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16 Million New Gun Owners Since Biden Took Over the White House

The National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) [announced on Wednesday](#) that since 2020, more than 22 million Americans have purchased a firearm for the very first time. Sixteen million of those firearms have been purchased during Biden's occupation of the Oval Office.

The impact of that on the November presidential election can hardly be overestimated.

NSSF iterated the reasons for the massive surge in new owners of firearms: the Covid-era lockdowns and the forced shutdown of businesses, the "defund the police" movement, the "soft on crime" agenda imposed by the 70 Soros-backed DAs resulting in a crime surge under their administrations, and the fear that when seconds count, police are minutes away.

It's also driven by the [29 states](#) that now permit "constitutional" or "permit-less" carry, thus making such activity much more acceptable.

Kennette Brown, the mother of small children and a new gun owner, offered still another reason:

A lot of times men look at women and they think we are defenseless.

They target us, first because they think we don't carry. We can defend ourselves as women, we are not as weak as you think we are.

Nicole Washington, another mother, added, "With all the things going on in the world, you just want to be able to protect yourself."

Pew Research confirmed the fact that personal protection is far and away the most important reason gun owners have a firearm, far more than for hunting or sport shooting.

Pew also uncovered another important fact: Half of those not owning a firearm *see themselves as purchasing one in the future*.

According to Statista, there are 250 million Americans over the age of 19, and 83 million of them own at least one firearm. So half of those planning to purchase one in the future equates to another 80 million.

Thanks to research done [by Naomi Booth](#) for Barnard College, "Gun owners are more likely than non-gun owners to vote Republican."

Most new gun owners take an ownership class to educate and train themselves in the proper and safe



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usage of their new firearm, and most of those classes educate those new owners about the Second Amendment right that they are exercising for the first time. And there's little doubt that most instructors also inform them of how that right is under attack by anti-gun politicians like the present resident of the Oval Office.

That's a large part of the reason Biden is polling so poorly. In a Yahoo News poll taken in early May, just 36 percent of those polled approved of Biden's "crime fighting" agenda through attacks on the private ownership of firearms, while nearly six in 10 disapprove.

That also shows up in Electoral College estimates easily viewed on YouTube. [One of them](#) shows Trump beating Biden by 316 Electoral College votes to Biden's 222. [Another](#) estimates that Trump has a 56-percent chance of winning the election in November.

And *The New American's* Cort Kirkwood just published an update on that election [here](#).

If the margin in November is small, the surge of new gun owners in America voting Republican could make all the difference.

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