

Dear Group,

I strongly disagree that the assault rifle and high capacity magazine ban will help prevent future mass shootings. First of all the ban was in place a couple years when the massacre at Columbine happened. So obviously the ban did not help. The second thing I would like you all to keep in mind is that all four of the recent shootings happened in facilities that guns are banned from. Why?, because the gunman does not have to worry about coming into any resistance. *Maybe the law of gun free zones should be re-evaluated.* I also don't feel that limiting the high magazines will matter. It takes ½ second to change a magazine, the gunman can tape two - 10 round magazines together so all he has to do is flip it around in a split second and there he has a 20 round magazine.

The Oklahoma Bombing killed many children. Why don't we ban gasoline or whatever household items are used in making a bomb. Drunk Drivers are the leading cause of death, why not ban the sale and consumption of alcohol. The reason being is the law abiding citizens who consume these products outnumber the few that abuse these products. Our drunk driving laws do not stop the drunks from driving, just as the new proposed guns laws will not stop the mass murderers. If it's not a gun, it's a vehicle, or a bomb.

People are asking why someone would need this type of rifle or 30 rounds of bullets. I ask, why does someone need a glass or two of wine, or a couple drinks at happy hour when it's illegal to drink and drive. Why does a person need a 600 hp Corvette or Viper when it's illegal to drive that fast.

I guess the point I am trying to make is that it's not the gun or the amount of bullets that did the killing, ITS THE PERSON.

And yes I think that background checks should be done in order to purchase a firearm, even though it will not keep the felons from obtaining firearms.

Thank You for listening to my opinion.

Sincerely
Carol