

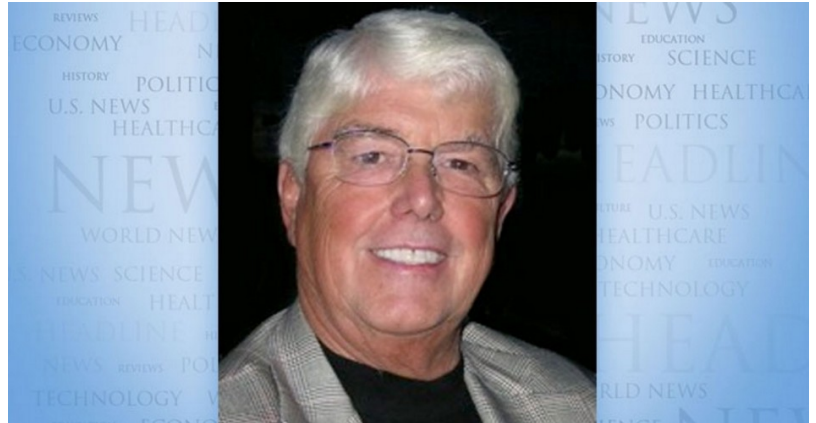


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Obama to Ignore Senate, Sign 2nd Amendment-Violating UN Gun Treaty

A majority in the U.S. Senate has told President Barack Obama not to do it. There's no doubt that an overwhelming majority of Americans would oppose it — if the media ever told them about it.

Nonetheless, this past Monday, Secretary of State John Kerry said that Obama will sign a controversial gun-control treaty promulgated by the United Nations. "We look forward to signing it as soon as the process of conforming the official languages is completely satisfied," Kerry said in a prepared statement.



Although the treaty is being touted as a way to prevent "illicit trade in conventional weapons," it actually does far more than that. Among other outrages, it demands that every nation create a registry of gun owners, manufacturers and traders within its borders. And also that each country establish mechanisms that could prevent private individuals from purchasing ammunition for any weapons they do own.

In other words, this UN treaty would mean the end of our 2nd Amendment rights. And Kerry says Obama will sign it. What kind of madness is this?

Resolutions condemning the treaty were promptly introduced in both branches of Congress. The measures submitted to the Senate by Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) and to the House of Representatives by Mike Kelly (R-Pa.) declare that the UN Small Arms Treaty "poses significant risks to the national security, foreign policy, and economic interests of the United States, as well as to the constitutional rights of United States citizens and United States sovereignty."

Then in March, Sen. Jim Inhofe (R-Okla.) submitted an amendment to the budget bill that urged the Obama Administration "to uphold Second Amendment rights and prevent the United States from entering into the United Nations Small Arms Treaty." Inhofe's amendment was approved by a vote of 53 to 46.

So a majority of Senators have publicly declared their opposition to this dangerous treaty. Doesn't sound like there's much chance the treaty will get a positive vote by two-thirds of the Senate, which the Constitution says must be done for any treaty to take effect.

Despite rumors to the contrary, I don't think even Obama — surely one of the most arrogant people to ever occupy the Oval Office — will try to do an end-run around this Constitutional requirement. But still, the President has come out in favor of it. And Kerry says the Administration is eager to sign it.

Which makes me wonder, have these guys lost their minds?

I'll grant you, both men have made it clear throughout their careers the utter disdain they hold for the idea of any Constitutional restraints on their actions. But still, coming out in support of such a flagrantly



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unConstitutional measure now makes me wonder what is really going on here.

I've heard suggestions that the UN gun control treaty is being brought forward now to distract us from all the other scandals that are besetting the Obama Administration. But that's as unlikely as the idea that the Administration decided to unleash the story of what the IRS did to Tea Party and other patriotic groups in an effort to distract people from two other scandals — the Administration's response to the terrorist attacks in Benghazi and the Justice Department's surreptitious seizure of some reporters' emails.

Okay, so we now know that the IRS actually planted the question that led to the story first breaking about how they targeted conservative groups seeking tax-exempt status. And of course it was incredibly stupid to ask for donors' names and addresses and even questioning what some of the applicants believed.

Passing on some of that private information, so it could be posted on-line by a left wing group, compounded the folly. Clearly, some heads will have to roll over all of this. By the time Congress finishes its various investigations, some IRS employees may even face criminal penalties. From what we know, they should.

But I haven't seen enough evidence yet to convince me that the IRS scandal will reach into the Oval Office. Yes, Obama set the tone that led to the malfeasance below him. But I don't think he issued the orders. Unlike Watergate, there's no recorded conversation or other smoking gun here: or, so far as we know, any impeachable offense.

But that's emphatically not the case with the Administration's active support of the UN Small Arms Treaty. Obama and his allies, including Kerry, know exactly what they're doing. And they seem determined to proceed, no matter what anyone says.

The United Nations Small Arms Treaty was going nowhere last year. Obama, who was running for reelection, said he opposed it. Negotiators couldn't agree on terms.

But then on November 7 — one day after Obama won his second term — the President reversed himself and instructed our delegation at the UN conference to agree to a "Final United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty" to be held in New York City in March.

When that conference voted to send the treaty to the UN General Assembly, the U.S. representatives fully supported the move. Subsequently, on April 2 the UN General Assembly voted overwhelmingly in favor of its passage. The vote was a lop-sided 154 to 3. The United States was one of the "ayes."

The "no" votes came from three of most notorious human-rights violators in a body that's filled with them — Iran, Syria, and North Korea. China and Russia joined 21 other nations in abstaining.

How many of those countries were founded on the principle that the citizens' rights come from God, not government? How many have anything resembling our own Bill of Rights, where the people's rights (and the limitations on their rulers) are spelled out so forcefully and specifically?

I'm pretty sure the answer is zero.

No, those 154 countries represent some of the most repressive regimes on earth. There aren't too many friends of freedom sitting in that glass palace on the East River.

The United Nations is been a notorious hotbed of anti-American sentiment since the day it was founded. We don't have many friends there and never have. Heck, its very creation was virtually a communist



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plot against this country, as G. Edward Griffin proves in *The Fearful Master*, his invaluable study of the origins of this one-world monstrosity.

Allowing the United Nations to void our 2nd Amendment rights, and determine gun-control policies for this country would be a huge step down the road to our own enslavement. As I said before, it's utter madness.

Let's make sure that Barack Obama, John Kerry and their left-wing allies don't get away with it.

Until next time, keep some powder dry.

P.S. Once again I'll be serving as master of ceremonies for FreedomFest, "the world's largest gathering of free minds," in Las Vegas, Nevada this July 10-13. Check out the amazing line-up of speakers, programs and debates at Freedom Fest. I encourage you to attend this inspiring gathering. If you do, please be sure to stop by and say hello.

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