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


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I am 50 years old, live on beautiful, sea-wind-blown Acquidneck Island in Rhode Island, USA. I am in this class because I am very disturbed by the misuse, abuse, and victimization of our Constitution's 2nd Amendment to justify insane levels of gun violence in our country. I have lived in several European countries, even post Soviet ones, and have never seen a phenomenon such as this, wherein every time a mass shooting happens, the NRA jumps out and justifies more gun sales, the people flock to gun stores and Walmarts to purchase more guns, the congressmen and senators rape the constitution again and again, and then everyone goes to bed at night happy to be American, and then, when the next shooting happens, everyone wonders "why"? "how? And the mentally ill get blamed again and again. Being poor myself, and raising a special needs son alone, yes, I agree, there are not enough mental health services available, but, guess what? if there were sufficient background checks, then the mentally ill may not get guns so easily! So, I want to fully understand how, when, and where, a "well organized militia" turned into everyone and their uncle has the right to own arms of all kinds in America, that is why I am in this class, and also mostly because I love learning and understanding where many odd (extremely right wing republican) political ideas have come from. I have noticed that tea party members quote the Constitution ALOT but don't seem to ACTUALLY know what is in it.

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