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Joe Biden: No Reason to Ban AR-15s

Okay, half-slow laughin' Joe didn't actually say that, but he might as well have. While defending his position this past Thursday that banning the rifles incorrectly called "assault weapons" won't negatively impact upon Americans' safety, he pointed out that you shouldn't trouble yourself: shotguns would still be available — and they're more effective, anyway. He said, [reports](#) the *Daily Caller*:



A shotgun will keep you a lot safer — a double-barreled shotgun — than an assault weapon in somebody's hand who doesn't know how to use it, even one who does know how to use it. You know, it's harder to use an assault weapon to hit something than it is a shotgun

[...] You want to keep people away in an earthquake? Buy some shotgun shells.

Alright, Joe; if you're talking about close-quarters self-defense, you'll get no argument from me. Now, would you again explain why you want to ban AR-15s?

I mean, if they're so relatively ineffective, if it's so hard to hit a target with one, why are you worried about getting them off the street? What, do you want to put more effective guns in criminals' hands?

And if shotguns are so devastating — so much more formidable than those dreaded assault weapons (that aren't) — shouldn't you endeavor to ban them? Of course, this is on the agenda; as Dianne Crimestein once admitted, if she had her way, all guns would be confiscated (except, presumably, the one she owns).

And I can see it now. Let's say that the anti-Second Amendment folks succeeded in banning assault weapons (that aren't). When another incident such as the Aurora, Colorado, massacre occurs — where most of the wounds were inflicted with a shotgun — the media will actually report it accurately. You see, there'll no longer be a reason to lie and place the onus on the AR-15 because it will already be illegal, and the reportage will go something like this: "Experts point out that a shotgun is actually more devastating in close-quarters attacks on soft targets than AR-15s and AK-47s — *which are already illegal.*" And the statist politicians will say, perhaps, "It's a hole in the legislation that 'assault weapons' were criminalized while far more dangerous shotguns were left on the streets. Obviously, if these hand cannons are more devastating than an AR-15, they're assault weapons, too. And we must take action immediately." That's exactly how our assault liberals might play it.

As of now, though, you can still own a gun that is so much more dangerous than an assault weapon (that isn't). In fact, Vice President Biden endorses it. And thank you, Uncle Joe, for explaining firearm facts of life to America. I'm so glad you're on our side.

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