



## Something to Think About From The Power Hour Radio Show

### Second Amendment

#### Did You Know...

**Did you know...** In 1982, Kennesaw, Georgia passed a law requiring heads of households to keep at least one firearm in the house. The residential burglary rate subsequently dropped 89% in Kennesaw, compared to just 10.4% drop in Georgia as a whole. Today, the violent crime rate in Kennesaw is still 85% lower than Georgia's or the national average.

**Did you know...** A recent study published in the Harvard Journal of Law & Public Policy concluded that there is a negative correlation between gun ownership and violent crime in countries internationally (more guns = less crime). Nations with strict gun control laws have substantially higher murder rates than those who do not in general. In fact, the 9 European nations with the lowest gun ownership rate have a combined murder rate 3x that of the 9 European nations with the highest gun ownership rate!

**Did you know...** Did you know... According to crime statistics from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), approx 67 thousand crimes a year are prevented by americans owning guns. Also, knives are consistently used to kill people far more often than rifles...about five times as many.

**Did you know...** According to a University of Hawaii study more than 262 million unarmed people were murdered by their governments in the 20th century more than all the wars in the world combined.

**Did you know...** Tyrants love gun control..."This year will go down in history! For the first time, a civilized nation has full gun registration! Our streets will be safer, our police more efficient, and the world will follow our lead into the future!" -Adolf Hitler

Baseless gun control laws don't keep guns out of the hands of criminals. Instead, those laws keep lawful, innocent Americans from being able to protect themselves from the very same criminals who regularly violate the nation's gun laws.

*"Guard with jealous attention the public liberty. Suspect everyone who approaches that jewel. Unfortunately, nothing will preserve it but downright force. Whenever you give up that force, you are ruined.... The great object is that every man be armed. Everyone who is able might have a gun."*

- Patrick Henry, Speech to the Virginia Ratifying Convention, June 5, 1778

In the spring of 1775 the shot heard round the world was fired on the green grass of Lexington Massachusetts. America was born. The issue, the singular issue which turned years of negotiation, pleadings, and suffering on the part of the colonists was this simple question.... would Americans accept the government taking their guns. The answer was clear. The events of Parkland, Florida have renewed the debate once again. Whether you realize it or not guns are about as American as Mom and apple pie. There would be no united States without heavily armed Americans.

The united States of America was and is unique among all the world. It is the first Nation of such influence since ancient Israel to reject the idea of a King. The colonists believed the Creator was the source of their rights. Man, even a King, could not take those rights away. The Declaration of Independence makes this fact law...

*We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. — That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men*



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If we are free under Heaven, sovereign by victory and responsible for our own lives then our own self-defense is a sacred principle defended by our Founding Fathers. The Supreme Court has already ruled Police are not responsible to keep you safe. Consistently upholding the decision in Warren Vs. The District of Columbia. If they are not responsible to keep you safe then who is? Free men should never be restricted owning arms.

"To disarm the people...[i]s the most effectual way to enslave them."

- George Mason, The Debates in the Several State Conventions on the Adoption of the Federal Constitution, June 14, 1788

Throughout history we have seen political leaders repeatedly push to disarm the citizens of their country. Unfortunately, we have also seen countless occurrences of those same governments slaughtering the defenseless nation once guns are removed from society. Adolph Hitler in Germany, Stalin in Russia, and Mao in China are obvious examples. Many tyrants have used any excuse to disarm those they sought to rule over...

"Necessity is the plea for every infringement of human freedom. It is the argument of tyrants; it is the creed of slaves."

- William Pitt (the Younger), Speech in the House of Commons, November 18, 1783

"A militia when properly formed are in fact the people themselves...and include, according to the past and general usage of the states, all men capable of bearing arms... "To preserve liberty, it is essential that the whole body of the people always possess arms, and be taught alike, especially when young, how to use them."

- Richard Henry Lee, Federal Farmer No. 18, January 25, 1788

Those who call for gun control rarely mention the great risk in disarming. The crimes committed with guns are a drop in the bucket compared to the lives and property saved by gun ownership. Instead of being afraid of guns Americans should embrace gun ownership. It is one of the surest ways to keep us free. During World War II Japan was planning an invasion of the American mainland. They finally were persuaded against it...Why, you might ask?

"...Because there would be a gun behind every blade of grass" - Isokuro Yamamoto, Japanese Marshal Admiral of the Navy

By America being so heavily armed they gun owners of this Nation literally stopped millions of people from being killed by a Japanese invasion.

The statistics and arguments for gun control just don't add up. America, if it is to be free, is to be armed and responsible. At one time learning proper gun safety and usage was an important rite of passage. Why can't it be so again? The bigger question is...If our Rights come from the Creator then what man can decide to take those rights away? The free exercise of our unalienable Rights is the great object of our Miraculous Republic. May it ever be so, in the name of God!

"The right of the citizens to keep and bear arms has justly been considered, as the palladium of the liberties of a republic; since it offers a strong moral check against the usurpation and arbitrary power of rulers; and will generally, even if these are successful in the first instance, enable the people to resist and triumph over them."

- Joseph Story, Commentaries on the Constitution of the United States, 1833

**The Bill of Rights is the supreme law of the land: A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.**

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