



The 285 Corridor Tea Party Newsletter

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The goal of the 285 CTP is to establish an informed electorate through political education and building awareness by promoting and encouraging:

1. The rights of the individual
2. Reduction of government to the lowest practical level
3. Fiscal responsibility in government
4. Protection of the free enterprise system.

THE APRIL MEETING



Tony Sanchez of the Denver Branch of Hispanic Republicans speaks to the 285 Corridor Tea Party Group.



CD2 Candidate, Senator Kevin Lundberg addresses guests and takes questions from the floor.

Thank you Eva and Dave Murray for helping with the set up. Thank you Dave Murray for the pictures and thank you Ray Nash for helping to close up.

The 285 Corridor Tea Party is non-profit and we depend upon the donations of our members. We pay monthly for our meeting space and supplies. We also have some very exciting activities planned for this year and your donations will help to make these events successful.

If you would be willing to help with snacks for our meetings this would be very helpful also. It doesn't have to be anything special but your food donation will be appreciated. Please call Connie Harn at 303-838-4669.



Guests begin to arrive for the meeting



Dale Barker sings "God Bless The USA". GOOD JOB DALE!!

The April meeting turned out about twenty-five people to hear CD2 Candidate Senator Kevin Lundberg talk to us about his campaign to beat Jared Polis and give us an overview of what he stands for. Denver Hispanic Republican Tony Sanchez spoke to us about conservative Hispanics and what they really believe. We were blessed to hear Dale Barker sing "God Bless The USA" and Mike Brooks led us in the invocation as we kicked off the meeting.

THANK YOU ALL GENTLEMEN FOR YOUR TIME, YOUR PASSION AND YOUR INSIGHT! You helped to educate us to be smart voters.

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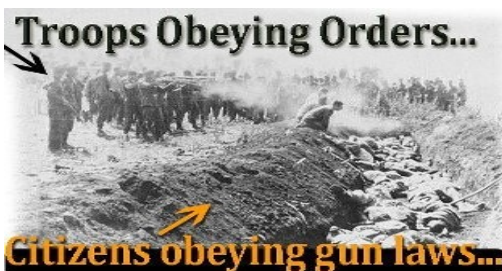
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LEARN YOUR HISTORY

In 1929, the Soviet Union established gun control. From 1929 to 1953, about 20million dissidents, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated...

In 1911, Turkey established gun control. From 1915 to 1917, 1.5million Armenians, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated...

Germany established gun control in 1938 and from 1939 to 1945, a total of 13million Jews and others who were unable to defend themselves were rounded up and exterminated...

China established gun control in 1935. From 1948 to 1952, 20million political dissidents, unable to defend themselves, are rounded up and exterminated...

Guatemala established gun control in 1964. From 1964 to 1981, 100,000 Mayan Indians, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated...

Uganda established gun control in 1970. From 1971 to 1979, 300,000 Christians, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated...

Cambodia established gun control in 1956. From 1975 to 1977, one million people, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated..

GET OFF YOUR CHAIRS!!! IF YOU THINK HISTORY WILL NOT REPEAT ITSELF—YOU'RE WRONG!!! PROTECT THE 2ND AMENDMENT AND OUR CONSTITUTION.

TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS: A CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT, OR A GOVERNMENT-GIVEN PRIVILEGE?

The Second Amendment:

What Every Kid Should Know

JUST WHAT DOES THE U.S. CONSTITUTION SAY ABOUT YOUR RIGHT TO OWN FIREARMS?

Young Americans are more confused than ever about basic freedoms guaranteed to every law-abiding citizen of this nation by our Constitution's Bill of Rights.

Many modern youth think the right to keep and bear arms, the Second Amendment to the Constitution, seems sinister, even criminal, mostly because television and movies condemn firearms as tools of violence, glamorize them as symbols of status and stigmatize them as a sign of unstable minds.

MAINSTREAM GUN OWNERSHIP: IT'S NOT A CRIME.

The truth is that more than 70 million average, law-abiding Americans own guns for hunting, sport shooting, self-defense or as collector's items. Certainly some guns in our society are used for criminal purposes, but these are about *one half of one percent* of all firearms.

OUR CONSTITUTION: A BILL OF RIGHTS AT IS CORE.

The Second Amendment is one of ten amendments made to the Constitution a few years after the American colonies won their independence from England. Collectively they are called the Bill of Rights, and they were drafted by our founding fathers to insure the individual freedoms and absolute equality of every American.

The amendments were conceived and added to the Constitution in no particular order and are considered of equal ranking in the freedoms they protect. The Second Amendment says that "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

OPponents TWIST THE AMENDMENT'S MEANING.

Today some who are seeking to ban private firearms ownership claim the amendment means only that a "militia" (some claim a National Guard) should have a constitutional right to keep and own a gun.

But the majority of constitutional scholars concludes that the Second Amendment very clearly guarantees individual citizens the right to own firearms, and that "militia", considering the time, place and political climate, was a reference to an armed citizenry that could be called upon to defend its country in time of war.

In fact, Patrick Henry, a contributor to America's Constitution and one of the greatest advocates for individual liberty the world has ever know, in 1788 painted a very clear picture of what the Second Amendment means when he said "The great object is, that every man be armed."

A HISTORY OF CONTROVERSY.

Today's debate over the right to keep and bear arms is nothing new. In the post-Civil War South, disgruntled politicians did their best to deny firearms to newly freed slaves.

And, in early twentieth-century America, the next generation of political bosses did their best to keep guns out of the hands of the immigrants who labored in our newly industrialized nation.

But more recently, political opponents of the Second Amendment have stretched common-sense restrictions on gun ownership (such as a felony conviction, drug addiction, or insanity) to include bans on styles of firearms, on types of ammunition, or bans based purely on what guns look like or what they're made of. This has been done in a piecemeal attempt to dismantle the Second Amendment one mechanical component at a time. Though offered as a cure for gun-related crime, there is absolutely no evidence that any relationship exists between rates of violent crime and the number or types or concentration of legally owned guns among Americans.

THE BILL OF RIGHTS: PROTECTION FOR OUR BASIC FREEDOMS.

What the Second Amendment's detractors fail to consider is this: The right to keep and bear arms is part of a Bill of Rights that concerns basic liberties. Freedom of speech, freedom of the press, the right to privacy, the right to a trial by jury of our peers, the right to assemble, all the rights and freedoms that constitute "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" also include the right to arm yourself for your own protection.

If you give up this right, then which of the other freedoms will you be willing to give up when it becomes fashionable to condemn it? Your right to say what you think, travel at will, meet with your friends, go -- or not go -- to church, read uncensored books, get the news of the day from someone other than a government spokesperson?

Owning a gun doesn't make you, by association, a part of the criminal element. It just means that you are a free American who made a free choice. Criminals are criminals, and if they use a firearm to commit a crime, then they should be punished.

But their criminal activities should never erode *your* freedoms as a law-abiding citizen living in a free society. In this nation we have individual freedoms rather than collective rights subject to change at the whim of a revolving government. This is why ours is the most unique nation in the history of the world.

It all began with a document called the Bill of Rights, containing, among others, the right to keep and bear arms. These are basic rights, and they remain your rights. As long as you do what it takes to understand them, respect them and protect them each and all.

There are two principle versions of the Second Amendment: one version was passed by Congress, while the other is found in the copies distributed to each individual state and later ratified by them

As passed by the Congress: **A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a Free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.**

As ratified by the States: A well-regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the People to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.

The Second Amendment Defined:

The Second Amendment is a part of the Bill of Rights, which are the first 10 Amendments to the United States Constitution and the framework to elucidate upon the freedoms of the individual. The Bill of Rights were proposed and sent to the states by the first session of the First Congress. They were later ratified on December 15, 1791.

The first 10 Amendments to the United States Constitution were introduced by James Madison as a series of legislative articles and came into effect as Constitutional Amendments following the process of ratification by three-fourths of the States on December 15, 1791.

Stipulations of the 2nd Amendment:

The Second Amendment to the United States Constitution protects the right of the individual to keep and bear firearms.

The right to arm oneself is viewed as a personal liberty to deter undemocratic or oppressive governing bodies from forming and to repel impending invasions. Furthermore, the right to bear arms was instituted within the Bill of Rights to suppress insurrection, participate and uphold the law, enable the citizens of the United States to organize a militia, and to facilitate the natural right to self-defense.

The Second Amendment was developed as a result of the tyrannous rule of the British parliament. Colonists were often oppressed and forced to pay unjust taxes at the hand of the unruly parliament. As a result, the American people yearned for an Amendment that would guarantee them the right to bear arms and protect themselves against similar situations. The Second Amendment was drafted to provide for the common defense and the general welfare of the United States through the ability to raise and support militias.

Court Cases Tied into the Second Amendment

In *District of Columbia v. Heller* the Supreme Court ruled that the Second Amendment protects an individual's right to possess a firearm to use for traditionally lawful purposes, such as defending oneself within their home or on their property. The court case ruled that the Amendment was not connected to service in a militia.

State Timeline for Ratification of the Bill of Rights

New Jersey: November 20, 1789; rejected article II
 Maryland: December 19, 1789; approved all
 North Carolina: December 22, 1789; approved all
 South Carolina: January 19, 1790; approved all
 New Hampshire: January 25, 1790; rejected article II
 Delaware: January 28, 1790; rejected article I
 New York: February 27, 1790; rejected article II
 Pennsylvania: March 10, 1790; rejected article II
 Rhode Island: June 7, 1790; rejected article II
 Vermont: November 3, 1791; approved all
 Virginia: December 15, 1791; approved all



The 285 Corridor Tea Party has a 2nd Amendment Committee. If you would like to be involved in following proposed gun laws and informing the group on how we can protect our rights, please call Connie at 303-838-4669 to add your name to the committee list or sign up to be on the committee at the May 23rd meeting. Thanks to Mike Brooks and Loren Sheets for getting this started!

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TAKE ACTION NOW

**HELP PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS ON THE INTERNET
EDIT THE FOLLOWING LETTER, SIGN YOUR NAME, PUT YOUR ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER ON IT AND SEND IT TO YOUR CONGRESSMAN**

Dear

CISPA is a bill that would grant the government extensive Internet censorship powers, as well as infringe on the privacy of individual Internet users.

It is unconscionable that members of Congress, sworn to uphold the Constitution, which includes the Bill of Rights' First and Fourth Amendments, would give any support to a bill that: (1) would disregard the First Amendment rights of online publishers; and 2) would disregard the Fourth Amendment privacy protections by implementing a backdoor warrantless cybertapping program under the umbrella of "cyber threat intelligence."

Cyber threat intelligence is defined as "information in the possession of an element of the intelligence community directly pertaining to a vulnerability of, or threat to, a system or network of a government or private entity, including information pertaining to the protection of a system or network from: (1) efforts to degrade, disrupt, or destroy such system or network; or (2) theft or misappropriation of private or government information, intellectual property, or personally identifiable information."

Help protect Internet freedom from arbitrary censorship and violation of privacy by opposing H.R. 3523, clearly a government censorship bill that would also unnecessarily and excessively monitor private emails and text messages.

Vote "Nay" on H.R. 3523 to stop Internet censorship and online monitoring

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WHAT THE MAIN STREAM MEDIA WON'T SHOW YOU
Conservatives at an Obama Appearance in Chicago

PHOTOS taken in Chicago on Thurs just as President Obama was arriving and got into a terrible traffic jam.



YES WE CAN !!!!!

MAKE A DIFFERENCE
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR MAY AND JUNE 2012

Thursday, May 10th—Colorado Hispanic Republicans Denver Chapter meeting. El Senor Sol 6:30PM—2301 7th St. Denver, CO 80201

Monday, May 14th—6:30 PM Evergreen Tea Party Meeting. CD2 U.S. Representative Candidate Forum—The Wood Cellar Bar & Grill—1552 Bergen Parkway, Evergreen, CO

Thursday, May 24th—Mt. Republican Women's Club Meeting—6:30 PM—Hiwan Country Club—Evergreen, CO—Guest Speaker to be announced.

Monday, May 28th—285 Corridor Tea party Meeting. 6:30 PM—Mountain Resource Center. [More information below.](#)

Saturday, June 2nd—Primary mail-in ballots go out.

Monday, June 4th—Denver Republican Party Lincoln Day Dinner—Guest Speaker **Congressman Allen West**—Master of Ceremonies—**KOA radio Talk Show Host Michael Brown**—Presale tickets \$99 and VIP reception and Seating \$250. <http://www.blacktie-colorado.com/calendar/event-detail.cfm?ID=23613>

Tuesday, June 26th—Deadline for primary ballots back to Jeffco

Friday June 29th through July 1st—Western Conservative Summit—Hyatt Regency—Denver, CO. Bill Bennett, Star Parker, Dick Morris, Peter Schwetzer, Hugh Hewitt, Governor Jan Brewer, Mitt Romney, Rick Santorum, Glenn Beck and many, many more: <http://www.ccu.edu/centennial/events/wcsummit.asp>

Saturday, June 30th—Joe Coors

BBQ—5:30 PM to 7:00 PM—Maple Grove Park Arbor House

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IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ANNOUNCE AN UPCOMING EVENT IN THE NEWSLETTER.



America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves.
[Abraham Lincoln](#)

Read more:http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/authors/a/abraham_lincoln.html#ixzz1oYSkjM6y

NEXT MEETING OF THE 285 CORRIDOR TEA PARTY

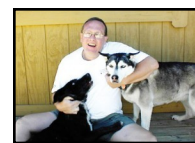


The next meeting of the 285 Corridor Tea Party will be held on **Monday, May 28th at the Mountain Resource Center. The meeting begins at 6:30 PM.** Refreshments supplied.

Guest Speakers will be **Gary Bartel**—Candidate for Park County Commissioner and **Colorado Senator Tim Neville** who will give us a review of what happened in the 2012 legislative session. **Guest singer** for the evening will be **Donna Jack**. **For More information or if you are interested in being a speaker at one of our meetings, please call Connie at 303-838-4669.**



**Senator
Tim Neville**



**Gary Bartel
Park County
Commissioner
Candidate**

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 Salary of Speaker of the House\$223,500 FOR LIFE
 Salary of Majority/Minority Leaders\$193,400 FOR LIFE
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I think we found where the cuts should be made!

285 CORRIDOR TEA PARTY

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WE ARE ON FACEBOOK AND ALSO VISIT US ON THE WEB!!!

285 Corridor Tea Party is on Facebook!! Be sure to log on and "like" us, follow news and contribute to the conversations.

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/285-Corridor-Tea-Party/161041957290153>

Also be sure to go to our website. **A link to the monthly Newsletter will be posted there** and will provide information on past meetings, upcoming meetings, events and much, much more!!

Get involved, be informed, get active!! WE THE PEOPLE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD!!! DON'T TREAD ON US!!

285 CTP WEBSITE:

<https://sites.google.com/site/285corridorteapartygroup/>

Or Shortcut:

www.tinyurl.com/285tpg

Executive Board Member Loren Sheets is working on a new website for us and we will let you know when it is completed. THANK YOU LOREN!


Any member of the 285 CTP may write an editorial for the Newsletter.

If you would like to post a comment, letter, editorial or informational material, please send it in e-mail form to:

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Please be advised that the material will be reviewed by the 285 CTP Board of Directors for content prior to posting and you may be asked to modify your material before inclusion. Please no bad language or threats. We want to hear from all of you but please remember to be respectful in your submissions and content.

Thank you!



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