

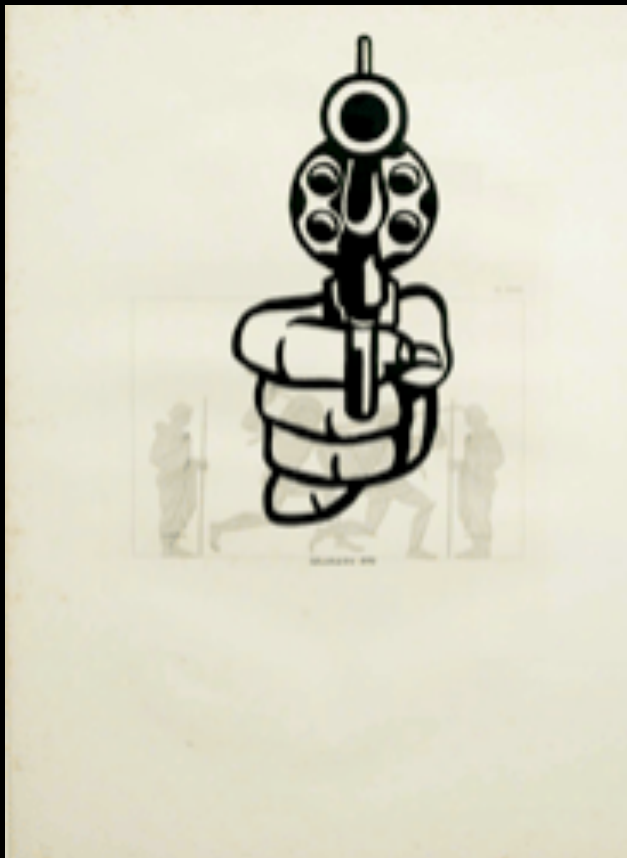
# *Arguments for Gun Control*

- Ease of killing
- Public interest in keeping guns away from criminals & mentally ill
- School and workplace shootings
- Irresponsibility
  - Accidents
  - Stolen weapons

# *Arguments for Gun Control*

- The Constitution is an antiquated document
- The Constitution is a “living” document
- No need for a gun except hunting and target shooting today
- Substance abuse related killings
- Crimes of passion - temptation
- People simply cannot be trusted with deadly weapons!

# *The Second Amendment*



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.

# *The Oregon Constitution*



Oregon Constitution Article I, Section 27

The people shall have the right to bear arms for the defense of themselves, and the State, but the Military shall be kept in strict subordination to the civil power.

# *The Meaning of the “Militia” Clause*

- Determined by textual analysis
  - Giving one reason doesn’t exclude the existence of others
- Determined by historical background
  - English Common Law
  - Fear of a standing army
  - Distrust of the power of government

## *Jefferson's "Commonplace Book,"*

*1774-1776*

Laws that forbid the carrying of arms... disarm only those who are neither inclined nor determined to commit crimes... Such laws make things worse for the assaulted and better for the assailants; they serve rather to encourage than to prevent homicides, for an unarmed man may be attacked with greater confidence than an armed man.

*James Madison,  
The Federalist Papers, No. 46*

The Constitution preserves the advantage of being armed which Americans possess over the people of almost every other nation...(where) the governments are afraid to trust the people with arms.

*Albert Gallatin, Letter to  
Alexander Addison, Oct 7, 1789*

The whole of that Bill [of Rights] is a declaration of the right of the people at large or considered as individuals...[I]t establishes some rights of the individual as unalienable and which consequently, no majority has a right to deprive them of.



*Benjamin Franklin, Historical  
Review of Pennsylvania, 1759*

They that can give up essential liberty to  
obtain a little temporary safety deserve  
neither liberty nor safety.

# *Arguments Against Gun Control*

- The natural right to self defense
- The Constitution
- The deterrent effect
- First responders
- Criminals will gets guns anyway
- “When guns are outlawed, only outlaws have guns.”

# *Arguments Against Gun Control*

- Accidents: The swimming pool analogy
- U.S. is culturally and demographically different than Europe
- Assault weapons are usually cosmetically scary looking simple semi-automatic weapons
- Elites can afford to live in good neighborhoods with body guards and armed security. Security politicians, rich people – shouldn't the 99% have the same right to protection?