

GUN CONTROL

The Constitution guarantees all U.S. citizens the right to gun ownership. Congress has exempted some people from gun ownership for reasons such as criminal behavior, psychological disorders, and age. These reasons, I believe, are legitimate and benefit society. However, Congress has attempted to restrict gun ownership and ammunition ownership beyond what is safe for the community. It is these restrictions that most people object to.

The Constitution guarantees the right for gun ownership for several reasons. The main reason I believe this right exists is to keep our government from taking illegal actions against its' citizens. We can see throughout history how politicians have used the military to maintain control over unarmed citizens. The takeover of the Panama Canal is but one example. Their leader gained control over the military and then seized control over the unarmed citizens. Hitler also used gun laws to restrict ownership of firearms to the German people as well. The gun laws passed by Congress in 1968 mirror the same laws of Germany. Self-defense is another reason we have this right. One only need to watch how some deranged or drugged criminal has to be subdued by multiple police to understand how little protection we have against an attacker without the aid of a firearm.

Some people believe that the police can protect the public. However, when you consider how outnumbered the police actually are, this is not likely to occur. Guns do not kill people. People kill people. Whether the weapon is a gun, knife, screwdriver or an automobile, the result is still the same.

We should punish the criminal, not the weapon that he or she uses to commit the crime.

