

OPEN THREAD: GUNS, GUNS, AND MORE BLOODY GUNS

This is an open thread dedicated to what the National Rifle Association wants you to believe is as necessary as air along with ~13,000 gun homicides each year, and seven children and teen gun deaths each day.

Freedom – we have it at gun point.

For the record, my household has guns. They're used for hunting. Half the meat this household consumes is venison harvested from family property. They're secured in a gun safe when not in use.

The Federal Assault Weapons Ban in force from 1994 to 2004 didn't impede the ability of this household to hunt its annual venison. Mass shootings were markedly lower during the ban, however, though increasing use of high capacity magazines eventually thwarted the effects of the ban.

Do I believe in the Second Amendment? Sure – including the part about a “well regulated Militia.”

The NRA doesn't believe in that part of the amendment because it affects their actual clients' profit motive; regulating a militia means gun makers can't sell more guns.

At some point gun makers and their lobbyists at the NRA need to face reality: the market is saturated, which is why Remington is going into bankruptcy. There are no more arguments to be made to increase gun sales when there are more guns in the U.S. than Americans.

There are no more arguments to be made to sell more guns into a saturated market when gun proponents care more about their guns than the shattered children in classrooms.

Or when gun proponents' arguments rely on augmentation and dispersion by foreign agents.

Bring your discussions about guns here. Keep them out of other threads so that others can have uninterrupted discussions on topic.