

AR-15 rifle drives U.S. gun debate

AR-15 style rifles, the type used in the Orlando massacre, have been used in at least 10 mass shootings across the U.S. since 2011, making them a focal point in America's gun control debate

AR-15



- Developed from U.S. military's **M-16** rifle, used in Vietnam War in 1960s

- Outlawed in 1994. Ban expired in 2004 and Congress opted to not renew it

- There are around 5 to 10 million AR-15 rifles owned in U.S.*

- Cost: From \$800 to \$1,800

Semi-automatic rifle:
Rate of fire depends on user's speed in pulling trigger

Accepts various STANAG** magazines. 5-100-round capacity

Weight: **2.3-3.9kg**

Effective range: **400-600m**

Calibre **5.56x45mm**



DEADLIEST MASS SHOOTINGS IN WHICH ASSAULT RIFLE WAS USED

1 Jun 11, 2016: Omar Mateen, uses **AR-15** style assault rifle to kill 50 people and wound 53 at gay nightclub in Orlando, in deadliest mass shooting in U.S. history

2 Dec 2, 2015: Syed Farook and Tashfeen Malik use two assault rifles and two pistols to kill 14 people at holiday party in San Bernardino

3 Dec 14, 2012: Adam Lanza uses **Bushmaster AR-15 rifle** to kill 20 children and 8 adults at Sandy Hook elementary school in Newtown, Connecticut

4 July 20, 2012: James Holmes uses assault rifle, shotgun and two pistols to kill 12 people at movie theatre in Aurora, Colorado

*According to National Shooting Sports Foundation

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