

DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT?



Questions:
1. How many "assault Weapons" are there? *

2. Is there an actual assault rifle?

3. Which is most powerful? **

4. Which two are functionally identical?

5. Which is legal in the state of California?

6. Which one is legal for deer hunting, in many states?

7. Why are the others illegal for deer?

When discussing, or legislating, guns, it is probably a good idea for everyone to know what they're talking about. Part of the logjam on discussion is an unequal level of information.

* For "AW", use the 1994-2004 ban definition. ** one of these is 7.62x51mm.



Answers to "Assault Weapon" Quiz Sheet

(Quiz sheet is <http://www.3fgburner.net/gunquiz.jpg>)

In any debate, the discussion bogs down when one side doesn't know what the debate is actually about. On this particular topic, gun control, some people prefer to remain ignorant. Given information, they will respond, "I don't care. What I feel, matters more." Others, given information, will be confirmed in their beliefs, or will change their minds. Information is always better than no information.

Note: a few details – Caliber of one firearm differs from the others. Red and white dots have been added to the picture, for emphasis in some spots.

1. B is the only one that fits the definition of the '94-04 ban. Semi-auto AR15, with pistol grip and 3 "evil" features (bayonet lug, flash hider, collapsible stock). A and D have muzzle brakes, not flash suppressors.
2. C is an M16A1, the Vietnam-era version of the rifle. The white and red dots indicate that it is select-fire, meaning safe, semi, or full-auto. This makes it an assault rifle, rather than an "assault weapon".
3. The CETME sporter (A) is a .308, aka 7.62x51mm NATO. The rest are .223s, aka 5.56mm. This model was, perfectly legally, manufactured during the '94-04 ban.
4. B and D are both, under the various decorations and attachments, functionally identical AR15 semis.
5. The "Hello Kitty" logo should be a clue. The holes at the front are a muzzle brake, rather than a flash suppressor. The area behind the trigger guard is specifically designed to not be a pistol grip.
6. A, being a .308, is legal for deer in many states that allow semi-automatic rifles for hunting. Some states limit magazine capacities for deer, usually to 5 rounds. This can be accomplished by plugging a German Army surplus G3 magazine with a block of wood.
7. B, C, and D are not legal for deer in most of those states. The .223 / 5.56 round is below the minimum power level for deer. It was designed as a "varmint" cartridge, for shooting ground hogs, prairie dogs, and other agricultural pests.

META-ANSWER:

The entire "Assault Weapon" issue, is a SCAM. The term is a propaganda phrase, coined by Josh Sugarmann of the rabidly anti-gun Violence Policy Center, in the late 1980s.

By 1988, the anti-gun organizations realized they weren't getting traction to ban handguns. The National Coalition to Ban Handguns changed its name to Coalition to Stop Gun Violence. Handgun Control, Inc, changed its name to the Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence.

In an effort to get something, anything, banned, Sugarmann came up with the "Assault Weapon" idea.

In a report (on VPC's website at <http://www.vpc.org/studies/awaconc.htm>), Sugarmann says, "The weapons' menacing looks, coupled with the public's confusion over fully automatic machine guns versus semi-automatic assault weapons – anything that looks like a machine gun is assumed to be a machine gun – can only increase the chance of public support for restrictions on these weapons."

I say again, it's a scam.

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