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"Guns and the Law"

Introduction

- _____ and _____ are very controversial topics in our society
- millions of Americans believe that their _____ and perhaps their safety will be at risk if _____ is restricted, while others believe that the easy availability of firearms has aggravated the crime problem
- some groups look at the Second Amendment as _____ against government attempts to _____ or _____ firearms, while others argue that the language of the Second Amendment protects _____ _____ to maintain a _____, or _____, but does not protect citizens against _____

The Courts and Legislation

- while all courts have ruled that the _____ guarantees a state's right to maintain a _____, the U.S. Supreme Court has not used the Second Amendment to strike down _____, _____, or _____ legislation that _____
- the _____ is the primary federal gun-control law, passed after the assassinations of _____ and _____

Gun Control Act of 1968
   o prohibits certain categories of persons – such as _____, _____, and _____ – from buying or possessing weapons
   o requires _____ on all guns
   o establishes a licensing-fee schedule for firearms _____, _____, and _____
   o prohibits the _____ of all guns and ammunition
   o prohibits the _____ of handguns
   o set penalties for carrying and using firearms in _____ or _____
   o set age guidelines for firearms purchased through _____

- in 1993, Congress amended the Gun Control Act by enacting the _____ (named for the former White House press secretary James Brady, who was shot and paralyzed by a bullet an assassin intended for President Ronald Reagan)

Brady Act
- o required the _____ to create a national system to instantly _____ of persons who want to buy guns
- o _____ must check the instant background service before completing the proposed sale

- however, until the national background check system could be set up, an interim provision required _____ to conduct the background checks and required gun dealers to wait _____ before selling the guns…this interim provision was declared _____ by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1997
- many states however have enacted their own _____, _____, _____, and other application requirements

- by 2002, _____ had passed laws making it relatively easy to get a permit to carry a _____, _____ make this process more difficult by requiring a _____, _____ and _____ do not allow citizens to carry a concealed weapon, and _____ is the only state that does not regulate the carrying of a weapon in any way