

Friday, October 19, 2007

### **Jon Katz will appear on Arab Television Network Tonight.**

Camera image from U.S. Geological Survey website.Â Â Â This evening, October 19, 2007, at 8:00 p.m. EST, Arab Television NetworkÂ (available onÂ cable television)Â will spend about an hour interviewing meÂ (in ATN's Washington, DC, studio) and a panel of other interviewees who are pro and con on gun rights. Â I have blogged several times about myÂ support of strong protection for gun possession rights unless and until the Second Amendment is amended.Â I believe that weakening Second Amendment rights disservesÂ robust protection of First Amendment rights. (Compare: (1) "Congress shall make no law ... abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLEÂ peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances" (the First Amendment); and (2) "A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLEÂ to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed" (the Second Amendment).)Â Â Of course, I worship at the altar of the First Amendment. Â Apparently the interview will broadcast live, and is available on cable television, for those receiving the Arab Television Network on their cable television plans. Have a great weekend.Â Jon Katz.

Posted by Jon Katz in Constitutional Law at 14:00

Jon,

With respect to Second Amendment rights, I couldn't agree more. I am not a "gun nut." I don't even like the things. I might even be convinced to support a constitutional change to the Second Amendment (depending on what it was going to be changed to, etc.).

Nevertheless, you can not "worship at the altar of the First Amendment" (as we both do) without respecting the sanctity of the Second.

I hate what the NRA does. I hate the candidates they support, and I hate the fact that they seem to be interested in protecting the Second Amendment, but do not seem to care about what happens to the rest of the Constitution. Nevertheless, I joined the NRA not long after joining the ACLU.

You can't pick and choose your support for the Constitution. I like that you recognize that.  
Anonymous on Oct 19 2007, 17:29

Thanks, Marc, for your comment. I'm happy to be a bird of a feather with you.  
Anonymous on Oct 26 2007, 05:57