WE KEEP US SAFE

FIREFARMS 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
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.

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.

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.

WHAT WE DO

Stats

55k total followers

SocialistRA
15.8k followers

@SocialistRA
20.5k subscribers

r/SocialistRA
18.4k followers

@SocialistRifle
13.1k followers

@SocialistRA
1.6k subscribers

SocialistRA.org
15.6k unique visitors/mo.

WHAT WE DO
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 to 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..."

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 gemmy and Atlanta neighborhood..."

March 2019

Left-Wing Disaster Relief Efforts Spread Goodwill for Socialism

“At the outset of the storm, the Socialist Rifle Association and 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 Socialist (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 that state. Decentralized action was also carried out by organizations like the Blue Ridge Autonomous Defense, Marxist–Alliance for Climate Justice and the River City Medic Collective. NC Peace盾 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 devastation. The Socialist Rifle Association organized a massive supply run to hurricane shelters..."

December 2018

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 wonder whether support of robust gun rights is somehow irrational and baseless conventional wisdom..."

March 2019

New York Times

Socialist Rifle Association

“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..."

March 2019

HUFFPOST