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Subject: That stupid "assault weapons" ban finally expired

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The problem with that is, cars are not guaranteed as a right in the constitution. Firearms are.

And you already have to get fingerprinted, background checked, interviewed, and present multiple forms of ID just to get a Firearms ID card- that allows you to purchase firearms(only long guns, though, at least until you turn 21!). However, you still have to get ANOTHER background check, present MORE ID, and do lots of paperwork when you go to actually make the purchase. If that weren't enough just to exercise your right to KEEP the firearm, you have to go through EVEN MORE paperwork, EVEN MORE fingerprinting, present EVEN MORE ID, and get YET ANOTHER background check if you ever want to exercise your right to BEAR the firearm.

Since you brought up the comparison, any old schmuck can buy a car. You don't even need a license to BUY it, you just need one to use it. And even then, driving without a license(even though a car is potentially more deadly to driver and bystander than any firearm) does not carry with it anywhere near as serious of penalties as a firearms charge. And the funny thing is, most of the drivers on the road, even with licenses, can't drive for shit.

In my whole life, only once have I been within a mile of any kind of shooting(a police officer popping a bank robber), but I could rattle off a whole list of car accidents, most of them caused by drunk drivers(including, amusingly enough, the mayor and a local judge). It's a poor comparison at best; the vast majority of gun owners are far more responsible than the vast majority of drivers.

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