# WHY DO PEOPLE WANT GUNS?

# Because...

#### Reason No. 1

People want to maintain their inherent right to liberty.\* Freedom requires it.

## Reason No. 2

A free state requires an armed population to secure it from tyranny from within and invasion from without.\*\* It would be unconstitutional to be otherwise.†

#### Reason No. 3

Servitude is the consequence and the punishment of a disarmed nation. † †

#### Reason No. 4

Rioters and criminals in general are as much a threat to the personal safety of the lawabiding people as they are to the safety of the police.

## Reason No. 5

The police, having already admitted that they can not protect the people, may need to call upon law-abiding members of their community, who should be proficient in the proper use of firearms, to give assistance in emergency situations.

### Reason No. 6

The people-at-large *know* that they are the *reserve militia* of the United States, and because Article 1, Section 8 (16) of the United States Constitution authorizes the Congress to draw upon their ranks in order to increase the size of the army for purposes of insuring the safety of the United States in times of danger, the people need to be previously prepared in the proficient use of firearms when called to duty.

### Reason No. 7

Firearms are the people's palladium of authority over public officials who have taken an *oath* of office to support and defend the Constitution.

#### Reason No. 8

The people intend to preserve their firearms palladium, the Second Amendment in the Bill of Rights, which is the "keystone" amendment, a guardian, that backstops the other nine amendments; all nine of which, for their own existence, *depend completely* upon the continued existence of the Second Amendment.

# Reason No. 9

The people need firearms in order to protect themselves against the injustice and the abuse of public officials who wrongfully opt to punish innocent people for crimes committed by criminals who use guns for ill-purposes.

### Reason No. 10

History has proven that the *only way* in which people can maintain their essential, natural, and inherent rights is to reserve to themselves a time-proven form of force. † †

<sup>\*</sup> Liberty is a state of being, free from restraint in the exercise of natural rights, which at all times is supported by force to sustain it.

<sup>\*\*</sup> The strongest reason for the people to maintain the right to keep and bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in government." ... Thomas Jefferson

<sup>†</sup> The right to arms is a common law right, existing even before the United States Constitution was written to require it.

<sup>†† &</sup>quot;The condition upon which God hath given liberty to man is eternal vigilance; which condition, if he break, servitude is at once the consequence of his crime, and the punishment of his guilt." ...John Philpot Curran

<sup>††† &#</sup>x27;Quard with jealous attention the public liberty. Suspect everyone who approaches that jewel. Unfortunately, nothing will preserve it but downright force and whenever you give up that force, you are inevitably ruined.' ... Patrick Henry