

POINTS TO CONSIDER DURING DISCUSSIONS OF THE SECOND AMENDMENT

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“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.”

WEAPON OF CHOICE CIRCA 1791, WHEN THE SECOND AMENDMENT WAS
SIGNED INTO LAW:

PENNSYLVANIA LONG RIFLE (SEVERAL VARIANTS OVER THE YEARS)



CALIBER: ± .50

EFFECTIVE RANGE: 300-600 FEET, DEPENDING ON SHOOTER'S SKILL

MUZZLE VELOCITY: ± 1250 FEET PER SECOND

RATE OF FIRE: 1-2 ROUNDS PER MINUTE, DEPENDING ON SHOOTER'S SKILL

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WEAPON OF CHOICE NOW:

AK47-TYPE ASSAULT RIFLE (SEVERAL VARIANT MODELS)



CALIBER: 7.62 MM

EFFECTIVE RANGE: 400 METERS (1312 FEET)

MUZZLE VELOCITY: APPROXIMATELY 2346 FEET PER SECOND

**MAXIMUM RATE OF FIRE: 600 ROUNDS PER MINUTE UNLESS WEAPON JAMS
ENEMIES FROM WHOM US CITIZENS FEARED ATTACKS IN 1791:**



Marauding Grizzly Bears



Marauding Native Americans

Marauding "3/5 Persons" Wielding Hoes, Teapots, and Manacles ...

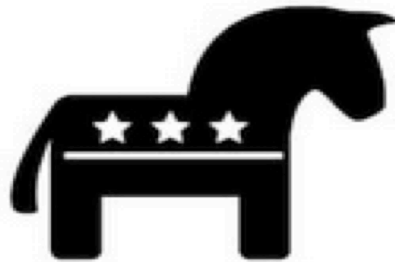


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ENEMIES FROM WHOM US CITIZENS FEAR ATTACKS NOWADAYS:



Marauding
School
Children



Marauding Democrats that Vote

Also immigrants, women, and those with different religious affiliations, among others.

POINT OF FACT: THERE ARE AND ALWAYS HAVE BEEN RESTRICTIONS ON CIVILIAN USE AND OWNERSHIP OF SOME TYPES OF FIREARMS.

1860s-1870s: JAMES BUTLER “WILD BILL” HICKOK

As town marshal, first of Hayes and then of Abilene, Kansas, Hickok made a general practice of confiscating firearms from those coming to town for rest and recreation (chiefly gambling, whiskey, and women). He even required Texas gunman John Wesley Harding to hand over his guns, an order with which Harding willingly complied.



LONG-RANGE ARTILLERY

Artillery pieces have long been reserved for use by US military forces, for obvious reasons. War is not and must never become a recreational sport.



FULLY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS

Such weapons are very deadly and have been useful on battlefields in many wars. They have no place in civilian life.

OTHER HEAVILY ARMED DEVICES

Bazookas, tanks, armed vehicles of any kind, anti-aircraft guns, and armed aircraft have also been restricted to military use—again, for obvious reasons.



LET'S HAVE A SERIOUS DISCUSSION ABOUT PROTECTING INNOCENT PEOPLE FROM GUN VIOLENCE.

DO SPORTSMEN REALLY NEED MILITARY-STYLE ASSAULT WEAPONS TO PURSUE A HOBBY CONCERNED WITH PERFECTING MARKSMANSHIP OR HUNTING GAME SUCH AS DEER AND GAME BIRDS?

COULD THE "SLOPE" ACTUALLY BE "SLIPPERY" IN A DIRECTION OPPOSITE TO WHAT ONE OFTEN HEARS?

LET'S COMPROMISE. HERE ARE SOME GUNS THAT "WON THE WEST":



YES, PEOPLE PULL TRIGGERS, BUT THEY NEEDN'T PULL THE TRIGGERS OF WEAPONS SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED TO KILL AS MANY PEOPLE AS FAST AS THEY POSSIBLY CAN.

ONLY A TINY FRACTION OF THE CLINICALLY INSANE ARE VIOLENT.

MOST OF THOSE WHO KILL FOR NO GOOD REASON ARE SIMPLY ANGRY—AT NOT GETTING RESPECT OR NOT GETTING THEIR "FAIR SHARE," WHILE UNDESERVING OTHERS SEEM TO BE DOING FINE.

THERE EXISTS NO RIGHT THAT ALLOWS THE MASSACRE OF THE INNOCENT. WE MUST NOT BECOME A SELF-DESTROYING SPECIES.

ANYHOW, IT'S MORE FUN TO BE JOHN WAYNE THAN "THE TERMINATOR." TRY AN OLD-FASHIONED WEAPON INSTEAD.

THE LIFE YOU SAVE COULD BE THAT OF YOUR OWN CHILD.