

The Right to Bear Arms Means NO Gun Control!

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“The Right To Bear Arms Shall Not Be Abridged.” So says the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution. But not everyone supports our Constitution. Many in our nation want to limit gun rights and confiscate our weapons, and they are willing to wreck the Constitution in order to do so. The startling new proposal by many social do-gooders, calling for the repeal of the Second Amendment to our Constitution’s Bill of Rights, is unwise, dangerous and totally unrealistic. For 227 years, the amendment has guaranteed that “the right of the People to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.” We should not abandon it.

The first ten amendments to the Constitution make up the Bill of Rights. These amendments are the foundation of our liberty and the lasting legacy of the Founding Fathers who so wisely created a Constitution designed to protect the freedom of generations far into the future. These rights are a major factor in what makes America an exceptional nation and a beacon for freedom that attracts people from the world over.

Once we begin whittling away at one of our rights in the Bill of Rights, what’s to stop the erosion of the others? Freedom of speech? Freedom of religion? Changes like this wouldn’t be minor tinkering – they would amount to major disfigurement of America’s foundational document, equivalent to amputating a person’s arm or leg.

But what about the terrible violence perpetrated by crazy men against schools and workplaces. Mustn’t we pass laws protecting the citizenry from such monsters? Yes, that’s true – but only if the objective is to end every citizen’s right to self-defense and defense of others, and to fundamentally empower the federal government to abuse the American people. Many of the people speaking at anti-gun rallies say they want more restrictions on guns, but such restrictions amount to a repeal the Second Amendment.

America's Founders, who fought to win our freedom from Britain and to secure ratification for our Constitution and Bill of Rights, would be dumbstruck at this naive trust in an all-powerful government, rather than in the good sense and responsibility of "We, The People."

How simple life would be without the Bill of Rights. Getting rid of our First Amendment would free government of critics, end the bother of respecting religious worship, shut up the press, and clamp down on protests. Ending the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Amendments would allow the federal government to go after any person the government suspected, doubted or disliked; search and seize life and effects at will; force confessions of crimes; and do away with fair trials, confrontation and protections against imprisonment.

How nice life would be – for the government – if we did away with the nag and drag of rights contained in the Bill of Rights, a sacred collection of natural law and individual liberties.

This bizarre proposal amounts to an outright advocacy of disarming citizens before a federal government armed to the teeth. Recall the timeless words of British politician Lord Acton in 1887: "Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely."

No wonder the man of peace, Mahatma Gandhi, defended every individual's right to bear arms. Recalling how Indians were disarmed by the Arms Act of 1879, Gandhi wrote: "Among the many inhumane deeds of the British rule in India, history will look upon the act of depriving a whole nation of arms as the worst."

The idea that we should correct an absence of responsibility by the few through empowering government to strip rights from the many is more medieval than modern – a license to lawlessness, not a defense of legal and moral rights.

The hidden argument in anti-gun protestors pitch is this: An individual's sacred right to self-defense, to the defense of innocents and

against government, boldly embodied in the Second Amendment, is transferable to government.

The life of a free citizen is hard. It is not about repealing rights, but about learning to use our God-given, constitutionally protected freedoms responsibly. That is why the anti-gun people are wrong. The fault is not in the Bill of Rights, but in ourselves. All real Americans must band together to demand that the enemies of the Second Amendment be stopped and the right to bear arms be preserved. Write your congressman!