

Gun ownership is a constitutionally protected right. The Second Amendment to the US Constitution states, “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.” In 2008, the Supreme Court reaffirmed Americans’ right to own guns — unrelated to military service. Gun rights advocates maintain that regulations that make it harder to possess guns lawfully are unconstitutional.

Gun control laws have historically shown to have little to no effect on the reduction of gun violence. This is because law abiding citizens don’t commit gun violence, while criminals don’t care whether their actions are legal or not.

Gun control simply ties the hands and punishes law abiding citizens while infringing on their Second Amendment rights.

At 18 years of age our youth become adults. They are allowed to vote, marry and serve and defend our country by taking up arms. It is completely ridiculous to withhold the privilege of gun ownership from an adult that can pass the required background checks already in place. Both of my daughter’s have left home and married before reaching the age of 21. I want to know that they and their husbands can have the means to defend themselves and their families.