OPERATION CHOKE POINT

HOW DOES IT WORK?

1. TARGET PAYMENT PROCESSING SYSTEM THAT BUSINESSES USE TO SEND AND RECEIVE MONEY.
2. INTIMIDATE BANKS TO STOP ALL PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL BANKING RELATIONSHIPS WITH TARGETED INDUSTRIES AND THEIR LEADERS.

TARGETED INDUSTRY:



AMMUNITION
FIREARMS

PRESIDENT OBAMA'S OPERATION CHOKE POINT
IMPACT ON GUN AND AMMUNITION SALES AND THE SECOND AMENDMENT

CURRENT THREATS

- In 2013, the federal government launched an effort called *Operation Choke Point* (OCP) to "choke off" businesses the government deems undesirable from the air they need to breathe — the payments from their customers.
- Through OCP, the President is using the Treasury Department, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), and the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), to intimidate banks and payment processors into ending their relationships with certain industries — leaving companies without a way to collect payments from their customers.
- In order to intimidate banks to cut off legal businesses, banks are being threatened with changes to their scores in a rating system used by federal regulators, additional oversight, and penalties.
- The President wants Americans to think that he is fighting consumer fraud; however, these actions have an even more significant impact on legitimate businesses and their ability to offer services to American consumers.

NEXT REAL THREATS

- In the fall of 2013, government attorneys gave a Powerpoint presentation to bank examiners that identified other industries the Obama Administration is targeting to cut-off from banking services.
- According to the Treasury Department, the Administration's plan is to **expand beyond financial services products to include a wide range of industries, including gun and ammunition sales.**
- By the Administration's own admission, they are putting firearms and ammunition sales on the same level as drug paraphernalia, pornography, Ponzi schemes, and racist material.
- OCP presumes that gun and ammunition sellers are an undesirable industry that is highly likely to be involved in illegal activity.
- The Administration would use that presumption to restrict gun and ammunition sales and sharply increase investigations of legal gun sellers and gun owners.

IMPACT ON THE FIREARMS INDUSTRY

- The government could easily run gun and ammunition dealers into the ground by pressuring banks to cut them off from banking services — which we have already seen done to the short-term loan industry.
- Like short-term lenders, gun dealers could be left without access to basic banking services, or without a bank account altogether.
- The effort also has the potential to force gun and ammo sellers who accept credit card or online payments to turn over customer data. The ATF and CFPB have already started to demand this type of customer information.
- **Ultimately, OCP could enable the government to map and monitor the location of every gun owner and seller in the nation.**

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