

The NRA and assault weapons

The United States has a current population of approximately 330 million residents. The National Rifle Association membership is roughly 5 million. By doing just a little math, you will find that 330 million divided by the

NRA number of members of 5 million reveals that the NRA membership equals 1.5% of the population of the United States.

How can such a minor portion of the the USA population wield such political power as witnessed by the current issue of the number of assault weapons, approximately 5 million, being present in our country? Unbiased polling reveals that even the overwhelming number of NRA members, approximately 70 percent, believe that AW present an exceptional level of threat and that additional governmental measures should be legislated to ensure that AW are not available to mentally disturbed persons, individuals with a criminal record or underage.

In view of the 14 February, high school massacre in Parkland, Florida we will now go through a tortuous, emotional discussion of just who should have access to AW. A safe bet will be that the NRA will argue that your Second Amendment rights will be totally trampled if an individual's rights to purchase AW are somehow reduced. I am not discussing the possession of pistols or rifles in Rabun County which, if a census were conducted, would reveal that an overwhelming number of residents would vote for the right of our residents to own such weapons. Fine, as self defense and animal hunting during the appropriate seasons are traditional and widely accepted activities.

The question is: should military style AW be allowed under the provisions of the Second Amendment? Give it some deep, serious thought. Look at the views of our elected officials. And as a closing thought, should the 1.5% of the population (the NRA) of our beloved country play the deciding role in determining whether or not AW will be easily available for deranged individuals to conduct a Parkland like student massacre in Rabun County?

Will the tail (NRA) continue to wag the dog (our elected Congressional leaders)?

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