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Subject: Just Ban Rifles And Assault Weapons  
Posted by [Azuri](#) on Thu, 05 Oct 2017 15:30:27 GMT  
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No where in the constitution does it specify what types of firearms are protected. You want protection? Buy a gun. Not a rifle, not an AR-15 or AK-47 or any other such type weapon. Buy what is needed for the purpose you say it is intended for. Not what you want. What people WANT is what is used in mass shootings.

Thoughts? Opinions?

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Subject: Re: Just Ban Rifles And Assault Weapons  
Posted by [Leonardo](#) on Thu, 01 Mar 2018 19:35:36 GMT  
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Nearly six months later and this is once again a huge topic of debate. I've previously owned an AR-15 and I get why people like them. They're a lot easier to shoot. Unfortunately, that goes for both the defender and the attacker. I think they should be banned, although I am not opposed to security guards (who will actually respond to a threat) having them.

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Subject: Re: Just Ban Rifles And Assault Weapons  
Posted by [gofar99](#) on Sun, 04 Mar 2018 02:25:38 GMT  
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Hi, I just added some thoughts on another thread here on this subject. As a general principle, I agree. As a practical matter I doubt it will work as intended. Such weapons will become a little harder but not impossible to get, mostly the cost will go up. We really need a more complete solution.

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Subject: Re: Just Ban Rifles And Assault Weapons  
Posted by [Kingfish](#) on Sun, 04 Mar 2018 23:51:05 GMT  
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Posted by [EasyE](#) on Tue, 06 Mar 2018 21:24:02 GMT  
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Posted by [Kingfish](#) on Tue, 13 Mar 2018 18:00:57 GMT

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All of them. Lack of the nuclear family structure.....the proliferation of violence in movies, television shows and gaming that lead to mass acceptance. That mass acceptance that tells people it's no big deal and that has no negative effect on young minds.

The proliferation of pharmaceuticals to treat mental conditions that never existed before the proliferation of pharmaceuticals.

Our morals and ethics have gone to pot and we just don't seem to care anymore.

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Subject: Re: Just Ban Rifles And Assault Weapons  
Posted by [SamW](#) on Fri, 27 Apr 2018 09:19:55 GMT

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Posted by [johnnycamp5](#) on Sat, 28 Apr 2018 16:02:33 GMT

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Perhaps this (extreme reclusive behavior) could result in mental illness, this person not being able to distinguish everyday life/reality from a video game or violent movie. Clearly the video game or horror film is not to blame.

Blaming in-animate objects for peoples poor behavior. It reminds me of a law in NY a couple of years ago, which banned sugared soda from being sold over a certain size, because the consumption of too much refined sugar can lead to obesity!

Banning guns (entirely) in the US isn't going to happen.

I suppose banning semi-automatic weapons may have a chance, as a typical AR15 (or AK47) seems more like a weapon of mass destruction (used in most of these school shootings) than a self defense tool.

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Subject: Re: Just Ban Rifles And Assault Weapons  
Posted by [Strum Drum](#) on Tue, 01 May 2018 17:50:09 GMT

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johnnycamp5 wrote on Sat, 28 April 2018 11:02

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I don't understand the first paragraph.

Social media is social media,  
video games are video games, and movies are movies.  
My kids and I engage in all of them.  
They are all forms of entertainment, and they're FAKE.

You said "You can be in a crowd and still be utterly alone"  
but that is obviously not true, and being on an I-phone (social media) doesn't change that.

I guess the "cause" of the violence is the perpetrator (murderer) simply making a conscious decision to kill.  
I believe that is mental illness.

I understand the suspect that ran down people in a van (in Canada) said he was angry with woman and for being celibate.  
If that's true, clearly he is sick in the head.

I don't have ideas on how we can "prevent" school shootings and mass shootings because I don't believe we can.

You can't eliminate sick people or guns.

I've said at schools metal detectors and some armed teachers would be my choice. I know I am in the minority here.

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