

MEDIA PRESENTATION
Gun Control and the Second Amendment

“A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.”

-Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution

- I. Discuss the reasons people own guns with the class.
- II. In the video, Gun Control and the Second Amendment, you were introduced to two people and their stories.
 - A. Natisha Campbell is a teenager who lost a close friend to gun violence. She believes that the number of senseless and tragic deaths that occur would not happen if strict gun control laws were enacted.
 - B. Amy Fleming lives in constant fear of her abusive and violent ex-husband. She believes she has the right to own a handgun to protect herself and her son from her ex-husband.
- III. There is a bill in Congress to severely restrict the ability to own a handgun.
 - A. You are staff members for Senator Salute, a member of the National Rifle Association, who does not believe in gun control. Natisha Campbell has written the Senator a letter urging him to vote for the bill. The Senator has promised to “stick to his guns” and vote against the bill. However, he has promised to personally speak with Natisha and explain his decision. List the main points the Senator would discuss with Natisha.
 - B. You are staff members for Senator Peace, a member of Handgun Control, Inc., who believes that unless all guns are banned, rampant violence will continue. Amy Fleming has written the Senator a letter urging him to vote against the bill. The Senator has promised to promote peace and vote for the bill. However, he has promised to speak personally with Amy to explain his decision. List the main points the Senator would discuss with Amy.
 - C. You are staff members for Senator Middleton. She sees the value in the positions of both the NRA and HCI and feels that a workable compromise can be reached that will satisfy some of the concerns of both Natisha and Amy. Natisha and Amy have written the Senator asking her to vote in their favor. Instead, the Senator has decided to introduce a compromise bill to address both extremes. She has promised to speak personally with both Natisha and Amy regarding her new bill. List the main points of the Senator’s bill and how she would explain it to Natisha and Amy.