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Gun Deaths: The Epidemiology, Law, and Policy of Prevention

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Can we, in the United States, *legally* formulate policy that might successfully address this issue?

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~32,000

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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.

District of Columbia v. Heller

Majority Opinion: certain gun laws *are* valid even though the Second Amendment confers a right to individuals.

What are the constitutional boundaries?



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GENERALLY, YES

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Effectiveness of Regulation, by Life Span Stage

