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I support gun laws that promote safety for all parties, including innocents. However, the legal age to possess a firearm must be at least 21. Why do I think 21 should be the minimum age? In recent years, scientists and psychologists released statements about brain maturation. Some sources suggest the age is 25 (1).

If brain maturity is not enough, look at the statutes for buying alcohol (2) and cigarettes (3) in the United States. That age is 21.

How can we allow anyone under 21 to possess a firearm when they cannot buy alcohol or cigarettes until they are 21? Allowing anyone under 21 to possess a firearm is illogical when comparing alcohol and tobacco laws. Therefore, since it is highly unlikely that the age would be raised to 25, it must align with alcohol and tobacco laws.

1- <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3621648/>

2- <https://alcohol.org/laws/regulating-bodies/>

3 - <https://www.cdc.gov/statesystem/factsheets/mlsa/Minimum-Legal-Sales-Age.html>

Sincerely,
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