

2020 Candidate Survey

Thank you for opting to complete our questionnaire. The primary mission of the Utah Firearms Association is the preservation and restoration of the right to keep and bear arms for Utahns. Herein we ask you to respond to several short questions related to the right to keep and bear arms and other topics parallel to it. It should only take a few minutes to complete.

Your responses will help Utah voters better understand your position on the right to keep and bear arms, and will be made available to Utah voters via social media and other electronic mediums. Your selections and name will be visible.

Participation will not enter you into any mailing list.

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Do you support legislation that would remove the requirement that Utahns must first obtain a concealed weapons permit before carrying a firearm in public, while also keeping the permitting system in-place for those who still wish to obtain one? *

- Yes
- Yes, and would sponsor or co-sponsor legislation on this issue.
- No, I do not support permit-less concealed carry.
- No, I do not support permit-less concealed carry and would actively oppose it.

Do you support the implementation of "red flag" laws—otherwise known as "Extreme Risk Protection Orders" or "Gun Violence Restraining Orders"—which would permit an anonymous petitioner to have firearms and ammunition removed from a respondent's home for up to a year, without a hearing prior to confiscation? *

- Yes
- Yes, and would sponsor or co-sponsor legislation on this issue.
- No, I do not support "red flag" laws.
- No, I do not support "red flag" laws, and would actively oppose them.

Do you support strengthening existing civil protections for Utahns involved in legally-justifiable defensive shootings? *

- Yes
- Yes, and would sponsor or co-sponsor legislation on this issue.
- No, I do not support strengthening civil protection laws for justifiable uses of force.
- No, I do not support strengthening civil protection laws for justifiable uses of force, and would actively oppose measures that would.

Do you support bans on "large" capacity magazines? *

- Yes
- Yes, and would sponsor or co-sponsor legislation on this issue.
- No, I do not support bans on "large" capacity magazines.
- No, I do not support bans on "large" capacity magazines, and would actively oppose them.

Do you support bans on semi-automatic firearms? *

- Yes
- Yes, and would sponsor or co-sponsor legislation on this issue.
- No, I do not support the ban of semi-automatic firearms.
- No, I do not support the ban of semi-automatic firearms, and would actively oppose them.

Do you support "universal background checks," which would create a transaction record of all firearms transfers or ammunition purchases, thereby criminalizing the transfer of firearms between private parties? *

- Yes
- Yes, and would sponsor or co-sponsor legislation on this issue.
- No, I do not support universal background checks.
- No, I do not support universal background checks, and would actively oppose them.

Do you support increased taxes on firearms or ammunition purchases? *

- Yes
- Yes, and would sponsor or co-sponsor legislation on this issue.
- No, I do not support increased taxes on firearms or ammunition sales.
- No, I do not support increased taxes on firearms or ammunition sales, and would actively oppose it.

Do you support limiting the number of firearms or amount of ammunition that any one person may purchase in an arbitrary window? *

- Yes
- Yes, and would sponsor or co-sponsor legislation on this issue.
- No, I do not support the limiting of either firearms nor ammunition purchases.
- No, I do not support the limiting of either firearms nor ammunition purchases, and would actively oppose limits.

Do you support increasing the legal age for purchasing firearms to an age beyond legal (18) adulthood? *

- Yes
- Yes, and would sponsor or co-sponsor legislation on this issue.
- No, I do not support increasing the legal age for purchasing firearms beyond adulthood.
- No, I do not support increasing the legal age for purchasing firearms beyond adulthood, and would actively oppose measures that would.

Do you support creating programs that specifically monitor Utahns' social media, electronic devices, online forums and other digital content for threatening, concerning or suspicious behavioral patterns? *

- Yes
- Yes, and would sponsor or co-sponsor legislation.
- No, I do not support the creation of programs to monitor online presence for specific behavior.
- No, I do not support the creation of programs to monitor online presence for specific behavior, and would actively oppose measures that do.

Do you support firearms safety programs and/or hunting education as an optional part of public school curriculum? *

- Yes
- Yes, and would sponsor or co-sponsor legislation.
- No, I do not support firearms safety or hunter's education programs in public schools.
- No, I do not support firearms safety or hunter's education programs in public schools, and would actively oppose it.

Do you support legislation that would allow persons otherwise not prohibited from keeping firearms, but who are users of marijuana, to exercise the right to keep and bear arms? *

- Yes
- Yes, and would sponsor or co-sponsor legislation.
- No, I do not support legislation to allow users of marijuana to exercise their right to bear arms.
- No, I do not support legislation to allow users of marijuana to exercise their right to bear arms, and would actively oppose it.

Do you support the expansion of public shooting areas, the construction of new or renovation of existing ranges, or regulatory changes that would improve access to safe public shooting areas for recreational or training purposes? *

- Yes
- Yes, and would sponsor or co-sponsor legislation.
- No, I do not support legislation to expand the range of lawful areas for Utahns to safely shoot.
- No, I do not support legislation to expand the range of lawful areas for Utahns to safely shoot, and would actively oppose measures to expand them.

Do you support the incorporation of Olympic-style shooting sports in public schools? *

- Yes
- Yes, and would sponsor or co-sponsor legislation.
- No, I do not support Olympic-style shooting sports in K-12 public schools.
- No, I do not support Olympic-style shooting sports in K-12 public schools, and would actively oppose it.

Briefly and in your own words, what does the right to bear arms mean to you, it's placement in the Bill of Rights and the Utah Constitution notwithstanding? *

This means the right to have and carry guns. Simple as that. It was placed second as people needed ways to protect themselves and provide food.

In your opinion, how would you rate the importance of protecting and restoring the right to keep and bear arms? *

- 1 2 3 4 5
- Unimportant Utmost Importance

In your opinion, how important do you believe the right to keep and bear arms is to Utahns? *

- 1 2 3 4 5
- Unimportant Utmost Importance

Would you be willing to work or consult with the Utah Firearms Association on legislation related to protecting and restoring the right of Utahns right to keep and bear arms? *

Yes

No

Are there any additional thoughts or considerations to any of these questions you would like to comment on? (Optional)

With regards to the marijuana question - if the person was a legal user of marijuana I would support that. However, just like with alcohol, if they are under the influence they would not be allowed to possess a weapon (cannot possess a weapon while under the influence). If the person is an illegal user of any drug or medication, they should not be allowed to possess a weapon.

With regards to the taxing questions - this state is due for a major tax reform with public input. If it were deemed necessary to place increased taxes on firearms and ammunition, I would support it. However, that would be after public hearings.

With regards to red flag laws - they can be beneficial in helping those in immediate danger. However, as a police officer I have learned people will make complaints against others to get them in trouble. Any red flag law has serious concerns of being used improperly or without merit and needs to be written and implemented carefully to ensure those who need protecting are protecting and the rights of the weapon owners are maintained.

With regards to background checks - the State Bureau of Criminal Identification has the ability to very quickly allow for a person to call in and get a yes or no on whether the sale to the person is legal or not. We need to use this to ensure those who are not allowed to have guns do not get guns.

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