

Thank for the opportunity to speak today.  
I will spend the 3 minutes speaking strictly about facts.

Here are 3 simple to understand facts. Please keep these facts in mind as I continue to speak. I'd even suggest you write this down. You will only need to write 3 numbers.

Fact one - The diameter of a 223 round is .223 inches

Fact two - The diameter of a double oo shotgun pellet in one shotgun shell is .33 inches. Please note that there are 9 pellets of .33 inches in one shotgun shell.

Fact three - The diameter of a 45 round is .451

As you just heard, the width of the round gets wider as the number gets larger. In short, the wider the diameter of the round the larger the hole it makes. The bigger the hole, the more damage it creates. To belabor the point, a 45 round makes a hole twice the size of a 223 round. Simple math. Simple facts.

What's an assault rifle? Unfortunately I have yet to hear from anyone, either rabid pro gun folks or rabid anti gun folks, a definition that makes any sense at all.

Here is my simple definition of how you determine how deadly a weapon can be. The definition consists of two items.

1, You have to look at the weapon and decide on how damaging the round is that it can shoot. To calculate the damage is simple, go back to my 3 simple facts. A 223 round makes a hole .223 inches wide. A double OO round or pellet to be correct makes a hole .33 inches wide. A 45 round makes a hole .45 inches wide. Simple facts.

2. You have to look at the weapon and decide on the maximum number of rounds it can shoot without reloading. And by shoot I mean the number rounds that come out of the barrel with each trigger press. I think we can all agree that the more rounds that come out the barrel with each trigger press and the diameter of the round determines pretty much how deadly it can be.

A few more simple facts. The standard shotgun that is most common in the entire world is a Remington 870 12 gauge that can hold 5 shotgun shells. This is the standard magazine amount with no modifications. Now lets go back to my simple facts. Each of those 5 shotgun shells holds 9 .33 inch pellets. What's 9 times 5? 45. So with five trigger presses that shotgun makes 45 .33 inch holes. That's a simple mathematical fact.

You want to ban "assault rifles" that commonly use .233 inch diameter rounds because their magazines can hold 30 rounds?

Simple question for you. Which is more deadly? With just five trigger presses a shotgun will shoot 45 rounds/pellets that make 45 .33 inch holes or an assault rifle that will with 30 trigger presses will make 30 .233 inch holes. Which is more deadly? 5 trigger presses and 45 .33 inch holes or 30 trigger presses and 30 .233 holes?

Fact. Five trigger presses making 45 .33 holes is more deadly.

Governor Cuomo, whom I'm sure you know is bragging about the gun law they just passed in NYS. He own a shotgun. He does not hide this fact. He openly admits it.

Here is his quote.

"The question is, on the other side, the availability of assault weapon type guns to people, as we've seen, who then have the potential to do tremendous damage," the governor said. "Our focus is assault weapons."

His shotgun is more deadly than any "assault rifle" that you can buy. Simple math. 5 shotgun shells times 9 .33 inch rounds/pellets. 45 holes vs 30 holes. And those 45 holes are bigger then the 30 holes. Fact.

Vice President Biden, in speaking about guns made the following statement and you can watch him say it on U-Tube.

"A shotgun would keep you a lot safer ... than the assault weapon in somebody's hand who doesn't know how to use it, even one who does know how to use it. You know. It's harder to use an assault weapon to hit something than it is a shotgun."

I'd agree with that statement 100%. You don't need to really know much to pull a shotgun trigger five times and produce 45 .33 holes.

So why are we all talking about ban 30 round magazines in "assault rifles" when the simple facts clearly demonstrate that a shotgun is far more deadly? Does this mean that Governor Cuomo and Vice President Biden are encouraging the use of a weapon that is more deadly than anything anyone here is talking about? I can draw no other conclusion.

This is a simple demonstration using simple facts that no one in this country wants to deal with the simple fact that our country is based on violence. Govenor Cuomo freely admits having a weapon more deadly than any assault rifle. Vice President Biden seems to be clearly saying you ought to have a shotgun instead of an assault rifle because it is more deadly. These are two of the champions to end gun violence?

Simple fact.

Our country supplies 30% of the weapons and their components to the world. We are the worlds largest supplier of weapons used to kill people in the rest of the world.

Simple fact.

Our country refuses to join the rest of the civilized world in banning landmines. What other countries have a similar position? North Korea, China, Russia. Good company we keep.

Simple fact.

Our government supplied weapons to the Mexican drug cartels on purpose.

"Gun walking" or "letting guns walk" was a tactic whereby the ATF "purposely allowed licensed firearms dealers to sell weapons to illegal straw buyers, hoping to track the guns to Mexican drug cartel leaders."

Some of those weapons were used to kill police officers in this country.

President Obama had invoked executive privilege for the first time in his presidency over the documents which would have shed light on how this happened. He covered it up. He wants to do something about gun violence other than posturing for the camera? I have yet to see it.

Facts. What I have stated above are simple facts. Yet no one wants to discuss them. All anyone wants to do about gun violence in this country is get a sound bite on camera. You want to start putting an end to gun violence. I'm with you 100% and if you want my support, then I insist, no demand, you stick to the facts.

Governor Cuomo owns a weapon more deadly than any assault rifle I could buy. Vice President Biden says the same type of weapon is better than any assault rifle because you don't have to know how to aim it. Neither of these two individuals are worthy of my support because neither, by their admission and own words, truly support ending gun violence.

These are the simple facts.

One last simple fact. Yes, if anyone is wondering, I do own rifles, a shotgun and pistol and I do regularly go shooting at a local gun club.

Thank you for listen to my simple facts. I end by asking you to do something very simple, use the facts to make decisions. It is painfully obvious that the elected governmental officials I have named above totally ignore the facts.

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