What Would Happen If The US Applied A Gun Amnesty?

After Stephen Paddock killed 58 people in Las Vegas and wounded more than 400, another unfortunate mass shooting in the US has yet again brought the ever-important point to moot: if there needs to be tighter gun control laws imposed in the US, and what could be done.

And even though homicide rates have massively declined since 1960, the US still sees a mass shooting more often than you would expect where one major mass shooting occurs every two months.

Can they change the second amendment?

"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."

We need not delve into this too deep as it has been debated time and time again. President Trump has made it evidently clear he is a true follower of the Second Amendment and whilst throughout his campaign he would shun Hillary Clinton for threatening to take away citizens' rights for protection and freedom, we can all silently acknowledge the fact that the NRA endorsed him during his campaign, as they do with 98% of Republicans. To all those that argue this is not a strong enough argument, lest we forget when Trump supported Obama's remarks, before the hefty endorsement given by his pals at the NRA, for a reformation of the law after the tragic Sandy Hook massacre; "President Obama spoke for me and every American", Trump said, yet his speech post the Las Vegas shooting was nowhere near such remarks, because his words are now funded by the organisation behind the weaponry used.

The fact is that <u>if opinion does not change, then neither will the Second Amendment</u>; 74% of gun owners say that there is an 'essential' right to own a gun, while Pew Surveys reveal that gun owners are more likely to contact <u>officials</u> about gun policies, with 60% of these supporting <u>laxer</u> laws.

Mix these strong opinions for relaxed gun laws alongside the fact there is no real, solid opposing organisation against the NRA and we realise we are driving in circles around a one-way street. To add fire to fury, changes in gun laws previously made have cost millions of dollars and were not enforced enough to have a visible effect, posing the question to their citizens to why the US even bothered to try. [...]

Changing legislation will not only take months, but it also seems like an impossible dream, and if the citizens strongly support their rights to bear arms, they won't be handing in their weapons so easily; in fact, it could even cause an uproar resulting in civil war, with police forcing citizens to drop their weapons.

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