



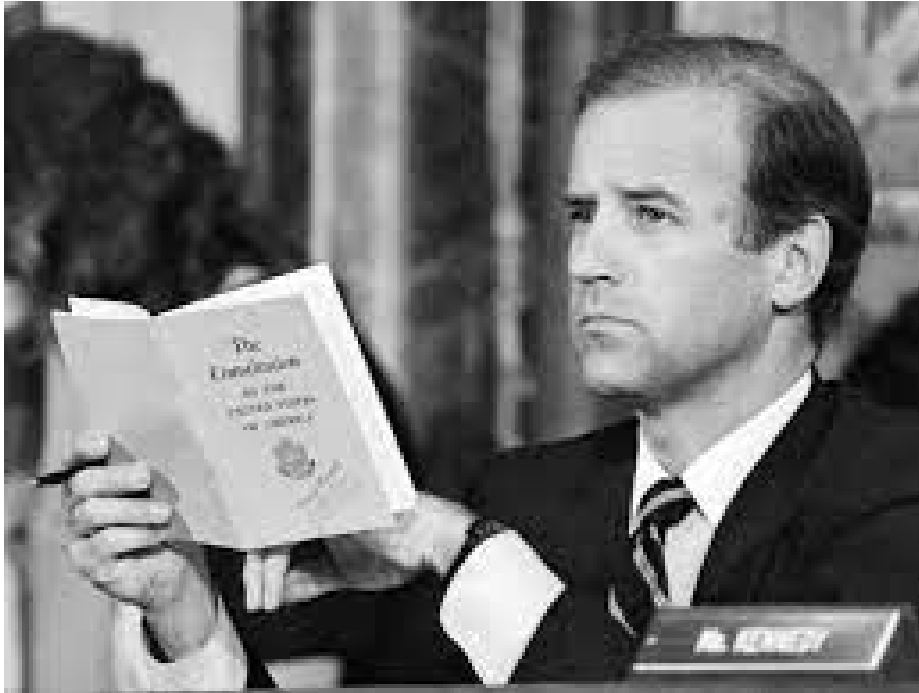
In 1985 Biden Admitted That Criminals Would Get Firearms 'With or Without Gun Control'

Description

USA: Senate Judiciary Committee member Joe Biden sided with the NRA during a 1985 debate over the Firearm Owners Protection Act (FOPA).

Biden argued back then that criminals could get guns “with or without gun control.”

[Breitbart](#) reports: NBC News [notes](#) the Judiciary Committee concurred with the Republican majority in support of FOPA, then it passed on the Senate floor “by a lopsided 79-15.”



Biden voted for FOPA, which NBC News describes as a piece of legislation that “allowed dealers to sell rifles, shotguns and ammunition through the mail, and, eventually, the internet.”

They noted that FOPA also “limited federal inspections of firearms dealers while allowing them to sell guns at gun shows, which helped them grow in size and popularity. And it made it easier for private collectors to sell guns without obtaining a federal dealers’ license, which would play a role in what later became known as the ‘gun show loophole.’”

And prior to voting for voting for FOPA, *Biden actually argued in defense of it.*

The Congressional Record for the Senate on July 9, 1985, [quotes Biden describing FOPA as](#) a “balanced piece of legislation that protects the rights of private gun owners while not infringing on law enforcement’s ability to deal with those who misuse guns or violate laws.”

He added, “During my 12 and a half years as a member of this body, I have never believed that additional gun control or federal registration of guns would reduce crime. I am convinced that a criminal who wants a firearm can get one through illegal, nontraceable, unregistered sources, with or without gun control.”

On June 2, 2022, President Biden pushed eight different gun controls, including an entire ban on a politically-defined category of firearms which Democrats call “assault weapons.”

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