law abiding American born citizen. Having an Arizona Drivers License means I already have a national ID card. Sure.....give me a Green Light ID.	Feb 24, 2011 9:31 PM

2. <p>Would you carry a National Citizen Identity card that allowed you to

Response Text

343	NO!	Feb 24, 2011 10:18 PM
	<p>Leave it alone. Things are bad enough as they are.</p> <p>Once the door is open to allow the feds or the states to "pre-qualify" everyone for a potential firearms purchase, it's one easy step to creating a whole new list of restrictions on the issuance of your "Green Light" ID cards.</p>	
344	Probably; although I don't believe that complies with the 2nd amendment. It says "shall not be infringed" not "present your government purchased ID and be allowed to buy a gun". The much heralded concealed carry permits require a citizen to pay a fee and attend a course to exercise a constitutionally protected right. You are also registering your gun and yourself into a government controlled computer data base. Be assured that the government would find a way to make a list of all gun purchases.	Feb 25, 2011 2:46 AM