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YES OR NO; THE SPRING HUNTING REFERENDUM OF APRIL 11TH

The debate leading to the Spring Hunting Referendum on April 11th continues to dominate the media. One may argue that the matter does not concern target shooters and collectors and that it is really up to the individual member to decide whether to vote YES to retain spring hunting, NO to stop the practice or not vote at all.

However since the referendum's outcome will undeniably affect a sizeable portion of legitimate firearms owners, the AMACS committee felt obliged to carry out an objective analysis of both camps' positions and to report its findings on the referendum's implications to its members in the context of their interests as firearm owners. This analysis is not intended to study the impact of spring hunting on bird migration, if any, since our organisation is not qualified to comment on this subject.

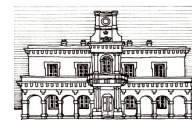
GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

	NO	YES
Leading Groups	Coalition Against Spring Hunting (CASH); Birdlife; Alternattiva Demokratika.	Federazzjoni Kaċċaturi Nassaba Konservazzjonisti (FKNK), Kaccaturi San Uberty (KSU)
Stated objective	The removal of the Spring Hunting Derogation in order to ban the practice.	The retention of the Spring Hunting Derogation to allow 20 half-days of turtle-dove and quail hunting in Spring.
Stated assurances & warnings	Will not pursue a total ban on hunting. A successful vote against spring hunting does not constitute a threat to other hobbies, sports or pastimes practiced by minority groups. This was corroborated by a team of leading lawyers who were roped in to allay fears among minority groups.	A ban on spring hunting will be followed by a total ban on hunting in general; the interests of minority groups would be under threat from future referenda that could extinguish their hobbies, sports and pastimes in the event that the NO camp is successful in its bid on April 11th.



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Public image & media campaign	A concerted media campaign against hunting was initiated several years ago. Over the years hunters have been depicted as ignorant, anti-social and anti-environmental beings while the anti-hunting lobby successfully attracted the support of those who consider themselves well-educated and culturally advantaged. The recruitment of support by local and foreign personalities and groups helped boost support.	Prior to its current campaign, the hunting lobby's lacklustre public relations, its inarticulate responses and a number of damaging unofficial demonstrations served to strengthen the negative public perception of hunting and hunters arising from infringements by a minority of irresponsible hunters that received front-page status in the media. Moreover, the hunting organisations did not appear strong enough to enforce discipline among their members.
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FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS & OBLIGATIONS

AMACS firmly believes in the individual's right to enjoy a sport or hobby of choice and to be passionate about it. The Association upholds the principle that rights come with obligations and that any sport and hobby should be practiced in total conformity with the law. AMACS consequently expects every sportsman and enthusiast to act responsibly within the parameters of the law and to avoid disturbing other persons who do not share their passion. In this respect the organisations that represent such sportsmen and enthusiasts have a moral obligation to self-regulate and to enforce discipline among their members by expelling those who abuse so that they may face the full consequences of their action if proven guilty.

The Association acknowledges that the majority of citizens are at best indifferent to legitimate sports, hobbies and pastimes practiced with a passion by minorities. However in society there will always be individuals or groups of individuals that intensely dislike one pursuit or another for emotional rather than informed reasons. Given sufficient drive and access to the media that generally thrives on sensationalism and emotional appeal, what starts off as a personal dislike can easily turn into a full-blown campaign aimed at manipulating public opinion and forcing government to limit or even ban legitimate pursuits altogether.

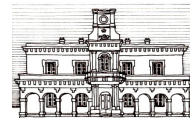
Legitimate sports, hobbies and pastimes should never be subject to the whims of individuals or groups. It is the duty of a democratically-elected government to protect the interest of minorities and it cannot abrogate this duty to a people's court. Moreover the Association is staunchly against collective punishment; government would be morally wrong to target an entire community of law-abiding individuals because of the misbehaviour of any member of that community.

AMACS laments the total lack of cooperation between the hunting organisations and the environmental lobby groups. Information and data obtained from other EU Member States prove that it is such cooperation that guarantees the conservation and sustainability of wildlife in these countries.



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IMPACT ON OTHER LEGITIMATE FIREARM OWNERS

AMACS has for the past thirty years successfully promoted legal gun ownership for use in sports shooting and for academic collection purposes, leading to the introduction of the Arms Act 2005, the Arms Licensing Regulations 2006 (LN 177) and the improvements to both in February 2013 (LN 75 and LN 76). Its efforts were often met with fierce opposition from some individuals who were opposed to legal gun ownership.

The AMACS Committee has carried out a study of media reports, editorials, features and letters dealing with firearm ownership and use that have been published in local papers over the past thirty years. What emerged from this exercise is that arguments against legitimate gun ownership and use have not evolved. They still fail to distinguish between licit and illicit ownership and use.

Anti-gun pieces published in the media or posted on social networks reveal their authors' emotional dislike or fear of firearms and their consequential inability to apply reasoned thinking. As a result of this they invariably react to news of a crime with an illegal firearm by proposing a ban on legally-held firearms just as they call for a ban on hunting because of abuse by poachers. They are generally supported by a media that thrives on sensationalism and which tends to alarm rather than inform readers.

However one important change is noted. Outbursts by individual contributors have over the years been mainly replaced by a coordinated campaign that makes use of advanced marketing tools to focus its aim on one target and destroy it. Spring hunting appears to be the obvious choice as opposition to it has wider appeal among civil society and the practice is precariously dependent on the derogation that was granted in Malta's favour.

There are three fundamental questions that legitimate firearm owners are fully justified in asking:

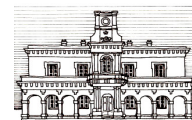
- 1. Is the NO campaign really limited to the abolition of spring hunting as stated by CASH or is the NO camp camouflaging its agenda under this guise in order that it may later pursue a wider campaign to ban hunting altogether?***

Comments in social media by some NO campaign leaders and followers contradict the lobby's official position. They appear to be inclined towards abolishing hunting altogether rather than a ban on spring hunting. These could of course be the individual views of the more extreme campaigners. But such comments could also be interpreted as indications of a hidden agenda. Perhaps the most revealing comment is the one by an AD leader that this is the first of several referenda.



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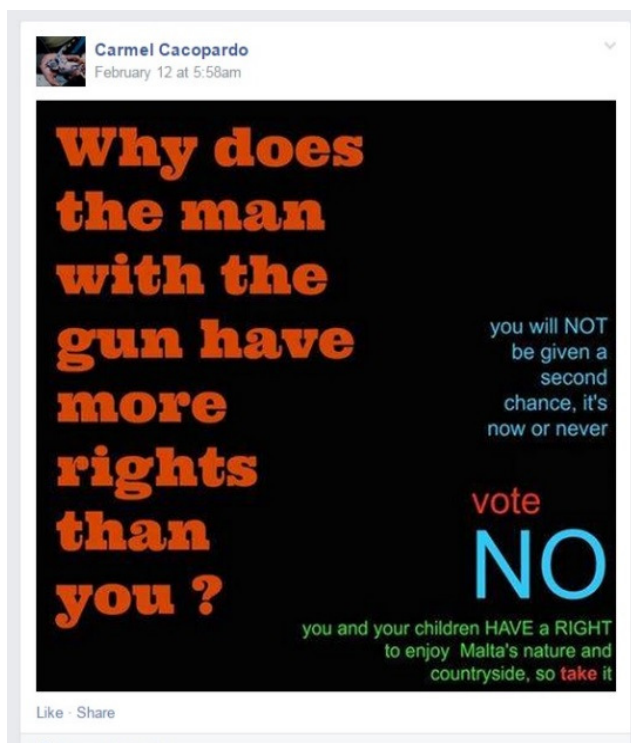
Moreover one notes that the SHout billboards and the leaflets distributed in households as well as adverts in the social media focus on attack hunting in general by illustrating incidents of abuse by poachers.

It appears that the NO campaign is riding on a wave of emotion and Mark Sultana of SHout is actually encouraging his followers to vote emotionally (Times, 27 March). As any critically thinker will recognise, a valid argument should be supported by scientific fact rather than by emotion.

2. *If indeed there exists a hidden agenda within the NO camp does it stop at hunting or are there other objectives that key people within that camp are intent on pursuing if they secure a victory in the upcoming referendum?*

It has to be noted that several personalities leading the NO campaign as well as others in the media supporting it have often expressed anti-gun sentiment. A Facebook post by Carmel Cacopardo (February 12th) asks: "Why does the man with the gun have more rights than you?" It is the most revealing anti-gun statement made so far as it comes from a politician who is at the core of what should be a campaign limited to the abolition of spring hunting.

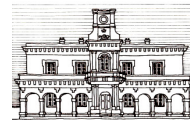
The obvious answer to Cacopardo's question is that responsible firearm owners do not see themselves above others' rights but are on the contrary more conscious of their behaviour and obligations. Cacopardo's post is clearly meant to elicit fear and hate among those who do not possess firearms and who are ignorant of legal gun owners' obligations.





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3. *Should the pronouncement by a prominent team of lawyers that a NO vote can discontinue spring hunting but not other hobbies (28th January, 2015) allay firearm owners' fears that they will not fall victim to future referenda?*

The AMACS Committee has examined a document wherein one of these lawyers has recently stated the following:

“concerns that the enjoyment of an Arms Collection or participation in Shooting Ranges may be modified or reduced through the removal of certain clauses are justifiable”

This frank admission contradicts the team of lawyers' blanket statement that minority rights may not be limited by future referenda.

The same lawyer goes on to qualify this statement by adding that “it is important to understand that the regulatory nature of the law means that the removal of most individual regulations or sub-regulations would indeed simply render the enjoyment of such pastimes less regulated. Furthermore, it is likewise important to understand that different regulations (clauses) within an individual piece of legislation interrelate to each other and therefore, it would be a very complex (and possibly impossible) task to utilise an abrogative referendum to clinically remove individual clauses with the intention of reducing their enjoyment, and successfully alter a law without the need to modify other clauses or insert clauses to make good for such clauses removed. It must be understood that an Abrogative Referendum does not allow modification and insertion of new laws but only contemplates the removal of laws or Articles within laws. Therefore, only slight modifications, if any would be possible.”

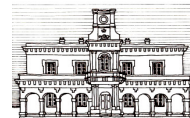
However AMACS is sufficiently well-versed in the Arms Act and the Arms Licensing Regulations to understand that it would be neither complex nor impossible to cancel in whole or in part the activities of collectors, sport shooters and re-enactors through an abrogative referendum.

These activities that are currently enjoyed by AMACS members and the wider community of collectors, sports shooters and re-enactors were established through years of unstinting work leading to the unanimous parliamentary vote of 2005 approving the Arms Act Bill. The AMACS Committee feels compelled to recommend that due consideration is given to its study before members decide how to cast their vote.



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IVA JEW LE; IR-REFERENDUM LI GĦANDU JSIR FIL-11 TA' APRIL DWAR IL-KAĊĊA FIR-REBBIEGĦA

Id-dibattitu li wassal għar-Referendum li għandu jsir fil-11 ta' April dwar il-Kaċċa fir-Rebbiegħa qed ikompli jiddomina 'l-midja. Wieħed jista' jargumenta jekk il-kwistjoni tirrigwardax ukoll tiraturi sportivi u kollezzjonisti u li fil-verità sta għal kull membru individwali jekk jivvotax IVA biex il-kaċċa tibqa' ssir fir-rebbiegħa, LE biex titwaqqaf jew ma jivvota xejn.

Minkejja kollox, la darba r-riżultat tar-referendum se jolqot parti kbira ta' persuni li b'mod legali jzommu armi tan-nar, il-kumitat tal AMACS ħass li għandu l-obbligu li jagħmel analiżi oġġettiva tal-pożizzjonijiet taż-żewġ partijiet u li jirrapporta dak li jsib dwar kif ir-referendum jista' jolqot lill-membri tiegħu fl-isfond tal-interessi tagħhom bħala persuni li iżommu armi tan-nar fil-pussess tagħhom. Din l-analiżi mhix maħsuba biex tistudja l-impatt tal-kaċċa fir-rebbiegħa fuq il-passa tal-għasafar, jekk hemm, għar-raġuni li l-għaqda tagħna mhijiex ikkwalfikata li tikkummenta dwar dan is-suġġett.

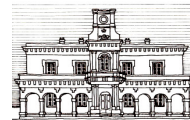
KUNSIDERAZZJONIJIET ĠENERALI

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Gruppi Prinċipali	Coalition Against Spring Hunting (CASH); Birdlife; Alternattiva Demokratika.	Federazzjoni Kaċċaturi Nassaba Konservazzjonisti (FKNK), Kaccaturi San Ubertu (KSU)
Skop iddikjarat	Li titneħħa d-Deroga li tippermetti l-Kaċċa fir-Rebbiegħa sabiex ħadd ma jkun jista' jibqa' jikkaċċa f'dan iż-żmien.	Li tinżamm id-Deroga li tippermetti l-Kaċċa fir-Rebbiegħa sabiex jithallew 20 nofs ta' nhar ta' kaċċa fuq il-gamien u s-summien fir-Rebbiegħa.
Assigurazzjonijiet u twissijiet iddikjarati	Ma jkomplux isostnu għal projbizzjoni totali fuq il-kaċċa. Jekk jgħaddi l-vot kontra l-kaċċa fir-rebbiegħa ma jkunx ifisser theddida għad-delizji, sports u passatempj oħra li qed jipprattikaw bħalissa gruppi li huma f'minoranza. Dan kien ikkonfermat minn tim ta' avukati magħrufa li ndaħħlu biex itaffu l-biża' fost gruppi ta' minoranzi.	Jekk il-kaċċa tiġi pprojbita fir-rebbiegħa jkun imiss li tiġi pprojbita wkoll il-kaċċa kollha in ġenerali; l-interessi tal-gruppi tal-minoranzi jkunu mhedda minn referendi oħrajn li jistgħu jgħibu fix-xejn il-delizji, sports u passatempj oħrajn għal ħaddieħor jekk il-partit tal-LE jirnexxilu fit-tentattiv tiegħu fil-11 ta' April.
L-opinjoni tal-pubbliku u kampanja fuq il-midja	Kampanja sistematika fuq il-midja kontra l-kaċċa kienet ingħatat bidu diversi snin ilu. Kif għadda ż-żmien il-kaċċaturi ġew inpingija bħala nies injoranti, anti soċjali u kontra l-ambjent waqt li l-grupp ta' kontra l-kaċċa ġab l-appoġġ ta' dawk li jikkunsidra qal lilhom infushom edukati u nies vantaġġati fil-kultura.	Qabel dil-kampanja li qed jagħmel, il-grupp favur il-kaċċa ma kellux relazzjonijiet pubbliċi tajbin wisq, ma kienx jesprimi ruħu sew u għadd ta' dimostrazzjonijiet mhux uffiċjali servew mhux biss ta' ħsara imma servew ukoll biex isaħħu l-opinjoni negattiva tal-pubbliku dwar il-kaċċa u l-kaċċaturi. Din l-opinjoni negattiva



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	Kabbru ħafna l-appoġġ li kisbu minn personalitajiet u gruppi lokali u barranin.	ħadet dil-forma meta minoranza ta' kaċċaturi irrisponsabbli ġieli kisret il-liġi tant li wara bdiet tidher fl-ewwel faċċata fil-midja. B'żieda ma' dan, l-organizzazzjonijiet tal-kaċċaturi ma kinux jidhru li huma b'saħħithom biż-żejjed biex jinfurzaw id-dixxiplina fost il-membri tagħhom.
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DRITTIIJET U OBBLIGI FUNDAMENTALI

L-AMACS temmen bis-sħieħ fid-dritt tal-individwu li jgawdi l-isport jew delizju li jkollu għal qalbu u li jkun isegwi b'ċerta passjoni. L-Assoċjazzjoni hija favur il-prinċipju li d-drittijiet iġibu magħhom obbligi u li kull sports u delizju għandu jiġi pprattikat b'konformità sħieħa mal-liġi. B'riżultat ta' dan l-AMACS tippretendi li kull bniedem sportiv u akkanit jaġixxi b'mod responsabbli skont il-parametri tal-liġi u jevita li jkun ta' fastidju għal nies li m'għandhomx l-istess gosti. F'dan ir-rigward l-organizzazzjonijiet li jirrapprezentaw lil dawn in-nies sportivi u akkaniti għandhom l-obbligu morali li jirregulaw lilhom infushom u li jinfurzaw id-dixxiplina fost il-membri tagħhom billi jkeċċu lil dawk li jabbużaw hekk li jkollhom joqogħdu għal konsegwenzi kollha ta' għemilhom jekk jinstabu ħatja.

L-Assoċjazzjoni tirrikonoxxi l-fatt li l-maġġoranza taċ-ċittadini ma jimpurtahiex minn sports, delizji u passatempi legittimi kif jipprattikawhom b'tant entuzjażmu xi minoranzi. Minkejja dan, fil-ħajja dejjem ser ssib individwi jew gruppi ta' individwi li b'mod esaġerat jobogħdu attività jew oħra minħabba emozzjoni aktar minn raġunijiet ibbażati fuq informazzjoni. Meta dawn l-individwi jew gruppi ikollhom heġġa biżżejjed u aċċess għall-midja li ġeneralment tikber u tistagħna fuq aħbarijiet sensazzjonali u li appellaw għas-sentiment, dak li jaf il-bidu tiegħu bħala antipatija personali jista' faċilment jinbidel f'kampanja sħieħa bl-iskop aħħari li timmanipula l-opinjoni pubblika u ġġiegħel lill-gvern biex jillimita jew anke jipprojbixxi totalment attivitajiet legittimi.

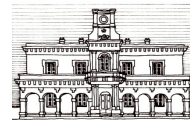
L-isports, delizji u passatempi legittimi qatt m'għandhom ikunu soġġetti għal dak li jfettlilhom individwi jew gruppi. Huwa d-dmir ta' gvern elett demokratikament li jipproteġi l-interessi ta' minoranzi u ma jstax jgħaddi dan id-dritt lill-qrati tal-poplu. B'żieda ma' dan, l-Assoċjazzjoni hija kategorikament kontra l-kastig kollettiv; il-gvern ikun moralment ingust li jieħu passi kontra komunità sħieħa ta' individwi li jimxu skont il-liġi għar-raġuni li xi wħud mill-membri ta' dik il-komunità jkunu ġabu ruħhom ħazin.

L-AMACS tilmenta min-nuqqas sħiħ ta' koperazzjoni bejn l-organizzazzjonijiet tal-kaċċa u l-lobby groups favur l-ambjent. L-informazzjoni u d-data miksuba mill-Istati Membri tal-UE jaġhtu provi li hija koperazzjoni bħal din li tiggarantixxi l-konservazzjoni u s-sostenibbiltà ta' ħlejjaq selvaġġi f'dawn il-pajjiżi.



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L-IMPATT FUQ PERSUNI OĦRA LI JKOLLHOM ARMI TAN-NAR FIL-PUSSESS TAGĦHOM

L-AMACS irnexxielha għal dawn l-aħħar tletin sena tippromwovi l-pussess legali ta' armi tan-nar biex jintużaw fl-isports tal-isparar u għal skopijiet ta' kollezzjonijiet akkademiċi, li wasslet biex jgħaddi l-Att dwar l-Armi, 2005, Regolamenti tal-2006 dwar Liċenza għall-Armi (Avviż Legali 177) u l-emendi għalihom fi Frar 2013 (AL 75 u AL 76). L-isforzi tagħha ħafna drabi kienu jintlaqgħu b'oppożizzjoni ħarxa minn xi individwi li kienu kontra l-pussess legali ta' armi.

Il-Kumitat tal-AMACS għamel studju ta' rapporti mill-midja, editorjali, artikli u ittri li ġew ippubblikati fil-gazzetti lokali f'dawn l-aħħar tletin sena u li jittrattaw il-pussess u użu ta' armi tan-nar. Ir-riżultat li ħareġ minn dan l-eżercizzju wera li l-argumenti kontra l-pussess u użu legali ma nbiddlux matul is-snin. Min qed jargumenta kontra għadu mhux qed jiddistingwi bejn pussess u użu leċitu u illeċitu.

Artikli kontra l-pussess ta' l-armi tan-nar li ġew ippubblikati fil-midja jew imtella fuq in-network soċjali jikxfu l-antipatija jew il-biża' ta' l-awturi lejn dan is-sugġett u għaldaqstant jirriżulta li dawn in-nies ma jkunux jistgħu jaħsbu b'mod raġunat. Minħabba f'hekk dawn dejjem jirreagixxu għall-aħbarijiet fuq reati b'armi illegali billi jipproponu l-projbizzjoni ta' pussess legali ta' armi tan-nar bl-istess mod kif qed isejġu għal-projbizzjoni fuq il-kaċċa minħabba abbużi ta' kaċċa illegali. Ġeneralment dawn jingħataw l-appoġġ tal-midja li timraħ fuq is-sensazzjonalizmu u li għanda tendenza li tallarma lill-qarrejja aktar milli tinformhom.

Minkejja dan wieħed jista' jinnota bidla waħda importanti. Kontribuzzjonijiet individwali li infexxew b'dal-mod għal diversi snin taw post għal kampanja sistematika li tagħmel użu minn mezzi avvanzati ta' *marketing* biex tiffoka l-mira tagħha fuq oġġett speċifiku u teqirdu. Il-kaċċa fir-rebbiegħa kienet l-għażla ovvja għax l-oppożizzjoni kontrija issib aktar appoġġ fost is-soċjetà ċivili u l-prattika tagħha hija dipendenti b'mod prekarju fuq id-deroga li ngħatat favur Malta.

Hemm tliet mistoqsijiet fundamentali li daww li jgawdu mill-pussess legali ta' armi tan-nar huma ġġustifikati li jagħmlu:

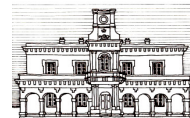
- 1. Il-kampanja tal-LE hija verament limitata għall-għan waħdieni li titneħħa l-kaċċa fir-rebbiegħa kif jiddikjaraw il-CASH, jew il-partit tal-LE qed jaħbi l-aġenda tiegħu taħt din l-iskuża sabiex aktar 'il quddiem ikun jista' jkompli b'kampanja aktar wiesgħa biex jipprojbixxi l-kaċċa għal kollox?***

Il-kummenti fil-midja soċjali min ċerti mexxejja u segwaċi tal-kampanja tal-LE jikkontradixxu l-pożizzjoni uffiċjali tal-*lobby* u jikxfu l-fehmiet tagħhom favur li jabolixxu l-kaċċa għall-kollox. Huwa minnu li dawn il-kummenti jistgħu jkunu opinjonijiet personali ta' individwi aktar estremi. Imma kummenti bħal dawn jistgħu wkoll ikunu indikazzjoni ta' aġenda moħbija biex pass pass il-kaċċa titneħħa għal kollox. F'dan ir-rigward, id-dikjarazzjoni ta' wieħed mill-mexxejja ta' l-AD, jiggifieri li dan ir-*referendum* huwa l-ewwel minn diversi *referenda*, hija sinifikattiva haħna.



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Ma' dan wiehed jinnota li t-tabelli u l-fuljetti tax-SHOUT li jitqassmu fid-djar kif ukoll reklami fil-midja soċjali jikkoncentraw fuq il-kaċċa in generali billi juru incidenti ta' abbuż minn kaċċaturi illegali.

Jidher li l-kampanja tal-LE qiegħda tgawdi min mewġa ta' emozjoni. Fil fatt Mark Sultana ta' s-SHout appella lis-segwaċi tiegħu biex jivvutaw b'emozjoni (Times, 27 March). Bħal ma jista' jifhem kull min jaħseb b'mod kritiku, argument validu għandu jkun dejjem imsejjes fuq fatti xjentifiċi u mhuxi fuq l-emozjoni.

2. Jekk fil-fatt hemm skopijiet oħra wara din il-kampanja tal-LE, dawn huma ristretti għall-kaċċa, jew jeżistu oġġettivi oħra li persuni prinċipali f'dan il-kamp għandhom l-intenzjoni li jsegwu jekk jirnexxilhom jirbħu r-referendum li ġej?

Ninnotaw li diversi personalitajiet li jimxxu l-kampanja tal-LE kif ukoll oħrajn fil-midja li jappoġġawha, ħafna drabi esprimew sentimenti kontra l-pussess ta' l-armi tan-nar. F'nota mtella' fuq il-Facebook page tiegħu (12 ta' Frar), Carmel Cacopardo jistaqsi: "Għaliex wiehed li għandu arma tan-nar għandu aktar drittijiet minnek?" Din hija l-aktar dikjarazzjoni qawwija li qatt saret s'issa kontra l-armi tan-nar minn politiku li qiegħed fil-qalba ta' kampanja li suppost għandha l-għan uniku li tneħħi l-kaċċa fir-rebbiegħa.

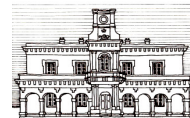
It-twegiba ovsja għall-mistoqsija ta' Cacopardo hija li dawk li għandhom fil-pussess responsabbli tagħhom armi tan-nar ma jqsux lilhom infushom li għandhom aktar drittijiet minn oħrajn imma, għal kuntrarju, huma aktar konxji mill-imġiba u





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d-dmirijiet tagħhom. Din il-*post* ta' Cacopardo hija b'mod ċar intenzjonata biex tqanqal biża' u mibgħeda fost dawk li m'għandhom armi tan-nar u li ma jafux x-obbligi għandhom dawk li jzommu l-armi b'mod legali.

3. *L-istqarrija maħruga mit-tim ta' avukati magħrufa li l-vot favur il-LE jista' jwaqqaf il-kaċċa fir-rebbiegħa imma mhux passatempi oħra (28 ta' Jannar, 2015) għandha sserrah ras min għandu arma tan-nar legali?*

Il-Kumitat tal-AMACS eżamina dokument fejn wieħed minn dawn l-avukati dan l-aħħar stqarr dak li ġej:

“huwa ġġustifikat min jithasseb li t-tgawdija ta' Kollezzjoni tal-Armi jew parteċipazzjoni f'Shooting Ranges tista' tiġi mibdula jew imnaqqsa permezz tat-tneħħija ta' ċerti klawzoli”

Din l-ammissjoni sinciera tikkontradixxi l-istqarrija tat-tim ta' avukati li tgħid li d-drittijiet ta' minoranzi ma' jistgħux jiġux limitati b'referendi li jistgħu jsiru fil-futur.

L-istess avukat ikompli billi jikkwalifika din l-istqarrija u jzied jgħid li “Huwa importanti li wieħed jifhem li n-natura regolatorja tal-ligi tfisser li t-tneħħija tal-biċċa l-kbira tar-regolamenti jew sotto-regolamenti individwali sempliċiment irendi l-passatempi anqas regolati. B'zieda ma' dan, huwa daqstant importanti li wieħed jifhem li kull regolamenti (klawzoli) differenti f'silta individwali tal- leġislazzjoni torbot ma' kull waħda oħra u għalhekk, tkun biċċa xogħol ikkumplikata ħafna (u possibbilment impossibbli) li wieħed jinqegħda b'referendum abrogattiv biex klinikament ineħħi klawzoli individwali bl-intenzjoni li jnaqqas it-tgawdija tagħhom, u jibdel sew ligi mingħajr il-bżonn li jibdel klawzoli oħrajn jew idaħħal klawzoli biex jagħmlu tajjeb għal dawk il-klawzoli li jkunu tneħħew. Wieħed għandu jifhem li Referendum Abrogattiv ma jippermettix modifika jew introduzzjoni ta' ligijiet godda imma jikkontempla biss it-tneħħija ta' ligijiet jew Artikli f'ligijiet. Għalhekk, jistgħu jsiru biss modifikazzjonijiet żgħar, jekk ikun hemm.”

L-AMACS hija midħla sew tal-Att dwar l-Armi u r-Regolamenti dwar Liċenza għall-Armi u b'hekk tixtieq twissi lill-membri tagħha li sabiex jithassru fl-intier tagħhom jew in parti tagħhom l-attivitajiet tal-kolletturi, *sport shooters* u *re-enactors* permezz ta' referendum abrogattiv. la jkun ikkumplikat u l-anqas impossibbli.

Dawn l-attivitajiet li bħalissa qed jitgawdew mill-membri ta' l-AMACS u mill-komunita ta' kollezjonisti, tiraturi u *re-enactors* Maltin ġew stabbiliti wara snin ta' xogħol bla heda li wassal għal vot unanimu fil-Parlament fl-2005 għall-approvazzjoni ta' l-Abbozz tal-Att dwar l-Armi. Għaldaqstant l-Assoċjazzjoni tħossa fi dmir li tirrakkomanda lil-membri tagħha biex jikkunsideraw sew dan l-istudju tagħha qabel ma jagħzlu kif ha jvutaw.