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Dear C-SPAN:

I think Politics and Intertainment have a common denominator! That is: They both aim at the lowest common denominator. I say that now because that's the way it has been in the past, but thanks to some recent events, and C-SPAN my thoughts on this have somewhat changed: so far as Politics is concerned. There's no hope for Intertainment. The fare in "TV Guide" for this area bares that out.

Ninety percent of my viewing time is spent watching C-SPAN, and I've noticed by the questions and comments on your call in programs that people are doing some good thinking. This thinking could very well be reflected in the ninety-two elections. I hope so. I look for a third party to make a good showing.

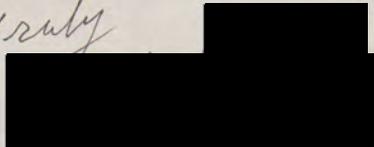
Since I do watch C-SPAN regularly, I've noticed that all to many speakers use plural verbs with words that are plural in substance but singular in form. They'll say: "media are", "data are", and "republic do". The speaker I heard say "republic do", that which I only heard once, was talking about the United States and must have thought that since it involved the several states, that made it plural. This is not the way it was taught when I went to school. It's not only wrong, it does'nt even sound good. I have a book from our local library written by Michael Parenti in which the word Media is treated with Plural verbs throughout. I dont blame him for that unless I find out that he does his own editing. I wonder if the time is coming when people will say book is plural because it has more than one page, or church because it has more than one member.

Another thing, while I'm on this kick, is double negatives. I've not heard much of this on C-SPAN, but I hear a lot of it around here. Rome Ga. is the worst place I've seen for this: even among people who should know better. A classic example of this is: One morning in a fast food outlet, while waiting in line for a cup of coffee, a waitress was going about from one cash register to another opening drawers, and banging around. Finally she yell^{ed} out, and I quote, "Aint none of these cash registers got no money in em".

In closing, I want to say just a few words about the S & L scandal pertaining to the so called Keating Five, in the form of a question. Why didn't Special Councel Bennett task Sen. McCain why, when he went on his vacation to the Bahamas, he went on Keating's plane and why he and Keating went together? You should know: the Bahamas are eat up with secret bank accounts.

Thanks for having read this far. The enclosed pamphlet should speak for its' self. There's some original intent for you. I wonder what Natural Law had to do with that?

Yours Truly



On Individual Gun Ownership

"The best we can hope for concerning the people at large is that they be properly armed." - Alexander Hamilton, The Federalist Papers at 184-8

"The great object is that every man be armed. Everyone who is able might have a gun." - Patrick Henry, 3 Elliott, Debates at 386

"A strong body makes the mind strong. As to the species of exercises, I advise the gun. While this gives moderate exercise to the body, it gives boldness, enterprise and independence to the mind. Games played with the ball and others of that nature, are too violent for the body and stamp no character on the mind. Let your gun therefore be the constant companion of your walks." - Thomas Jefferson, Encyclopedia of T. Jefferson, 318 (Foley, Ed., reissued 1967)

"The supposed quietude of a good man allures the ruffian; while on the other hand, arms like laws discourage and keep the invader and the plunderer in awe, and preserve order in the world as well as property. The same balance would be preserved were all the world destitute of arms, for all would be alike; but since some will not, others dare not lay them aside...Horrid mischief would ensue were one half the world deprived of the use of them..." - Thomas Paine, I Writings of Thomas Paine at 56 (1894)

Arms in the hands of citizens [may] be used at individual discretion... in private self-defense..." - John Adams, A Defense of the Constitutions of the Government of the USA, 471 (1788)

See "MILITIA" in Webster's New World Dictionary 2nd Third College Edition. **The Militia**

"A militia, when properly formed, are in fact the people themselves...and include all men capable of bearing arms." - Richard Henry Lee, Additional Letters from the Federal Farmer (1788) at 169

"I ask, sir, what is the militia? It is the whole people, except for a few public officials." - George Mason, 3 Elliott, Debates at 425-426

"What, sir, is the use of a militia? It is to prevent the establishment of a standing army, the bane of liberty." - Rep. Elbridge Gerry of Massachusetts, I Annals of Congress at 750 (August 17, 1789)

"The right of the people to keep and bear... arms shall not be infringed. A well regulated militia, composed of the people, trained to arms, is the best and most natural defense of a free country..." - James Madison, I Annals of Congress 434 (June 8, 1789)

When the time comes that the Govt. has guns and we do not! - We'll be in trouble.

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The Constitution & Firearms

"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." - The Second Amendment of the United States Constitution

"And that the said Constitution be never construed to authorize Congress... to prevent the people of the United States, who are peaceable citizens, from keeping their own arms..." - Philadelphia Independent Gazetteer, August 20, 1789

"To preserve liberty it is essential that the whole body of the people always possess arms and be taught alike, especially when young, how to use them..." - Richard Henry Lee writing in Letters from the Federal Farmer to the Republic (1787-1788)

"On every question of construction (of the Constitution) let us carry ourselves back to the time when the Constitution was adopted, recollect the spirit manifested in the debates, and instead of trying what meaning may be squeezed out of the text, or invented against it, conform to the probable one in which it was passed." - Thomas Jefferson, letter to William Johnson, June 12, 1823, The Complete Jefferson, p322

"The right of the people to keep and bear arms has been recognized by the General Government; but the best security of that right after all is, the military spirit, that taste for martial exercises, which has always distinguished the free citizens of these States...Such men form the best barrier to the liberties of America." - Gazette of the United States, October 14, 1789

"The whole of the Bill [of Rights] is a declaration of the right of the people at large or considered as individuals... It establishes some rights of the individual as unalienable and which consequently, no majority has a right to deprive them of." - Albert Gallatin of the New York Historical Society, October 7, 1789

"...the people have a right to keep and bear arms." - Patrick Henry and George Mason, Elliot, Debates at 185

"No Free man shall ever be debarred the use of arms." - Thomas Jefferson, Proposal Virginia Constitution, I T. Jefferson Papers, 334 (C. J. Boyd, Ed., 1950)

"As civil rulers, not having their duty to the people duly before them, may attempt to tyrannize, and as the military forces which must be occasionally raised to defend our country, might pervert their power to the injury of their fellow citizens, the people are confirmed by the article in their right to keep and bear their private arms." - Trench Coxe in "Remarks on the First Part of the Amendments to the Federal Constitution." Under the pseudonym "A Pennsylvanian" in the Philadelphia Federal Gazette, June 18, 1789 at 2 col. 1

"The Constitution shall never be construed... to prevent the people of the United States who are peaceable citizens from keeping their own arms." - Samuel Adams, Debates & Proceedings in the Convention of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 86-87.

"Last Monday a string of amendments were presented to the lower house; these altogether respect personal liberty..." - Senator William Grayson of Virginia in a letter to Patrick Henry

"The people are not to be disarmed of their weapons. They are left in full possession of them." - Zachariah Johnson, 3 Elliot, Debates at 646

"A free people ought ... to be armed..." - George Washington, speech of January 7, 1790 in the Boston Independent Chronicle, January 14, 1790

Fighting Off Tyranny

"Before a standing army can rule, the people must be disarmed; as they are in almost every kingdom of Europe. The supreme power in America cannot enforce unjust laws by the sword; because the whole body of the people are armed, and constitute a force superior to any bands of regular

troops..." - Noah Webster, "An Examination into the Leading Principles of the Federal Constitution" (1787) in Pamphlets on the Constitution of the United States (P. Ford, 1888)

"To disarm the people (is) the best and most effectual way to enslave them..." - George Mason, 3 Elliot, Debates at 380

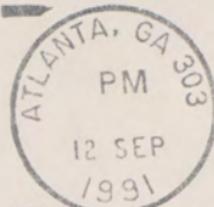
"Americans have the right and advantage of being armed - unlike the citizens of other countries whose governments are afraid to trust the people with arms." - James Madison, The Federalist Papers #46 at 243-244

People who will sacrifice liberty for security will lose both and deserve neither.

No One can speak intelligently about the "Gun Control" issue without considering original intent. - The "Pundits" think they can. They consider themselves superior.



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