



Heeding God's Call ***to End Gun Violence***

Biden Administration Seeking to 'Clamp Down' on Ghost Guns

As we learn of increasing recoveries from crime of ghost guns, it is becoming very clear that civil society is threatened by their spread. Fortunately, the Biden Justice Department is taking steps to 'clamp down' on their availability.

FYI: There are two kinds of ghost guns, so the subject can be confusing at times. One kind is those manufactured on a 3-D printer. These are relatively rare, especially as they are fairly cumbersome and, as yet, only available to fire a single bullet before reloading.

The 3-D versions are far less suitable for crime and mayhem than the more prevalent versions, which have been around for years but are only now reaching markets in major numbers. These ghost guns are unassembled kits of the needed components of usable guns (usually handguns). The parts are not marked with identifiers (serial and model numbers), so once assembled, it is extremely difficult for law enforcers to trace recovered ghost guns to learn critical facts for arrest and prosecution. This, of course, makes such ghost guns very attractive to criminals.

According to a report in the New York Times ([Justice Dept. Proposes Rule to Crack Down on 'Ghost Guns' - The New York Times \(nytimes.com\)](https://www.nytimes.com/2021/05/03/us/politics/justice-dept-proposes-rule-to-crack-down-on-ghost-guns)), Justice Department, in early May proposed a rule to expand the definition of firearms in order to include ghost guns. This rule, once successfully vetted, will likely force ghost gun kit makers to include the same identifiers on their products that have long been required on fully functional firearms. This will aid law enforcement greatly and likely diminish the production of such kits and the prevalence of ghost guns in the criminal market. Good news!

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Heeding God's Call to End Gun Violence (Heeding) is a faith-based and grassroots organization devoted solely to saving lives from the uniquely American scourge of gun violence. *Heeding* is headquartered in Philadelphia, with volunteer chapters in the Mid-Atlantic. *Heeding's* activities include using faithful public pressure to persuade gun retailers to eschew sales to those who would resell guns on the street, public interfaith Murder Site Witnesses in effected neighborhoods, installations of Memorials to the Lost™, portable tee-shirt memorials honoring local victims of gun violence and more.

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