The topic of this thesis is the National Rifle Association (NRA), an interest group in the USA. The aim of the thesis is to analyze NRA’s influence on American politics. To achieve that it describes NRA’s membership, organization, public image and financing. It describes NRA’s functions and political goals and analyzes the method it uses to achieve them on the U.S. federal level. The thesis concludes that the NRA sees any regulation of the ability to buy, keep and bear arms as a breach of constitutional rights. It states that any further regulation is a step towards the creation of a national arms registry and towards weapons confiscation. It successfully prevents stricter regulations by efficient voter mobilization, lobbying and financial contributions to election campaigns. Although it claims to be bipartisan, it mainly contributes to Republicans.