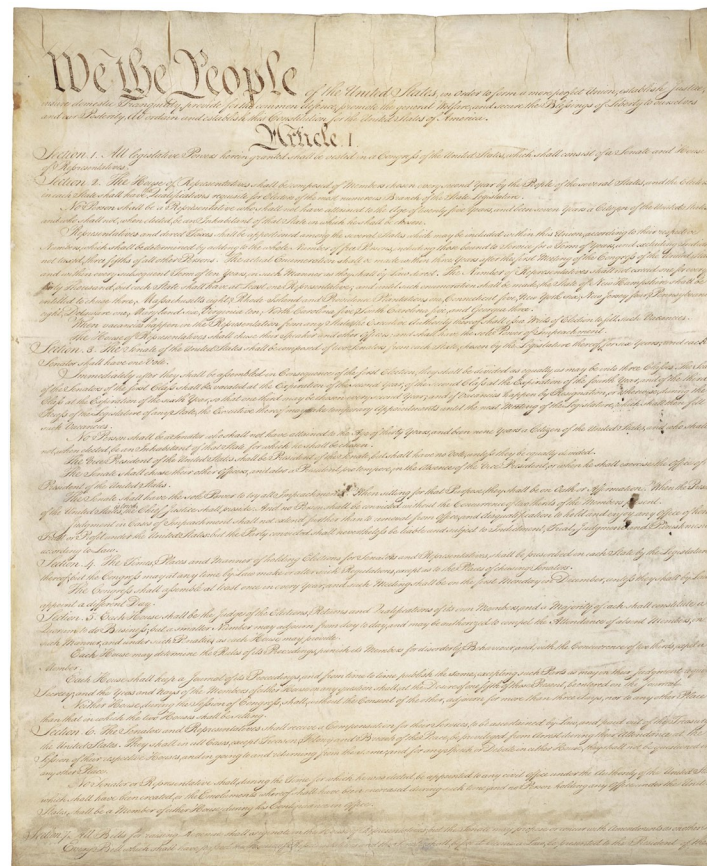


Famous Idiots & THE SURE FOUNDATION

A DEBATE IS NOW RAGING IN THIS COUNTRY over gun rights. As the current administration does everything it can, both legally and extra-legally, to limit those rights, large portions of the populace are rising up to defend their right to bear arms. Many in positions of authority try to placate the uninformed by assuring them that they have no desire to remove the shotgun from the hunter's hand. They wrap their arguments against gun ownership in specious statements about honoring the right of the law-abiding citizen to go deer hunting on a winter's afternoon.



The United States of America is unique in this world, and one of the traits that sets us apart is that our nation's bedrock foundation is not a sovereign or royal family, not a dicta-



tor or army, not even a duly elected governing body. The solid bedrock upon which this nation was founded is a set of documents. Words written in ink on a page. It doesn't matter what others think about that; that's the way it is here. It doesn't matter if foreign guests in this nation sneeringly mock our Constitution as just "your little book." It doesn't matter if other nations laugh at us. That's the way it is in America. Let them be who they are, and we will be who we are.

Further, the rights set forth in our founding documents are not graciously handed out by politicians, but, after our Declaration of Independence, "are endowed by their Creator," and are "unalienable"—that is, they cannot be taken away by someone else because they were not *given* by someone else.

Not only are this nation's leaders not allowed to tweak the Constitution to their lik-

ing (without following arduous, years-long procedures), they actually swear to uphold the Constitution as it is. The oath for the President is typical.

"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the Office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my Ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States."

So when any citizen wants to check the facts, when he wants to check what politicians and other idiots are saying about their right to take away guns so long as they respect the sacred right of hunters to nail a deer, they don't have to trust the veracity of their local representative or their president, but need only return to those words on a page. And, oddly enough, the Second Amendment says nothing about hunting.

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 CHRISTIAN, TOO, HAS A FOUNDATIONAL DOCUMENT—this one penned not by wise forefathers, but by God Himself.

But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, for no prophecy was ever made by an act

of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

2 Peter 1:20-21

And it doesn't really matter that people make fun of our scriptural bedrock; that's just the way it is. It doesn't matter that its truths are maligned, sneered at, joked about; when those mockers have been reduced to a layer of dust in the bottom of their cold grave, Scripture will remain.

The grass withers, the flower fades,
But the word of our God stands forever.

Isaiah 40:8

So when any believer wants to check the facts of his or her faith, when famous idiots or well-meaning clergy say something that doesn't seem quite right, the child of God need not stand there and wonder in ignorance. Right there between the covers of the Book are the answers—not written by

the vagaries of man, but by the eternal wisdom of holy God.

All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

