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Subject: That stupid "assault weapons" ban finally expired

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To clarify for anyone who really just doesn't pay any attention at all:

This ban did NOT deal with fully automatic firearms. Those have been illegal for private citizens to own for quite some time. This ban applied to SEMI-automatic clip-fed firearms- one bullet per trigger pull.

And the notion that any one type of weapon or another will "enable" criminals has been, and always will be ridiculous. Criminals don't give a flying fuck what they use to commit a crime with, be it legal or illegal- they have already demonstrated that they don't care about the law by committing FELONIES. What's a few years worth of imprisonment for a federal firearms charge if you're already facing execution for murder 1? What makes you think a criminal will care whether they got their firearm legally or through some douche on the black market? A SMART criminal wouldn't buy a LEGAL firearm in the first place- those leave a paper trail that leads right back to the owner. All any kind of ban or "gun control" law does is limit the ability of good, law-abiding citizens to defend themselves and their families.

And it was the founding fathers of this country who plainly stated in the US Constitution: "...the right of the people to keep and bear arms SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED." If you're a citizen, you have a right as a citizen to purchase a firearm and keep it for your own defense, or in times of extreme crisis organize a militia with your fellow citizens and use that firearm to defend your rights and your way of life.

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