

Bernie Sanders' Divide-and-Conquer Gun Stance Relies on Willing Dupes Ignoring Backers

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BERNIE'S RECORD ON GUNS IS CLEAR.
BERNIE SANDERS HAS SPENT HIS CAREER FIGHTING FOR COMMON SENSE GUN SAFETY LAWS AND SUPPORTS PRESIDENT OBAMA'S ACTIONS ON KEEPING GUNS OUT OF THE WRONG HANDS.

Bernie has consistently voted in favor of:

- **Banning assault weapons**
(H.R. 2352, Vote 235-191, 11/15/10, 11/15/10, 11/15/10)
- **Closing the gun show loophole**
(H.R. 1906, Vote 235-191, 11/15/10, 11/15/10, 11/15/10)
- **Regulating high capacity magazines**
(H.R. 2352, Vote 235-191, 11/15/10, 11/15/10, 11/15/10)
- **Increasing ownership restrictions that prevent guns from falling into the wrong hands**
(H.R. 2352, Vote 235-191, 11/15/10, 11/15/10, 11/15/10)
- **Backing legislation to expand background checks**
(S. 540, Vote 87-13, 4/10/11)

WE CAN TRUST BERNIE TO STAND UP TO THE NRA
HE HAS CONSISTENTLY STOOD UP TO THE NRA AND HAS A D- RATING FROM THEM TO SHOW FOR IT.

As president, Bernie will continue to fight for common sense gun safety measures

- Strengthening the instant background check system
- Closing the gun show loophole
- Making "straw man" purchases a federal crime
- Banning semi-automatic assault weapons which are designed strictly for killing people
- Fixing our mental health system by identifying, intervening and treating mental illness and ensuring access to care

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The only thing we need to realize about Bernie Sanders and guns is that he understands Chairman Mao's observation that "Every Communist must grasp the truth; 'Political power grows out of the barrel of a gun.'" (Campaign flyer scan by @gdebenedetti)

"We need to make sure that certain types of guns used to kill people, exclusively, not for hunting, they should not be sold in the United States of America," openly socialist presidential wannabe Bernie Sanders told NBC's "Meet the Press," [InfoWars reported](#). "Coming from a rural state, I think I can communicate with folks coming from urban states where guns mean different things than they do in Vermont where it's used for hunting."

It's a divide-and-conquer strategy familiar to gun rights advocates who have seen it time and again, notably illustrated by with the excommunication and partial redemption of outdoor writer [Jim Zumbo](#) some years back, after he called semiautomatics "terrorist rifles." And while we see no shortage of politicians trying to con us out of our firearms by telling us what we do or don't need to shoot deer with, the unalterable fact remains, the Second Amendment ain't about hunting.

It's natural that Sanders would pander to the hunting crowd though, coming from Vermont and all. That's because he had to. But now that he's on the national stage, if he ends up winning, the concerns of jeopardizing his home state's three electoral votes won't weigh as heavily on his decisions. Besides, it's not like anyone dumb enough to vote for Bernie is going to change their mind if he betrays his hunter constituency – realistically, his stock will go up.

So what of the doctrinaire "Fudd," who cares only about duck season and wabbit season, and doesn't care what else Bernie bans? "Do not ask for whom the bell tolls" and "I shall eat you last" come to mind.

All you need to do is look at Bernie's campaign website positions on "[animal welfare](#)":

Bernie Sanders is an advocate of animal welfare and ensuring animals' humane treatment. He has co-sponsored several pieces of legislation to protect the interests of animals and has recently received a 100 percent rating from the Humane Society Legislative Fund (HSLF).

And [who are they](#)?

...a social welfare organization incorporated ... formed in 2004 as a separate lobbying affiliate of The Humane Society of the United States. HSLF works to pass animal protection laws at the state and federal levels, to educate the public about animal protection issues and to support humane candidates for office.

And [where does the Humane Society stand](#) on all those hunters Bernie is out pandering to?

The HSUS is strongly opposed to the hunting of any living creature for fun, trophy, or for sport...

Basically, authorized wildlife management officials or Inuit subsistence hunters get a pass. Does anyone think the Humane Society is going to give its highest mark to a candidate who works against its interests?

And basically, Bernie Sanders is just another lying Bolshevik, relying on useful idiots until such time as he no longer needs them.

Isn't that a bit strong?

Sanders-cofounded the [Congressional Progressive Caucus](#), an affiliate of the Democrat Socialists of America. DSA has taken some of [its songs](#) down from its website, no doubt wanting to mask what they're about, but thanks to the Internet Archive, we can still see lyrics for such inspirational sentiments as:

Are you sleeping, Are you sleeping,
Bourgeoisie, Bourgeoisie,
And when the revolution comes,
We'll kill you all with knives and guns,
Bourgeoisie, Bourgeoisie

Maybe Bernie would like to flesh out how he intends to take "non-sporting" arms away from those of us who own guns for purposes other than hunting, and what he thinks will happen if he tries. Especially since, as [author L. Neil Smith](#) of The Libertarian Enterprise notes:

Bernie Sanders is the advocate for a political system that murdered over two hundred million people in the twentieth century alone.

If you don't mind — and especially if you do — I'll keep my “guns that kill.”

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