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NRA Exposes "Gun Speech" Plot by State Department

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The NRA's Institute for Legislative Action has uncovered a plot at the U.S. Department of State. The plot would limit or curb "free speech" regarding firearms. This is an article Oath Keepers recommends for all readers, so please do check it out at this link:

https://www.nraila.org/articles/20150605/stop-obamas-planned-gag-order-on-firearm-related-speech

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Here are a couple of teasers from the article at the NRA's website:

It's happening again—President Obama is using his imperial pen and telephone to curb your rights and bypass Congress through executive action.

Even as news reports have been highlighting the gun control provisions of the Administration's "Unified Agenda" of regulatory objectives (see accompanying story), the Obama State Department has been quietly moving ahead with a proposal that could censor online speech related to firearms. This latest regulatory assault, published in the June 3 issue of the Federal Register, is as much an affront to the First Amendment as it is to the Second. Your action is urgently needed to ensure that online blogs, videos, and web forums devoted to the technical aspects of firearms and ammunition do not become subject to prior review by State Department bureaucrats before they can be published.

With the new proposal published on June 3, the State Department claims to be "clarifying" the rules concerning "technical data" posted online or otherwise "released" into the "public domain." To the contrary, however, the proposal would institute a massive new prior restraint on free speech. This is because all such releases would require the "authorization" of the government before they occurred. The cumbersome and time-consuming process of obtaining such authorizations, moreover, would make online communication about certain technical aspects of firearms and ammunition essentially impossible.

Penalties for violations are severe and for each violation could include up to 20 years in prison and a fine of up to \$1 million. Civil penalties can also be assessed. Each unauthorized "export," including to subsequent countries or foreign nationals, is also treated as a separate violation.

Read the whole article at the NRA's site and learn how you can help stop the administration's assault on our rights.

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