Subject: Re: Gun control

Posted by Nukelt15 on Fri, 27 Jun 2008 21:53:33 GMT

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Actually, I'm still trying to process this line:

Quote: The Constitution is not a rule book, it is merely a guide line.

Have you ever had one of those moments when something gives you such a colossal mind-fuck that your entire train of thought derails and then explodes? I just had one. I can't bring myself to respond to anything else; it has become the only thing worth talking about in this thread.

This is the United States of America. The Constitution isn't just a rule book, you ignorant fool, it is the highest law in the land. Amendments may be added or repealed (while we're on that, the Bill of Rights is an exception- it is a necessary part of the document and to be messed with at our peril), but the basic document itself may only be altered or replaced by an overwhelming majority vote. We're talking change on such a massive scale that it has only been affected twice in the entire history of our nation- the Articles of Confederation were brought into effect following the Revolution, and only a few years later the Constitution was laid down. That's it; never since. The Constitution has not been altered since 1787. Changing that document at this point in time would be exactly the same thing as dissolving the USA and founding a whole new fucking nation. The Constitution is America. One does not exist without the other.

Just for your information, since you seem to be so ill-informed: the validity of every single law in this country is determined based on whether or not it is permitted by the Constitution. Every single one from the lowliest parking ordinance to who is allowed to vote. The Supreme Court was established for the sole purpose of interpreting the Constitution to determine which laws are valid and which are not, and any law may be challenged and struck down if the Court finds it un-Constitutional. Whether a law may be justified by the Constitution isn't just relevant to the issue, it is an absolutely essential detail. It is the issue. The Constitution is and has been the driving force behind emancipation, desegregation, womens' suffrage, age of consent, firearms legislation, and every other significant social or legal issue in this country for the past two and a half centuries... not to mention the Civil War.

And here's the clincher: Law as laid down in the Constitution exists not to regulate and restrict the People, but to restrict the government. In point of fact, the only part of the entire Constitution which acts against the people rather than against the government is Amendment #18- which was repealed as un-Constitutional by Amendment #21. The very first words in the Constitution are "We The People." Not "We the Congress," not "We the Supreme Court Justices," not "We the States," and certainly not "We the Executives." I suggest you find a copy and read it some time; you obviously understand neither its purpose nor its content. Here's a link to get you started- if you've got the courage to change your mind.

The Constitution is the ultimate Law in the United States of America. It is always relevant, it should always be taken seriously, and it is the will of the People.