

# John Kerry and the Second Amendment



Senators, from left, Charles Schumer, Dianne Feinstein, John Kerry and Edward Kennedy were among those who backed reenactment of the Clinton Gun Ban, 3/02/04.

**With friends like these, would you trust John Kerry to protect your Second Amendment rights?**

Presidential Candidate John Kerry is shelving his usual anti-gun rhetoric and suddenly claiming he supports the Second Amendment and believes hunting is the greatest of American pastimes. It's a politically calculated effort to mislead gun owners, lull us into complacency and dilute the sportsmen vote. In fact, Kerry "voted with the Coalition to Stop Gun Violence and Handgun Control, Inc. 100% of the time." (11/17/03 *Votes and Quotes CNSNews.com Special Feature*) Here's more:

- Kerry voted for the Kennedy ammunition ban amendment which, if enacted, would have banned many hunting rounds. (3/2/04, *S.AMDT.2619 to S.1805, Vote 28*)
- "If we don't act today to continue the ban on these deadly weapons, then our families in America, our police officers in America, are more threatened than they ought to be," Mr. Kerry said in remarks shortly before the vote. (3/02/04 *New York Times* report about Senate floor debate on reenactment of the Clinton Gun Ban, Vote #24 Feinstein Amdt. No. 2637 to S. 1805)
- "Kerry has placed the gun issue...firmly back into the presidential debate." (3/03/04, "Senate Leaders Scuttle Gun Bill Over Changes" – *New York Times*)
- "Kerry ... supported the gun ban legislation. Feinstein revealed perhaps more than she should have when she admitted, 'We would have lost without them (Kerry and Edwards). They were vital.'" (3/5/04 *The Atlanta Journal - Constitution*)
- "The Democratic Party will never be the choice of the NRA—and I'm not looking to be the candidate of the NRA." (10/30/03, John Kerry Press Release on John Kerry.com)
- "I've fought the NRA from Day One"... Kerry told supporters in McKinney's machinery shed. (11/01/03 *Kerry criticizes Dean's gun views, The Des Moines Register*)
- Voted for the Clinton Gun Ban, and a five day waiting period on handgun purchases. (11/17/03, *Votes and Quotes CNSNews.com Special Feature*)
- John Kerry voted to end gun shows as we know them. (3/2/04, *Vote#25, McCain Amdt. No. 2636 to s.1805*)
- Senator John Kerry wrote a letter to hundreds of individuals... asking them to join him in standing up to the "divisive agenda" of the NRA. (10/30/03, John Kerry Press Release on John Kerry.com)
- "We also must deal with the fact that handguns are too accessible. Handguns pose an ever-increasing danger to the safety and welfare of the American public." (4/24/96 Senate Floor Statement)
- "Despite ridiculous rhetoric about being a supporter of the Second Amendment, Kerry's voting record shows that his perennial F-rating from NRA's Political Victory Fund is well deserved. The Massachusetts Senator...spoke in favor of, and then voted for, the Feinstein (Clinton Gun Ban) Amendment...the first vote he cast this year. (Vote 24 Amdt. No. 2637 to S. 1805, 3/5/04 *NRA-ILA Grassroots Alert*)

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