



# Rocky Mountain Gun Owners

## Colorado's Largest Gun Rights Organization

### 2010 Colorado Governor's Candidate Survey

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Office sought: Colorado Governor Party: Republican

1. Most Americans understand that criminals will always find ways of obtaining weapons whether legally or illegally. Yet gun control forces are calling for limits on the number of firearms that a law-abiding citizen may purchase in a specified time period, usually only one per month. One-gun-a-month laws do not limit guns available to criminals, but they do require a complicated and expensive registration system to enforce.

Do you oppose "one-gun-a-month" laws that limit purchases of firearms by law-abiding citizens?

Yes  No

2. In 2003 the Colorado legislature passed SB25, which was a limited preemption law. While it repeals a number of city and county firearms restrictions, it still allows cities to ban the open carrying of firearms on specific city property. Additionally, in 2004 a Denver judge ruled that home rule cities can still place additional restrictions on firearms rights.

Should state law prohibit Colorado localities from placing limitations on the rights of citizens to purchase, possess, or carry firearms (including the open carrying of firearms) (called full preemption)?

Yes  No

3. In 2000, Tom Mauser and SAFE Colorado launched a ballot initiative (Amendment 22) to close the so-called "gun show loophole." In essence, this expanded the Colorado Brady Registration checks to private purchases at gun shows.

Will you vote to repeal Amendment 22?

Yes  No

Governors cannot repeal  
voter initiatives constitutionally

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4. Gun control advocates hype the false idea that certain cosmetic features make some semi-automatic firearms or high capacity magazines "different" than others. Media hysteria has led to the misperception that semi-automatic firearms are so-called "assault weapons." All semi-automatic firearms function essentially the same, as do all magazines. The federal ban on "assault weapons" expired in September 2004, but some municipalities in Colorado have attempted to continue their bans (see question 2).

**Do you oppose legislation banning the manufacture, sale or possession of semi-automatic firearms and/or large-capacity magazines?**

Yes  No

5. Under the guise of "children's safety" the anti-gun lobby has pushed laws that require citizens to lock up their firearms, making them (and their household, including their children) defenseless. The institutional gun lobbies have pursued this gimmick as well, proposing bills that create new crimes called "negligent storage of a firearm." All of these schemes will force citizens to lock up their safety.

**Do you oppose the government-mandated use of trigger locks or other so-called "safe storage" laws (including negligent storage laws) which have the effect of making it difficult, if not impossible, to have a firearm available to defend your home and family?**

Yes  No

6. Gun control advocates have routinely assailed firearms for their looks, and now they are attempting to ban a whole class of firearms because of their large caliber, despite the rare uses of these firearms in crimes.

**Do you oppose the banning of .50 caliber firearms?**

Yes  No

7. So-called "instant" background checks are in fact computerized central gun registration systems. Only a single computer keystroke is necessary to permanently register every gun sale and gun buyer. Furthermore, anti-gunners know an "instant" check system is the foundation for so-called "one-gun-a-month" laws (as in Virginia) and other gun control schemes. Colorado's Constitution is clear on the subject: Article II

Section 13 says "The right of no person to keep and bear arms...shall be called into question." If a background check isn't "calling into question" a citizen's right to keep and bear arms, what is?

**Will you support the repeal of computerized "instant" Brady background check legislation since it centrally registers gun sales and gun owners?**

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No X

*you clearly said in # 7 that it takes another key stroke, thus it is not the same*

8. The Vermont carry law recognizes that every citizen has the right to carry a gun, openly or concealed, except to commit a crime. Thus, with no government bureaucracy or license, Vermont citizens can defend themselves and criminals who use arms are severely punished. If passed in Colorado, it would leave the existing permit system in place. Alaska recently passed a "Vermont" law, which was sponsored by a Democrat.

**Would you support Vermont-style legislation which would simply allow law-abiding citizens to carry a concealed handgun for any reason except for the commission of a crime?**

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No X

*We are not Vermont or Alaska.*

9. Oathkeepers.org is a separate organization which urges law enforcement, military and others who are required to swear an oath to the Constitution to understand that oath, and to refuse to obey unconstitutional and/or immoral orders.

As Governor, you have an enormous amount of influence on the conduct and activity of the Colorado State Patrol and the Colorado Bureau of Investigation.

**Will you require your appointments to Law Enforcement positions to sign the Oathkeeper's pledge?**

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No X

*I expect any appointment I make to mean what they say.*

10. Some gun rights groups – including the National Rifle Association – have touted Project Exile (now called "Safe Neighborhoods") as a way to enforce existing gun laws. This has spawned TV commercials urging citizens to turn in their neighbors for "illegal guns" and other Gestapo-like tactics. This project, which is really a collaboration between state and federal authorities, plays into the hands of gun-banners, using gun rights groups as a pawn to enforce domestic abuse gun bans and other bad gun laws.

*let your yes mean yes and your no mean no.*

Will you oppose Project Exile, which attempts to enforce unconstitutional and unwarranted attacks on citizens' rights to keep and bear arms?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Sorry not following you here.

11. Current law allows sheriffs to enter concealed carry permit holders into a statewide criminal database (CCIC), right next to rapists and murderers. Though lists of permit holders are maintained by the issuing sheriff and easily verified by that department, this database is being used to harass law-abiding citizens in routine traffic stops.

Will you support legislation to ban the practice of entering concealed carry permit holders in the statewide criminal database?

Your editorialization makes it hard to do what I think is right.

Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby submit the answers to this survey as my solemn word that, if elected, I will vote on these issues as I've indicated in this survey.

Signed [Signature] Date 04/21/10  
(Candidate signature)

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Feel free to attach additional comments to this survey, but know that we cannot publish them. Unanswered questions will be considered as opposition to the rights of gun owners.

Dudley,  
We need to see each other again soon.  
Dan