

WE KEEP US SAFE



FIREARMS EDUCATION
MUTUAL AID
DISASTER RELIEF

SOCIALIST RIFLE ASSOCIATION MEDIA KIT — 2019, Q3

The Socialist Rifle Association's mission is to uphold the right of the working class to keep and bear arms and maintain the skills necessary for self and community defense.

The Socialist Rifle Association is a non-profit, membership-based organization dedicated to upholding the right of the working class to keep and bear arms and to promote the development of skills for self and community defense. We want to build an alternative to the conservative, reactionary right-wing gun culture represented by organizations like the NRA.

Our chapters conduct range events and community mutual aid such as disaster relief.

Members receive a membership card, access to community platforms, and a safe space for learning.

A rapidly growing organization, the SRA has more than doubled in membership in the six months between October and March 2019. **As of August 2019, we reached 2,500 dues-paying members.**

FUTURE GOALS

- ★ Become the number-one left-wing firearms advocacy organization in the United States
- ★ Form a nationwide network of safe, left-leaning firearms instructors friendly to oppressed groups
- ★ Political advocacy related to firearms policies through letter writing, policy writing, etc.
- ★ Become established in all 50 U.S. states, legally qualified to give instruction (including concealed carry instruction) where applicable
- ★ Start our own gun ranges to counter the right-wing, minority-unfriendly culture often present at mainstream gun ranges and to break with the extensive influence of the NRA on gun ranges
- ★ Spread suicide awareness and try to limit suicides by firearm through a temporary firearm holding program: giving people the ability to check in firearms with a local chapter as a service for at-risk individuals rather than risk losing their firearms rights through the state

WHAT WE DO



Disaster Relief

The SRA has previously provided and will continue to provide disaster relief, for example in the case of severe food shortages due to hurricanes.

Gun Lock Clinics

The SRA hosts tabling events at neutral venues such as libraries and churches where a demonstration of gun lock use and mechanics will be available as well as literature regarding safe firearm storage. Free gun locks are given away to interested participants.

Range Affiliate Program

The SRA is seeking to partner with local gun ranges to form relationships beneficial to both parties and ensure our members are not harassed or discriminated against based on race, color, creed, gender, gender expression, national origin, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or political beliefs.

Instructor program

The SRA assists in paying for volunteer candidates to become trained as instructors by the USCCA or the Red Cross as concealed carry instructors or first aid instructors. The CWP course is to provide an affordable alternative to most forms of firearm education that can be well over \$100 per individual. The course material comes from some of the leading experts in the field to date, provides a solid cornerstone of education, and is regularly expanded upon by the USCCA. It covers everything from the functions of a pistol to the legal ramifications regarding the use of force in a critical self-defense incident. All SRA CWP courses will involve a live fire qualification even if a state's permit requirements do not include a course of fire, so that the instructor can gauge each individual's ability and ensure the most complete level of even basic training and education.



STATS

55k total followers

-  @SocialistRA **15.8k followers**
-  r/SocialistRA **20.5k subscribers**
-  @SocialistRifle **18.4k followers**
-  @SocialistRA **13.1k followers**
-  @SocialistRA **1.6k subscribers**
-  SocialistRA.org **15.6k unique visitors/mo.**



PRESS FEATURES



Actually, gun restrictions will target the black community

"Some left-wing groups are beginning to understand this and respond accordingly, abandoning the irrational and baseless conventional wisdom that support of robust gun rights is somehow conservative. The Trigger Warning Queer & Trans Gun Club and the Socialist Rifle Association are just two of the growing number of politically left-wing gun clubs and affinity organizations...with the goal of arming and preparing vulnerable groups."

AUGUST 2019



Are these America's least likely gun owners?

"The number of hate crimes against minority groups has risen over the past three years, leading some to take up weapons for their own protection."

The BBC's Megha Mohan went to California to find out if the minority gun owner could become the new norm."

MARCH 2019



I'm Nonbinary, Gay-Married And Just Moved To The Deep South. Here's Why I Got A Gun.

"I googled 'gay' + 'gun' and variations thereof. I was delivered to a corner of the internet populated by a lively liberal and LGBTQ contingent that identifies as pro-2A (shorthand for the Second Amendment)..."

...These groups are nonpartisan, but they all share a common organizing principle: hate crimes are on the rise and queer and trans people can't rely on the government for protection...I assumed that most of the members of these groups were left-leaning, but quickly discovered that's not the case. Armed Equality, which is the most active of the bunch, appears to be split down the middle between liberals and conservatives. There are other gun groups that do skew more heavily to the left: Liberal Gun Owners (LGO), the Liberal Gun Club, and the Socialist Rifle Association, among others. They all despise the NRA and enjoy trolling conservatives."

MARCH 2019



Socialism's safest place

"It's accurate shooting considering that less than a year ago, Clemente was terrified of guns. 'I grew up in a pretty anti-gun environment,' Clemente says."

Clemente's change of heart was inspired in part while trying to form a crisis support group for people who are afraid of calling the police, such as LGBTQ people and people of color. Clemente imagined responding to a home of a suicidal person with a gun...

...But Clemente didn't want anything to do with the National Rifle Association. It was then that Clemente stumbled across the recently formed Socialist Rifle Association, which promotes gun education for self- and community-defense. Unlike the NRA, the group promotes itself to people who consider themselves 'working class, progressive, anarchist, socialist, communist, eco-warrior, animal liberator, anti-fascist, anti-racist, anti-capitalist, PoC, LGBTQ-plus.'"

MARCH 2019



Rise of the Armed Left

"There shouldn't be any question in anybody's mind in this country that fascism is here," he said. 'It's alive and well and marching us all towards somewhere that we don't want to be.' That's part of the reason, he said, that he's into guns: "I wear a pistol every day because I'm a Jewish person in the South."

It was the Sunday after the terror-filled week that culminated in the massacre at the Tree of Life synagogue. Oso was sitting with a handful of other members of the North Georgia branch of the Socialist Rifle Association, a new, swiftly growing left-wing gun group, in the backyard of an Italian restaurant in a gentrifying Atlanta neighborhood...

... The mission of the S.R.A. is 'to arm and train the working class for self-defense.'

It launched in its current form this spring — before that there was a Facebook group of the same name — and now has several hundred dues-paying members and over 30 chapters. This Monday, 28 new people joined, the group said."

NOVEMBER 2018



Left-Wing Disaster Relief Efforts Spread Goodwill for Socialism

"At the outset of the storm, the Socialist Rifle Association (a working-class gun rights organization that advocates for self and community defense) started a GoFundMe for hurricane victims, which led to a relief effort that was coordinated with other left-wing groups, including the autonomous direct action group Mutual Aid Disaster Relief, the Tallahassee Democratic Socialists (Tallahassee DSA), the Tampa Democratic Socialists and the Tallahassee Party for Socialism and Liberation."

These kinds of efforts are certainly not limited to Hurricane Michael. Many of the same lefty groups provided relief after Hurricane Florence ripped through the Carolinas. Decentralized action was also carried out by organizations like the Blue Ridge Autonomous Defense, Interfaith Alliance for Climate Justice and the River City Medic Collective. NC Piedmont DSA, Charlotte Metro DSA and Charleston DSA came together to create the Florence Recovery Working Group. In some areas of North Carolina, anarchists were the first people to show up after the destruction. The Socialist Rifle Association organized a massive supply run to hurricane shelters."

DECEMBER 2018

PODCAST FEATURES

ALASKA PUBLIC MEDIA
NOVEMBER 2018

AK: Meet the Socialist Rifle Association

A DIFFERENT LENS
OCTOBER 2018

Episode #107: Guns and Politics with Socialist Rifle Association

REVOLUTIONARY LEFT RADIO
OCTOBER 2018

Socialist Rifle Association: Firearms Education, Mutual Aid, & Disaster Relief

THE DAVE GRAM SHOW
AUGUST 2018

News Review with Colin Meyn, Why Folks on the Left Should Love the Second Amendment, and Questions for Listeners





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