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US Constitution and Gun Possession

The topic of guns in the United States is becoming a hot issue among both critics and supporters. People who do not own guns cannot find a reasonable explanation for such a possession. On the contrary, the gun owners provide numerous reasons for buying it to justify their decision. The most popular purposes are personal safety, self-defense, political officialdom, and, last but not the least, because the constitution of the United States allows people to own guns. However, this is a very serious decision that requires appropriate consideration and evaluation because the right to own a gun comes with many responsibilities. The purpose of this paper is to discuss the major reasons for the possession of guns.

The most common reason is personal safety in case a person falls victim to an attack or any other dangerous incident that may harm their health and life (Swift). For example, a woman can avoid sexual assault and defend herself with a gun in critical situations. Some citizens apply for a gun permit in order to protect their homes and families from criminal attacks which are becoming more and more common in the USA. In some cases, it might be too late for the police to arrive and protect people and arrest a criminal. Obviously, even those who have never experienced such situations prefer to possess weapons, as they constantly learn about these threats in mass media. Another reason for the gun possession is hunting which is a popular hobby in different states of the country (Swift). Undoubtedly, this activity is strictly controlled and limited to avoid safety issues and animal extinction.

Lastly, the gun possession is legal in the USA which makes this possibility even more attractive for some citizens (Swift). This right is enshrined in the Second Amendment of the US constitution. Although it is permitted, each person must understand legal liabilities they must accept in order to be able to own a gun.

In conclusion, there are various reasons for the gun possession in the USA. However, it is crucial to control any activity related to weapons and make sure gun owners understand the seriousness of this issue and their personal responsibility.

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