## Less-Heralded Things About Being an American That Are Worth Celebrating This Week

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Thursday was Independence Day, a national holiday commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. It's a day when Americans tend to celebrate their freedoms, and there sure are a lot of them to celebrate...

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—You can celebrate the 4th of July even though the Second Continental Congress declared independence from Great Britain on July 2nd. (*Mike*)

—International Federation of Competitive Eating sanctioned baby-eating contests. (*Matt*)

—There is no freedom on the planet as broad as the freedom with which Americans name their kids. (*Jameson*)

—Pooping in a tent in your backyard may be "frowned upon", but it's still perfectly legal. (*Brandon*)

—We have the right to split up all of Asia on a world map just so we can be in the middle. (*Dan*)

—Plenty of countries still won't let their people vote at all; we're so into voting that we vote for made-up shit like the ESPYs. (*Joe*)

—Jumped from 4th to 1st in morbid obesity worldwide without breaking a sweat, which is actually one of the keys to doing it. (*Mike*)

—Flag condoms are considered acceptable public attire due to their high level of patriotism. (*Matt*)

—We make the only movies or TV shows anyone watches, and if someone else dares to make a good one, we'll "Americanize" it! (*Jameson*)

—If you want gravy on something, you can pretty much always get gravy on it. Even if the item in question is not food. Even if you're not in a restaurant. (*Brandon*)

—The citizens of Norfolk, NE pronounce the name of their town "Nor-fork" despite the lack of a second "r" and everyone just accepts it. (*Mike*)

—Protected by a constitution you are free to interpret in any way you want – even in ways that contradict each other! (*Jameson*)

—Kate Hudson keeps making movies, but nobody forces you to watch them at gunpoint, like they do in Myanmar. (*Brandon*)

—The right to bare arms. Also known as the Tank Top Amendment. (*Dan*)

—It's still technically legal to punch anybody with the surname "King." (*Joe*)

—Putting the words "eco" or "green" in front of products eliminate the need to feel guilty about the consequences those products bring on the environment. (*Mike*)

—You can give a man a Cleveland Steamer in one state and transport him across the border of another without running afoul of the Interstate Commerce Clause. (*Matt*)

—Any political debate can be settled with one bumper sticker. (*Jameson*)

—There sure are a lot of songs about doin' it. (Brandon)

—The 5th amendment provides protections for those who smelt it from having to admit that they dealt it. (*Mike*)

—Where else in the world would Mitch McConnell be tolerated? (*Matt*)

—You can do anything you want with your life, as long as Jay Leno doesn't also want to do that thing. (*Jameson*)

—No matter how much you sag, no matter where you sag, you can mow the lawn shirtless without penalty. (*Mike*)

—I wrote this joke by dictating it to the computer on my phone while riding on a captive killer whale, firing a pistol in the air, and drinking a mixture of beer and cheese through straws connected to my helmet. U-S-A!! (*Brandon*)

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