

Why Guns aren't banned in the US

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With the recent shootings at Virginia Tech, the issue of gun control in the United States has naturally resurfaced. In the United States any individual over the age of 18 has the right to bear arms and buying a gun legally is hassle-free. There are over 200,000,000 legally registered guns in the country, that's more than the number of adults in the entire nation. The Second Amendment to the Constitution gives the right to American citizens to bear arms and as we see many do. Most civilians claim that they own firearms for personal safety and I guess that could be a valid point but the thing is since it is so easy to buy a gun, and the guy at the department store selling a rifle really couldn't care less whether you're lying about buying a gun to kill human beings by saying it's for your own protection. He just wants to get commission from selling the gun.

So there's your basic information for why guns are allowed in the United States but then if so many people are complaining and rightfully so if I say so myself, why haven't gun control laws changed? The politicians and the government tell us it's because we would have to change the Constitution and that that would be wrong, but we have to take this argument with a pinch of salt and realize that every government on Earth is in at least some way corrupt, with the US government definitely not an exception to that rule. The US government is a democracy and has many politicians in every state making and editing laws. There have been numerous alterations to the US Constitution in the past and changing a gun control clause is very possible. And this is where my opinion comes in. Who are these politicians running our government? Most of them are businessmen. Many businessmen (and women) go into politics in some point of their life because it gives them the power to make life better for themselves and their respective companies/business sectors. Let's take a very appropriate example of a politician who owns a firearm factory. Somehow this person gets into government and has a high enough position to have some influence on which laws get passed and which ones get rejected. Now say for example there is a new bill vowing for banning guns in the state that the politician has jurisdictional power over. This politician is going to make damn sure that this bill never gets passed by any means. If it does get passed, then his company is out of business, and he becomes that much less of an entrepreneur. Not to mention the fact that he becomes poorer; and we all know he doesn't want that, it's the reason he became a politician in the first place. The world revolves around money, and greed brings corruption. When corruption enters the political world, it's like a metal rod being stuck into gears. The smooth operation of government is stopped and instead corruption rules.

And that ladies and gentlemen is why guns aren't banned in the United States and why we have so many unnecessary deaths like the massacre at Virginia Tech. Our government is run by politicians who are more like businessmen than the former. They make laws that suit themselves, not ones that make the world a better place. Of course this assumption can't be applied to everyone in government, there are exceptions and there are people in government who are honest and truly are trying to improve the nation. But the ones who don't are the reason shit happens in the world and the sad thing is that this is not going to change anytime soon.