

## WHY NOT JUST ABOLISH THE 2<sup>nd</sup> AMENDMENT?

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With so many madmen today using guns to commit murder, *why* don't we just abolish the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment? Wouldn't that solve the problem of murder for once and for all? Just think how much safer everyone would be if the government would just outlaw guns and confiscate everyone's weapons. America would become a near utopia society, right? Violent crime would become a thing of the past! Just think, no more mass shootings at schools, no more mass shootings at churches, and no more murders in the city of Chicago where 762 people were murdered in 2016 alone. Wow, wouldn't that be wonderful! Or would it?

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment of the Constitution of the USA states that "...the *right* of the people to keep and bear *arms*, shall *not* be infringed."

Our founding fathers wrote this amendment to the Constitution (as one of 10 amendments contained in the Bill of Rights) in 1791. And the *main reason* they wrote this amendment was so that the citizens of the United States would be able to *protect* themselves in case an authoritarian government ever came into power. Not only would we be able to protect ourselves from an oppressive government, but even more importantly, a well-armed citizenry would act as a *deterrent* from such a government ever forming in the first place.

Just imagine how much *easier* it would be for a tyrant to rise to power in America if guns were confiscated. But if American citizens are armed to the teeth this scenario is much harder to imagine. And that is the main purpose of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment — to protect America's citizens from tyrants and oppressors who would abolish the Constitution and take away our rights and the freedoms afforded to us in the Bill of Rights.

But, not only would abolishing the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment make it much easier for a totalitarian government to take over, but it would also be the start of the abolishment of our entire Constitution. Because once you abolish one Amendment, it's just a matter of time before another Right (such as the right to freedom of speech) falls by the wayside, and then another (such as the freedom of the press), and then another (such as freedom of religion). And before you know it we would not be any better off than North Korea or any other oppressive government among us today.

No, our founding fathers knew what they were doing when they wrote the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment. And if you think otherwise, then quite frankly, you are being naïve.

But, even though abolishing the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment might make it much easier for an oppressive government to take over, wouldn't it be worth the risk? I mean, just think of all the lives that would be saved today if everyone's guns were confiscated. Wouldn't saving lives be worth the risk? No way! First of all, even IF some lives were saved today because of the outlawing of guns, would that be worth the risk of a Stalin, or a Mao Tse Tung, or a Hitler rising to power? During

the 20<sup>th</sup> century alone 169 million people were savagely slaughtered at the hands of murderous regimes. Do you honestly think we should abolish the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment and thus risk America becoming a tyranny?

[ <https://www.hawaii.edu/powerkills/NOTE1.HTM> ]

Also, would the outlawing of guns *really* save lives? Or, would it just prevent law abiding citizens from owning guns? Would criminals really hand in their guns? And would criminals really be prevented from buying guns in the black market? I think you know the answers to these questions.

Just look around us. How about Mexico? Mexico has extremely strict gun control laws and yet Mexico is one of the most dangerous, violent, and deadliest places on earth. So where do all of these criminals in Mexico get their guns from? From the black market, of course. And that is precisely what would happen to America if we ever outlawed guns. The only problem is, it would be all of the *criminals* who would possess guns, making all of the law-abiding citizens helpless when confronted with a gun-wielding thug.

Which brings me to my next point. Violent crimes would actually go up (not down) if the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment were abolished. This would occur (like I stated in the previous paragraph) because criminals would no longer be deterred from committing a violent crime against law-abiding citizens. Law-abiding citizens would be at the mercy of these thugs. It is estimated that there are as many as 4.7 million incidents per year of Americans defending themselves with guns against criminals.

[[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Defensive\\_gun\\_use](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Defensive_gun_use) ]

As a result, criminals would absolutely love if guns were outlawed in America. They would be exuberant! They would have a field day! Just look at this jaw-dropping statistic: 80% of all gun crimes that are committed today are committed with ILLEGAL guns!

[[https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/wonk/wp/2016/07/27/new-evidence-confirms-what-gun-rights-advocates-have-been-saying-for-a-long-time-about-crime/?utm\\_term=.a64e148dab3d](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/wonk/wp/2016/07/27/new-evidence-confirms-what-gun-rights-advocates-have-been-saying-for-a-long-time-about-crime/?utm_term=.a64e148dab3d)]

So, if guns were banned in America, would criminals turn in all their guns and stop committing crimes? Of course not! Only a fool would think otherwise.

And if the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment were abolished in America, would mass shootings in schools and churches come to a screeching halt? Of course not! Only a fool would think otherwise.

And if guns were outlawed in Chicago (by far America's deadliest city), would gun murders be a thing of the past? Of course not! Only a fool would think otherwise. Besides that, guns are *already* outlawed in Chicago! And yet Chicago is practically a war zone!

[Goggle search, asking: When did gun control start in Chicago? “All residents who purchased and registered their handguns prior to January 1982 were allowed to keep their weapons. Chicago became the first major city to enact a handgun freeze in United States history.”]

I could go on and on and on. Okay, I guess I will. Just look at some of our other laws. For instance, we have laws outlawing illegal drugs. And yet how is that working out? It’s a disaster! There are more illegal drugs in America than ever before, and rising faster than ever.

[<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2017/06/05/upshot/opioid-epidemic-drug-overdose-deaths-are-rising-faster-than-ever.html>]

No, outlawing drugs doesn’t work. So why in the world do we think that outlawing guns will work? Just fanciful thinking, and nothing more. Plus, would banning guns stop people from using knives, bombs, cars, trucks, etc. from murdering people? Of course not. On the contrary, they would probably increase!

So, what is the solution to America’s drug problem? To America’s violence problem? To America’s illicit sex & pornography problem (and all of the other problems that plague America)?

There is only one solution to America’s problems. And that is a return to our Creator.

We must return to the God who formed us, to the God who loves us and cares for us, to the God who is deeply concerned with us and only want’s what is best for each and every one of us. We must return to the God of the Bible, to the God who gave us this magnificent land to enjoy and prosper. We must return to the God who guided us in becoming the greatest nation on earth. We must return to our loving heavenly Father in deep & sorrowful & heartfelt repentance for all of our evils (both individually and collectively as a nation).

And if we do — if we genuinely return to our Creator — He will listen and heal our great nation. But if we are ever to be saved as a nation, *we must act soon* (as time is quickly running out). Otherwise, we will continue to go down and down and down, until someday we are *destroyed*.

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