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Eighteen-year-olds should have the right to own firearms because they are legally considered adults, capable of voting, serving in the military, and entering binding contracts. If they can defend their country with weapons in the armed forces, they should also be trusted to responsibly exercise their Second Amendment rights at home. Maturity varies individually, but age-based restrictions should align with other adult responsibilities, not delays. Data shows most gun violence is tied to socioeconomic factors, not legal ownership.