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The Second Amendment to the Constitution, a protection of the ownership of firearms, has become the source of heated controversy in recent years. Learn about the Founders' views on this important freedom and their solutions for averting the plague of violence that has disrupted communications.

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Jonathan Garner says

I had read David Barton's 'Original Intent' sometime ago, and thoroughly enjoyed it. I had picked this up because the arguments for/against 'gun rights' seemingly get lost on the argument of the 'gun' without delving into what the 2nd Amendment really encapsulates.

It is the logical extension of our Declaration of Independence's - "Life, Liberty & pursuit of happiness. For, if you are unable to protect your life and liberty, how then are you to pursue happiness?

This is what you will realize more from this quick read.

In retrospect, this is more of a pamphlet in the spirit of Thomas Paine.

You will not come across a better researcher than David Barton. His writing style - barrage after barrage of quotes, commentaries and discussions - is quick and concise. Non-lawyers beware, I enjoy it for it is less on editorializing than it is submitting an irrefutable position based upon the underlying barrages.

Enjoy!

Suzanne says

Explains the true meaning of the 2nd A

Jim says

This small pocket guide by David Barton is one of the best defenses of the Second Amendment you can get your hands on. Drawing from legal commentaries of both the colonies and the early Republic, to the views of the Founding Fathers, and from early legislative acts and from various state constitutions, Barton shows that the Second Amendment was designed for self-protection of the individual citizen, and that bearing arms is not for "hunting" or "just for the police and military" as those on the left like to claim.

Jean Salvas says

This little booklet should be a must read for those who love God and Country. The 2nd Amendment is more than just owning a gun. It goes deeper than that. It is about personal responsibility, and knowing when and

what you are fighting for. It is about self defense, and protecting those whom you love. We have a God given right and command, which is backed up by the Constitution to protect and defend our families, our towns and our Country. When God is taken out of the equation then nothing will stand strong for long. But when you have God and a Country that respects the rights of man, then nothing will destroy it. Look at our own history and Israels history, and you should feel a sense of pride that will warm your Spirit. For those who hate guns and those who choose not to have them, you should read this booklet as well. If you can open your mind to the things that appeal to you then I challenge you to read this booklet and try to understand its concept. PATRIOTISM IS NOT SOMETHING TO BE ASHAMED OF BUT TO BE CHERISHED.

Meg says

A good collection of primary sources but the conclusions were in the end not supported by evidence. He drew conclusions that didn't seem to tie to anything prior. At the end his main arguments are 1. People deserve guns, 2. guns = liberty, 3. The government has no right to diminish our liberty, 4. The courts should not be affecting laws (no judicial review) so all court-based gun decisions are unconstitutional, 5. We shouldn't be making laws about guns anyway because laws don't prevent violence, only religion and good gun training for young people decreases violence. Ummmm.....what? I don't agree with 4 or 5 so he sort of lost me.

Lisa says

I don't understand why people can't seem to understand the Constitution, unless they choose not to. This should be required reading in school! But it never will be, so get this small book into the hands of your family. David Barton is a wonderful instructor!

Jeff says

Per David Barton, "Four sources of information will be examined to determine the answer: (1) America's earliest legal documents, (2) the writings of the founding fathers, (3) early State laws and (4) State Constitutions."

The Second Amendment means what it says. The Founding Fathers (Washington, Jefferson, Adams, Madison, George Mason, etc.) all believe it is a natural right all peaceful persons have the right to own a firearm. Furthermore, no government ever has the right to remove this right from its citizens.

History does not lie! Amazing book!

Margie says

This book has great quotes regarding how the Framers of the Constitution actually thought (without the inaccurate socialist-progressive slant). The Framers clearly understood that the right to keep and bear arms was an individual right of a person to defend themselves from an overstepping government or intruder alike.

Albert S. says

A Most Concise Introduction to the Subject of Gun Rights with Conclusive Effect

After reading this exceptionally well-written survey, no one should dare claim that the government can or ought to regulate gun rights. No one in good conscience or their right mind could refute the wisdom that undergirds the Second Amendment, nor advocate gun control, once they understand the history behind the Second Amendment. This is a brilliant piece of scholarship, yet highly readable and is a must-read for all citizens, especially young people.

Ger says

David hits it out of the park again by destroying the liberal argument that the second amendment was never intended to be an individual right. Clearly the founding fathers expected (and sometimes demanded) that American citizens would be armed to protect themselves, their families, their property and their liberty. The evidence is massive and compelling. Over 40% of the book is footnotes. Anyone who doesn't believe law abiding citizens have the right to self protection is either ignorant or lying.

Brandon Benson says

In their own words

What I've always known but now know why. Why is there 2A? Was it as important to the Founders as what is claimed? A quick read loaded with direct sources provides the answers.

Martin says

With all the debates and madness going on surrounding the 2nd Amendment, I felt it imperative to school myself with the basics, specifically the questions I had about its invention and intention. The book elucidates the points of view of the framers, what a militia exactly is, what they're foresighted solutions are, and what they thought about future amendments to the concept. Others need to enlighten themselves as well, so that when we watch talk shows where people lose their minds on each other over this, you can more easily know who is right, wrong, or a lot or a little of both. Now that I'm primed with this information, I'll continue reading on the subject.

Martha says

I would like this in the Kindle Edition, which is available.

John F. says

Me. Barton does a great job explaining the 2nd Amendment.

Sandy Shin says

Take my advice, peek in, pick a statement, then go on line and find out the true facts and spend your time reading honest source material.

Don't give this author any shelf room
