

Why the Second Amendment is so important?

The Founding Fathers were students of world history and of Europe in particular. It is a historical fact that those who hold power almost always will work to reduce the freedom of those they rule. It is also true that many of the ruled always will be tempted to trade their liberty for empty promises of security. The nature of man is to seek security, for themselves, family, and friends. The lure of security is toxic for and an anathema for liberty. For centuries those with the power of government have offered the various forms of security while the populace is lulled into giving up freedom after freedom.

Our Constitution was designed specifically to protect the innate human rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Since the Founding Fathers knew the dangers of oppressive government they designed the new representative democracy to primarily limit the powers and reach of government while primarily protecting individual freedom and liberty.

The Bill of Rights of the Constitution is designed to curb the historical tendency of dominating government while guaranteeing individual liberty and freedom. In particular the Second Amendment is a crucial component of the Founder's concept that provides backbone to resist the tendency of the governed to trade liberty for government-provided security.

Armed citizens can and will take responsibility for their own security, the security of their families, and security of their communities. The freedom of an armed citizenry cultivates self-reliance which is critical to liberty and self-government.

While much has changed since the history known to our Founding Fathers, what has not changed is human nature or the nature of governments seeking power. In our lifetime each of us can cite the aspects of the gradual encroachment reducing individual rights and liberties by our government. Using our tax dollars the government has offered security after security, all gladly accepted in the name of a liberal society.

Once we understand and accept that all this is going on we should appreciate the war on the Second Amendment. Why would the government, backed by the media, and the cultural elite seek to disarm their fellow their citizens?

I believe that the reason is the natural authoritarian tendencies of government; to exert control over the citizenry while subordinating the rights and liberties of the individual. All the

governments in our lifetime are guilty of this but the progressive left has singled out the Second Amendment for their disdain. When Republicans are in power the inexorable creep of the nanny state goes on and attacks on the Second Amendment are muted. When Democrats are in power the creep of government increases to a slow trot but attacks on the Second Amendment proceed at a dead run.

How have we allowed all this "creeping socialism" to occur in our beloved America? In one word it is incrementalism. A little promise of security here in exchange for liberty there and over the decades we are where we are today. The "silent majority" have been silent for far too long. We have been silent as one freedom after another has been taken away. Many of that silent majority are now viewing the defending the Second Amendment as critical to the salvation of America.

The courts across our country are a vital battleground for

defending the Second Amendment and the U.S. Supreme Court is ground zero. As we all know the last two Second Amendment cases were decided in favor of upholding the Founding Fathers intent by a vote of 5-4. The most ardent supporter on the Court, Justice Antonin Scalia, is now dead. Who will replace him?

We The People can be silent no more. Each of us has a duty to defend individual rights and liberty, and since we belong to an organization that depends on the Second Amendment for our very existence, we need to be heard and to be informed about those that want to disarm us and make us wards of the state.

Why Carry a Gun?

The following was sent to me by one of our members. I don't know the author as it came without a url but it is thought provoking...

- My old Grandpa said to me, "Son, there comes a time in every man's life when he stops bustin' knuckles and starts bustin' caps and usually it's when he becomes too old to take a whoopin'."
- I don't carry a gun to kill people; I carry a gun to keep from being killed.
- I don't carry a gun because I'm evil; I carry a gun because I have lived long enough to see the evil in the world.
- I don't carry a gun because I hate the government; I carry a gun because I understand the limitations of government.

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- I don't carry a gun because I'm angry; I carry a gun so that I don't have to spend the rest of my life hating myself for failing to be prepared.
- I don't carry a gun because I want to shoot someone; I carry a gun because I want to die at a ripe old age in my bed and not on a sidewalk somewhere tomorrow afternoon.
- I don't carry a gun to make me feel like a man; I carry a gun because men know how to take care of themselves and the ones they love.
- I don't carry a gun because I feel inadequate; I carry a gun because unarmed and facing three armed thugs, I am inadequate.
- I don't carry a gun because I love it; I carry a gun because I love life and the people who make it meaningful to me.
- Police protection is an oxymoron: Free citizens must protect themselves because police do not protect you from crime; they just investigate the crime after it happens and then call someone in to clean up the mess.
- Personally, I carry a gun because I'm too young to die and too old to take a whoopin'!

A Little Gun History

PLEASE DON'T THINK FOR A MOMENT, THAT THIS COULD NOT HAPPEN IN OUR COUNTRY.

In 1929, the Soviet Union established gun control:

From 1929 to 1953, about 20 million dissidents, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated.

In 1911, Turkey established gun control:

From 1915 to 1917, 1.5 million Armenians, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated.

Germany established gun control in 1938:

From 1939 to 1945, a total of 13 million Jews and others who were unable to defend themselves were rounded up and exterminated.

China established gun control in 1935:

From 1948 to 1952, 20 million political dissidents, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated.

Guatemala established gun control in 1964:

From 1964 to 1981, 100,000 Mayan Indians, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated.

Uganda established gun control in 1970:

From 1971 to 1979, 300,000 Christians, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated.

Cambodia established gun control in 1956:

From 1975 to 1977, one million educated people, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated.

56 million defenseless people were rounded up and exterminated in the 20th Century because of gun control.

I have been asked about the Right to Keep and Bear Arms for October and November. Due to ORSA Board content the November issue is posted on the ORSA website. If you would like to get a copy of the October article I would be happy to send it to you if you so request.

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