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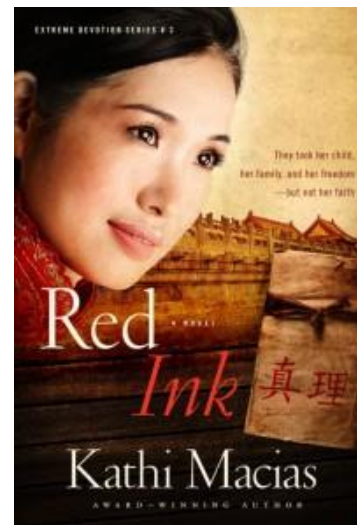
MYTH: Gun control is about safety and protecting innocent, precious children.

FACT: Gun control actually increases gov (government) control. It also empowers criminals. (To put it simply, in the guise of protection, gun control arms the "bad guys" and disarms the "good guys".)

In America today, guns are attracting a lot of attention in headlines and casual conversation. **At Unite the USA, we desire a calm, balanced discussion about why peace-loving citizens must support the Second Amendment.** This issue will be expounded upon in this issue of Unite the USA and arm you to defend the Second Amendment.

Today guns are blamed for violence but they are not the cause. In actuality, mental health and spiritual health need to dramatically improve in our country. It's not about guns. It's about misguided, sick souls who need God and true guidance, mental health treatment, solid family values, etc.

Book Giveaway Contest



In an effort to bring awareness about the persecuted church in Communist China, award winning author Kathi Macias has donated 5 copies of *Red Ink* to Unite the USA. This compelling book will prompt you to pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ who live in China. We're also

So why did the Founding Fathers include the Second Amendment? We'll let Thomas Jefferson's words answer the question: "When governments fear the people, there is liberty. When the people fear the government, there is tyranny. The strongest reason for the people to retain the right to keep and bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in government."

In essence, this means that citizens must hold the government accountable and citizens must be free to be responsible gun owners. **Today, there are millions of responsible gun owners in America.** Law-abiding gun owners understand the importance of having a solid education/understanding about safely operating, carrying, and storing guns. Gun safety must be a priority and remains an extremely important responsibility. Law-abiding gun owners take that very seriously.

Indeed, the Second Amendment was included in the Constitution as a way to protect citizens and ensure freedom. Former NRA president Sandy Froman said, "The Second Amendment was written so that individual Americans could protect their rights to life, liberty, and property against anyone who would seek to deprive them of those rights. When a single criminal attempts to deprive you of your individual rights by endangering your life or your well being or that of your family or children, you have the right, guaranteed by the Second Amendment, to defend yourself and your family."

Nazi Germany, Communist Russia, and other totalitarian governments used gun control as a big step to gain control of the people. Essentially, it makes it easy for the government to ruin and control lives. When the people are disarmed, it gives unlimited power to the government. Yes, our Founding Fathers knew what they were doing when they included the Second Amendment in the Constitution. The Second Amendment exists as a backbone in keeping our free society.

Gun control isn't about safety - it's about government power and loss of freedom. Currently, the Obama administration is pushing heavy gun control in the disguise that it will make our country safe and reduce violence. Reality: Conservatives do want safety and less violence, but realize that gun control is not the answer. **Instead of gun control, effective solutions to gun violence include fixing the mental health system, putting armed security in schools to protect children and teachers, and enforcing existing laws to punish criminals (few are currently being enforced).**

giving away Bibles with each copy of *Red Ink*. (Bibles are prized possessions in China.)

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Action Points



Without the Second Amendment, there would not be a Constitution. In other words, we wouldn't be free. Our Founding Fathers included the Second Amendment in the US Constitution as a way to protect freedom. Here are some great resources to better understand and protect our Second Amendment rights:

1. Wallbuilders has published a short book simply called *The Second Amendment* in which you can learn about why our Founding Fathers wisely

Gun control laws disarm law-abiding citizens and arm criminals. To put it simply, many places with tight gun control laws have high crime rates because the criminals know that the citizens can't defend themselves. Schools and other public places that are "gun free zones" are basically advertising to criminals that they are unarmed and easy targets. Everyone is safer when criminals don't know who is armed; that's one reason why gun control is so dangerous.

If you're a freedom-loving, flag-waving American patriot, you know the importance of the Second Amendment. The Second Amendment guarantees the First. **So never budge a second on the Second Amendment. Your freedom and safety rely on it. God bless law-abiding gun owners!**

God bless,
Carrie Stoelting and Stacie Stoelting
Founders of www.unitetheusa.org

2nd Amendment: *The right protecting all the others*

By Sandy Froman
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People are often surprised when I tell them that the National Rifle Association is a civil rights organization. It's true. The Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms is a civil right. And what's more, it's the right that protects all the others.

We've let the left hijack the term "civil rights," and it's time we fixed that. Your civil rights are your constitutional rights. That's what the term "civil rights" means. They are your rights as a citizen. All the rights you enjoy as an American, whether the express rights mentioned in the Bill of Rights, or the implied rights of the Ninth and 14th Amendments, are your civil rights. It's a term that belongs to each and every one of us, regardless of race or creed.

The NRA regularly brings lawsuits to protect free speech and other constitutional rights. But it is the NRA's defense of the Second Amendment that does the most to protect all of your liberties.

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2. [Sign up](#) today for email alerts from the NRA to receive timely and important political and legislative information. Stay up to speed on today's anti-gun issues so you can defend of your Second Amendment rights.

3. "Gun control" does not keep people safe or expand freedom; it does the opposite. Distinguish the facts from fiction of gun control by reading this three part series by Sandy Froman called [The History of Gun Control](#).

4. [Watch this video](#) of NRA's Wayne LaPierre explaining how to end gun violence.

5. The Heritage Foundation has an excellent guide to the U.S. Constitution -including the [Second Amendment](#).

About Sandy Froman



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The Second Amendment guarantees the individual right of every peaceable, law-abiding American to keep and bear arms. You have the right to have firearms for any lawful purpose, whether self-protection, recreation, competition, hunting or collecting. And this right extends to handguns as well as to long guns such as shotguns and rifles.

Most people understand this because current polls show that over 70 percent of Americans believe that the Second Amendment secures an individual right.

But many people don't know why the Constitution includes the right to bear arms. The reasons are not considered politically correct, and those on the left who dominate public education and the big media conglomerates don't want to talk about them.

There are many reasons the Founding Fathers wrote the Second Amendment, but the three most important ones are of vital concern to you, regardless of where you live, what you do or what your interests are. Let's start with the third reason and work up to the first and most important.

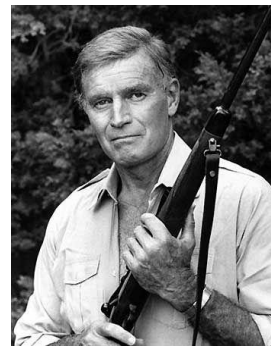
The third most important reason the framers of the Constitution wrote the Second Amendment is for safety against criminal elements. I respect and admire our law enforcement officers. They have a tough job to do, and most of the time they do it well. My late husband was a career police officer, so I know the sacrifice our good police officers make to protect all of us. But the reality is there are usually only two people present when a crime is committed: the criminal and the victim. You are almost never sitting next to a police officer when you're attacked, right? Criminals prey on people under circumstances that benefit the criminal, and they prefer a victim who is alone and unarmed.

The Second Amendment allows you to level the playing field against your would-be attacker. No matter your age or size or gender, or even your disability status, with a firearm at the ready you are a match for the biggest, meanest robber or rapist who might try to break in through your door or window. You need not fear for your safety, or the safety of your spouse or children, if you are proficient in the use of a firearm in the comfort of your home. And as for protection outside the home - well, I'll discuss that in a future column.

This is all the more true for people who live in the suburbs or rural areas, where it might take the police a long time to respond. Even in the city where response times tend to be quicker, a few minutes is an eternity when a thug is trying to break down your door. That was my experience years ago

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Featured Quote



"There's no such thing as a good gun. There's no such thing as a bad gun. A gun in the hands of a bad man is a very dangerous thing. A gun in the hands of a good person is no danger to anyone except the bad guys." -**Charlton Heston** (Former president and spokesman of the NRA)

Featured Founding Father

that led to my purchasing my first firearm, as I'll tell you in a future column.

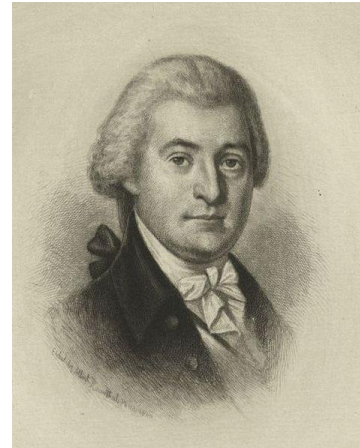
The second most important reason for the Second Amendment is national security. The Founding Fathers did not trust standing armies, meaning armies that are kept equipped during peacetime. In their experience, standing armies were often used by dictatorial rulers to keep the common people subjugated. The Founding Fathers were fearful as to what a future national government might do domestically with a powerful military, and therefore wanted our standing military to be small.

So their idea was that the people should all be armed. That way, if America was attacked by foreigners, the people would be able to defend themselves and our country while the government equipped and marshaled a professional army to fight the invaders. And if our armies should be defeated on the battlefield, every citizen could defend his family and his freedom against the invaders. If the invaders had to fight for every inch of ground against an armed citizenry, and people were desperately fighting for their lives and homes, the invaders would eventually lose the will to fight and retreat, and America would still be free.

And, finally, the single most important reason for the Second Amendment was as an insurance policy against our own government. I don't mean to sound alarmist, but that's the historical truth. I will write a column explaining more of these details. For now, suffice it to say that the Founding Fathers considered the greatest threat to liberty to be a national government that has acquired too much power. While America for more than two centuries has been the freest nation on earth, the Founding Fathers did not know what the future would hold. So, in keeping with the teachings of political philosophers such as John Locke, they decided that the people should all be armed. That, they claimed, was the ultimate insurance policy to keep the government in check and keep the people free.

These reasons are why the Second Amendment protects all of your rights. Whether freedom of religion, free speech, free press, free association, the right to protest the government, or our other rights, the Second Amendment allows you to protect those freedoms for yourselves and your loved ones.

The NRA is dedicated to protecting all of your rights under the Constitution. And by focusing on securing and advancing the Second Amendment, our mission is to make sure that your children and grandchildren enjoy the blessings of liberty, just as you and I do today.



William Blount (March 26, 1749 - March 21, 1800) was an American statesman, land speculator, and a signer of the US Constitution. As a member of the North Carolina delegation at the Constitutional Convention of 1787, he led efforts in North Carolina to ratify the Constitution in 1789. Later he served as the only governor of the Southwest Territory which gave him a leading role in helping the territory gain admission to the Union as the State of Tennessee. He was selected as one of Tennessee's first U.S. senators in 1796.

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Founding Fathers on Second Amendment Rights

"Before a standing army can rule, the people must be disarmed; as they are in almost every kingdom of Europe. The supreme power in America cannot enforce unjust laws by the sword; because the whole body of the people are armed, and constitute a force superior to any bands of regular troops that can be, on any pretense, raised in the United States." -**Noah Webster** (An Examination Into the Leading Principles of the Constitution (October 17, 1787).

"The Constitution shall never be construed to prevent the people of the United States who are peaceable citizens from keeping their own arms." -**Samuel Adams**

"To disarm the people is the most effectual way to enslave them." -**George Mason** (June 14, 1788)

"[T]he advantage of being armed [is an advantage which] the Americans possess over the people of almost every other nation. . . . [I]n the several kingdoms of Europe . . . the governments are afraid to trust the people with arms."
-**James Madison**, U.S. President, Signer of the Constitution, a Framers of the Second Amendment in the first congress

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