

2020 Presidential Candidate Tracker

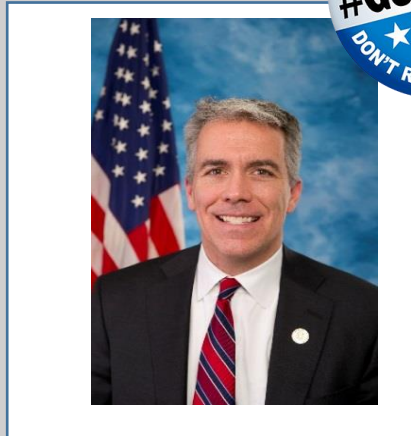


Joe Walsh

State Affiliation: Illinois

Background: Former Congressman (R-IL 8)

Announcement: 8/25/2019



Positions & Quotes

You mean millions of gun owners like that the @NRA is defending their Second Amendment Rights? Crazy. #DefendtheSecond	Twitter
Stop letting the gun control, anti-Second Amendment crowd control the narrative. It's time to #DefendTheSecond.	Twitter
"I'm a big gun guy."	Business Insider
"I believe in the Second Amendment, plain and simple. There's no silver bullet to this issue."	Business Insider
"Crimes with guns, murders with guns, the numbers are all good over the last 30 to 40 years."	Business Insider
"I stand by my original statement, that the Second Amendment—now, and as originally intended—is the last line of defense between us and a tyrannical government. As James Madison wrote, it is this 'advantage of being armed, which the Americans possess over the people of almost every other nation.'	National Rifle Association Institute for Legislative Action

<p>"But securing the rights of the people against a tyrannical government is not the only reason that the Second Amendment remains what I believe is the most important amendment. In fact, securing the freedom of the people to bear arms was understood from the beginning of our nation to include not just protecting liberty and the people collectively, but to also include an individual's right to self-defense."</p>	<p>National Rifle Association Institute for Legislative Action</p>
<p>"I have a right to speak my mind, practice my religion, freely assemble, and carry a firearm.</p> <p>These rights come from God, not government."</p>	<p>Twitter</p>
<p>"We're not New Zealand. Here, we have an inalienable right to bear arms and an inalienable right to self defense. So, unlike New Zealand, here the government can't track down gun owners and/or come into our homes and confiscate our guns."</p>	<p>Twitter</p>
<p>"Illinois has some of the most restrictive gun laws in the country and yet crime rates have soared, including a 49% jump in shootings in Chicago this past November. The right to possess and carry weapons is enshrined in our Constitution, and I am glad that this has been recognized by the Federal Courts."</p>	<p>NBC Chicago</p>