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age of Donald Trump, Matthew Lacombe traces how the NRA's immense

influence on national politics arises from its ability to shape the

political outlooks and actions of its followers. He draws on nearly a century of archival records and surveys to show how the organization has fashioned a distinct worldview around gun ownership and used it to mobilize its supporters.