

**3** NRA versus Brady. Read through the following quotations from the two texts, and discuss which are NRA quotations and which are Brady quotations.

- a. "Courts consistently have ruled that there is no constitutional right to own a gun for private purposes unrelated to the organized state militia."
- b. "Some lawmakers have deserted gun owners claiming to support the right to keep and bear arms but also saying that right must be 'balanced' with the needs of society as a whole."
- c. "Some also claim that banning certain guns, or parts of guns, or features of guns doesn't constitute a serious infringement of rights. They claim society's 'greater good' outweighs the individual right to own a semi-auto with a large-capacity magazine ..."
- d. "The NRA has even argued that citizens have a constitutional right to own machine guns and military-style assault weapons!"
- e. "NRA believes that the Second Amendment speaks to far more than a right to enjoy firearms for hunting and target shooting ... Such notions trivialize an essential freedom which NRA is honor bound to defend."
- f. "...the Second Amendment guaranteed against federal interference with the citizen's right to keep and bear arms for personal self-defence."
- g. "Contrary to the gun lobby's propaganda, the Second Amendment guarantees the people the right to be armed only in connection with service in a 'well regulated Militia.'"
- h. "For 130 years the National Rifle Association of America has stood in opposition to all who step-by-step would reduce the Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms to a privilege granted by those who govern."
- i. "Gun control laws have no effect on the arming of today's militia, since those laws invariably exempt the National Guard. Therefore, they raise no serious Second Amendment issue."
- j. "The 'militia' was not, as some gun control opponents have claimed, simply another word for the armed citizenry. It was an organized military force, 'well regulated' by the state governments."
- k. "...they constantly assert, with the acquiescence of the news media, that only some vague 'right of states to have militias' was meant."
- l. "The modern 'well regulated Militia' is the National Guard – a state-organized military force of ordinary citizens serving as part-time soldiers, like the early state militia."
- m. "The Second Amendment has become an anachronism, largely because of drastic changes in the militia it was designed to protect."
- n. "If the Second Amendment is to be viewed as nothing more than a dusty 18th century relic, buried by scientific advances, then what about the First Amendment?"