

WORDS MEAN THINGS

14th Amendment of the Bill of Rights

The 2nd amendment is not the subject of this narrative, but is referenced to make a key point. Look at the words and the punctuation. Let's look.

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 second Amendment is a single sentence, three comas. A single thought, defining two rights and explaining what the Federal Government cannot do.

The last part of the single 2nd amendment sentence is plain and clear. The two rights specified cannot be infringed by the Federal Government. Don't obstruct in any shape, way or form. Hands off. Pretty simple.

What two rights? A militia and arms.

When written, militia meant private civilians raised up from within a State, to protect the State. That State right of protection is found in Article I, Section 10 " of the Constitution "No State shall ... engage in War, unless actually invaded, or in such imminent Danger as will not admit of delay".

When written, bearing arms meant to carry any weapon: rifle, pistol, knives, sword, pitchforks, tomahawk and even the bow and arrow.

A soldier without a weapon is a prisoner who cannot even defend himself. The Constitution was clear on the right of a State to defend itself and the 2nd amendment described how.

The 2nd amendment is actually a list. The commas denote the elements of the list. If you remove the phrase "being necessary to the security of a free state" you have the two items in the list, "A well-regulated militia and the right of the people to keep and bear arms."

Now to the topic at hand. Words Mean Things and the 14th amendment.

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*"All persons born or naturalized in the United States, **and** subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States..."*

Again, simple words meaning simple things; born or naturalized. First God's law. A birth child is bequeathed the *unalienable* rights of its mother. That includes the mother's citizenship. Second, naturalization is a legal process. Simple.

But the 14th amendment has a conditioning caveat. Born or naturalized are equally conditioned by the word "and". The condition requires either event to be subject to the jurisdiction of the United States. The words are simple.

Some insist you can stop reading after the word "born" by claiming the child is a different citizen than its birth mother. How self-serving. How preposterous even to an eighth grader. Words mean things. The amendment does not say under the jurisdiction. It says subject to the jurisdiction thereof.

"Subject to the jurisdiction" is also simple. It means agreeing to be guided, controlled or ruled by the authority of the United States. A foreigner here legally was first granted entrance under the jurisdiction of the United States. Her right to be here was granted subject to that jurisdiction of the United States, because she requested and agreed to be under the jurisdiction of. So simple.

Other than asylum, all visitor entry approvals into the United States bars citizenship. So back to the birth mother's baby.

If Mom was here legally as a tourist, then baby inherits mother's citizenship. That's the law. However, mom is not. She is here illegally because she did not request, nor was she given, authority to enter.

Our laws are simple. Mom must first request to be subjected to the jurisdiction of the United States, then be granted approval under the jurisdiction of the United States. She did neither. Mom is illegal. Baby inherits birth mother citizenship.

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Let's make it simple. A woman visiting your home goes into a labor and a child is born. Does the child have a right to live in your home from that day forward? Is that child then eligible or have a right to be fed, educated or receive medical treatment at your expense without you agreeing to do so – in advance? Lastly, does the child have the right to take your surname and claim they own part of your household since they were born in your house? Of course not.

Even simpler. Every States issues a driver licenses under two conditions. You must be 16 **and** pass a test. That does not mean you get a driver's license just because you are 16. Nor do 12 year olds get a license because they passed the test. You must qualify both, to get the right to drive.

Others claim illegal mom is under the jurisdiction of the United States because she has Constitutional rights when on US soil. Pure poppy-cock. Those rights are limited to due process protection only. Nothing to do with citizenship.

Pay attention to the words. They matter.

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