Subject: OT: Political IQ Test
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Quote:Ahh, the second amendment? That's just an ancient amendment made way back when the country was very, very different, and America was still a fledgling country and was still under threat from invasion. Nowadays, the only reason anyone needs a gun in their home is for hunting, there is very little reason to have a gun in one's home for personal defence. You're about 30 times more likely to shoot a family member than a robber. Although, one of the big reasons I don't like the NRA [they definitly sponsor the second amendment] is because they are so crooked when they come to politics. They bribe people left and right to keep the second amendment alive.

Sorry to make this so blatantly obvious, but it's in the fucking BILL OF RIGHTS. If you can take that out, you can alter any of the first 10, something which has not been done for 200+ years, and should never be done. Anything that's in the Bill of Rights is one of the ideas that the USA was founded on; those ten amendments are separated from the rest for a good reason: they weren't meant to be changed. Some argue that the National Guard is the militia mentioned in the second amendment, but a militia is a civil force not under governmental control, and the National Guard can be federalized by the president. The entire purpose of that amendment was to allow the average citizen to keep a weapon in their home in case things got out of hand, so they could organize with other armed citizens.

And about the space program- at least Bush is giving attention to it. Clinton, as I said before, cancelled the Shuttle replacement. Bush's new programs, if their aim is the moon, will get us a new spacecraft at least, something which is sorely needed after two deadly failures of the current design. Even if it doesn't push all the way to the moon, we can at least work on getting in and out of orbit without killing our crews. All that aside, If you're looking for a hubble replacement, there's no better place than the moon- an orbit which will never decay, one side always facing away from the Earth, and the possibility of storing spare components on site(which means fewer trips to fix it). A moon base would provide a safer launch point for probes going to Mars and other parts of the Solar System, with no risk of bad weather to impede launches. Materials could be ferried up and probes could be assembled in sterile environments at the launch site. Neither of those would require a human to ever set foot in space. Sounds idealistic, but it's possible with today's technology.

Bush is the only one pushing for those two issues, and the only one who openly says he will not abandon the war on terror. Clark is probably the safest bet for a middle-fo-the-road candidate-he would probably see the war in Iraq through, and being a former general would know a few things more than Bush about what to do there- but he's made himself too ambiguous to be worth the risk. Dean would abandon Iraq and Afghanistan entirely, which would absolutely ruin the US' credibility(as if it weren't bad enough already). Kerry is rather aggressive in his campaigning, which probably means he would be somewhat of an extreme left president(that's all well and good for the democratic primaries, but no republican would ever vote for him).