

### DOC 3 - correction

1. Washington  
The Supreme Court  
Whether the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment guarantees the right to own guns  
283 Million  
40%  
Does banning handguns violate the Constitution?
2. A group of DC residents complain that their second amendment right has been denied
3. The residents are not allowed to own handguns. In addition, the weapons that are allowed (shotguns) must be kept unloaded and trigger locked.
4. Gillian St Lawrence claims that the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment right gives the Americans the right to defend themselves and protect their homes (and properties)
5. The main issue to be tackled by the Supreme Court is whether the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment guarantees an individual right to own a gun or if it only applies to militias
6. The scholars tend to believe the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment only concerns militias
7. DC justifies its gun restrictions as crucial to reduce violence because handguns are essentially used to commit violent crimes. They represent “a disproportionate number of crimes in DC”.
8. Most of the justices seem to favour the interpretation of an individual right to own a gun.
9. Chief Justice John Roberts questions the interpretation of that right only for militias because the second amendment also refers to the right of the people. He also asks how the citizens can use their weapons properly when they are unloaded and trigger locked. **As for him**, it seems impossible to use self-defense.
10. The court seems to agree with him
11. Walter Dellinger answered that it was only a question of 3 seconds to make the weapon operational.
12. He seems to suggest that banning handguns in DC where the crime rate is very high may not be foolish
13. He concludes that the justices seem to be looking for some kind of balance/compromise by suppressing the restriction on handguns in DC without striking down all gun control laws and to end up the polemic about the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment.