

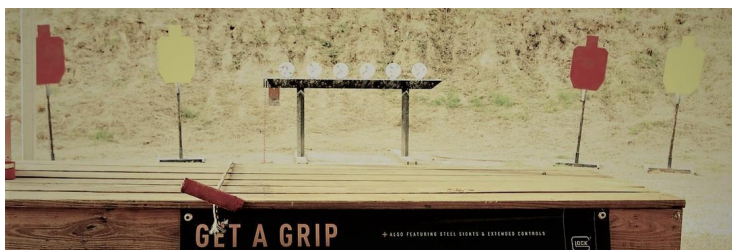


NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2019



Alumni Range Open 7 Days a Week!

Beginning November 15th, the Alumni Range will be open 7 days a week!



Join the Alumni Club Today!

The new hours will be as follows.

- * Monday - Saturday - 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
- * Sunday - 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

As always, the Alumni Range will be staffed with a certified firearms instructor to ensure safe use of the range as well as training assistance (as time permits).

The only requirement to take advantage of the Boondocks Alumni Shooting Club is that you must have taken a one-day BFTA training course (i.e. Basic Pistol MEP). Alumni shooters will also have the option to Join the [Alumni Club](#) and Pre-Pay for the entire year and have unlimited access 7 days a week (during normal range hours) at no additional cost.

Alumni Club Yearly Range Fees

Individual: \$240

Duration: 1 Year from date of purchase

Pre-Sale: \$200 (Valid for the remainder of 2019 - December 31, 2020.)

Family: \$360 - Each family member must have taken a one-day BFTA training course to be eligible. Eligible family members include members of your household

and dependent children.

Duration: 1 Year from date of purchase

Pre-Sale: \$300 (Vaild for the remainder of 2019 - December 31, 2020.)

Please note that the current daily Alumni Fee of \$20.00 will increase to \$30.00 in 2020, so be sure to take advantage of the Alumni Club and Pre-Sale Special!

[Download Enrollment Form](#) for Boondocks Alumni Shooting Club or enroll [ONLINE](#).

The Alumni Range is available for handguns, rifles and shotguns with a maximum distance of 75 yards. Please check the [Boondocks Calendar](#) prior to coming to verify the Alumni Range hours for that day.



Join Today!

Boondocks FTA™ & USCCA Official Partners

In August the USCCA announced its 'Official Partner' Program at Inaugural NSSF Range-Retailer Business Exp. The goal of the Partner Program according to Tim

Schmidt, Founder and President of the USCCA, "is to welcome and prepare more responsibly armed Americans, which will ultimately help save lives and make our communities safer." In 2013 the USCCA launched an ambitious training program that continues to grow. Today the USCCA not only offers legal protection through its Self Defense Shield program, it also provides self-defense education and training with partners like Boondocks FTA™ for responsibly armed Americans across the country. Visit our Pro Shop to learn more about the training, education and legal protection options available from Boondocks FTA™ and USCCA!

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 - MTM 30-cal. Ammo Can (\$10 value)
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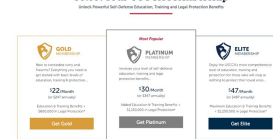
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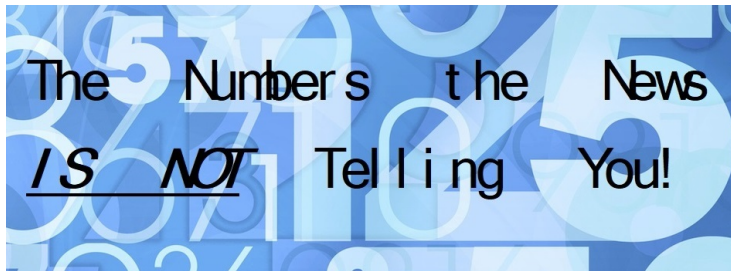
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and bear Arms, shall not be infringed*



Numbers Don't Lie, but the News Media Might!

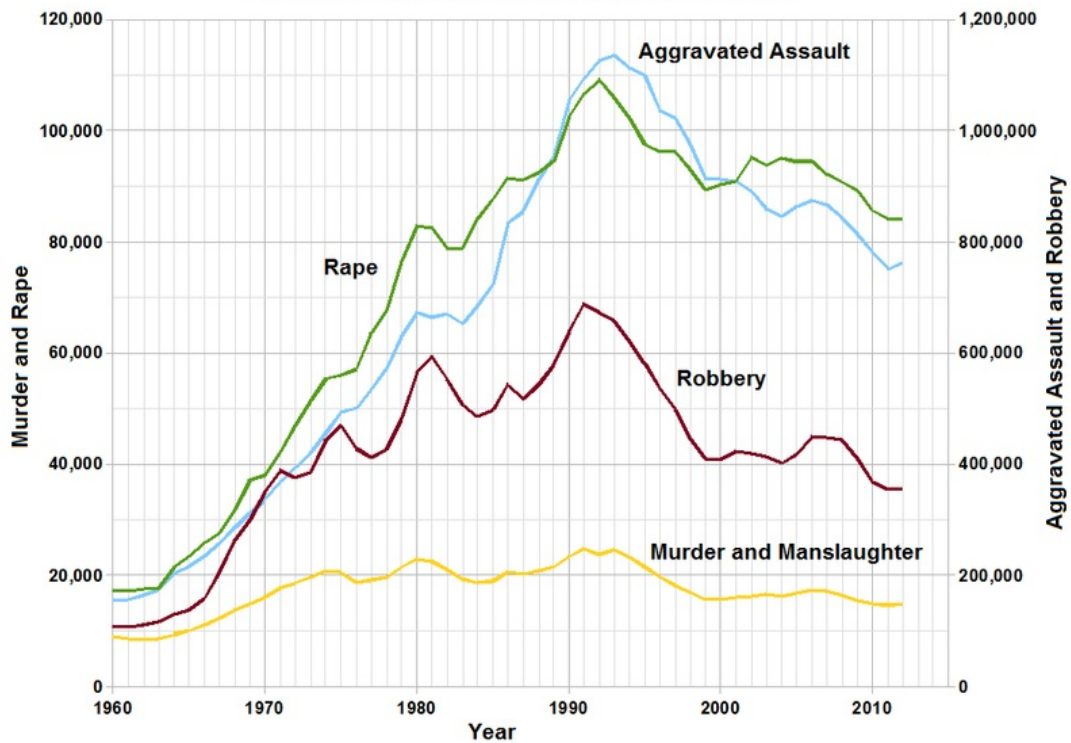
Each month we try to bring you the most relevant news stories

from the past 30 days. This month we decided to focus on what the news may not be telling you. If you spend any time watching or listening to local or national news or even if you get your news from social media outlets, you would think we have an "epidemic of gun violence" here in the United States, but is that really the truth? Let's explore the facts.

Homicide and Violent Crime

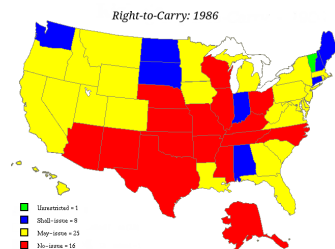
Recently the FBI released its Uniform Crime Report. In [Table 8](#) it shows the total number of homicides in the United States for 2018 was 14,263. Of those, 10,265 deaths were caused by firearms. While this is higher when compared to 2014 and 2015, it is a drop from 2016 and 2017. The highest reported numbers were in 1993 when over 18,000 people were murdered with firearms. The facts are that [Gun Homicide Rates are down 49% since 1993](#), and [Violent Crimes are down by as much as 71%](#) in the same time period.

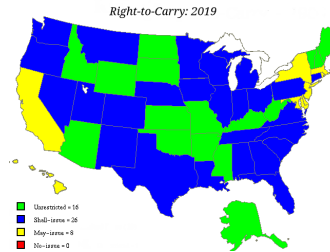
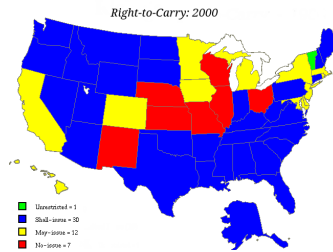
Violent Crime in the United States



Why the Drop?

There are a lot of theories on why violent crime and homicides began to fall in the mid to late 90's. A theory that doesn't get much air time on the news is the [Right to Carry Movement](#). It began in Florida in 1987, and has since spread to every state in the union. In 1986, there were only 9 (1 Unrestricted and 8 Shall Issue) States where you had a "Right To Carry." In the other 41 states, there was no right to carry or the state was a "[May Issue](#)" state that had the right to refuse to give you a carry permit. By the year 2000, the number of Right To Carry states had more than tripled with 1 Unrestricted and 30 Shall Issue states. Today, there are 17 Unrestricted and 26 Shall Issue states, and every state has at least some form of Concealed Carry option with only 8 May Issue states remaining.





While the news media rarely publishes a "good guy with a gun" story, recently discovered unpublished reports from the Center For Disease Control show that "good guys" use guns to stop a violent crime (most of the time without ever having to pull the trigger) at least as much as guns are used in a criminal act and maybe MORE! In fact,

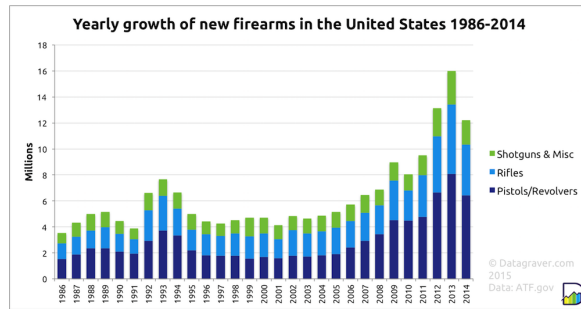
"Almost all national survey estimates indicate that defensive gun uses by victims are at least as common as offensive uses by criminals, with estimates of annual uses ranging from about 500,000 to more than 3 million."

That means guns are used to stop a violent attack or murder anywhere from 1,369 to 8,219 times per day in the United States.

Do More Guns Equal More Crime?

Another narrative spread by the news media and the anti gun groups is that more guns will equal more crime and without banning "Assault Rifles" our society will turn into the Wild Wild West. But is that true? Let's look at the numbers.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) estimates there were 11.5 million firearms produced in the United States in 2016, up 20% from 2015, and 4 times the number produced annually in 1986. In fact, since 1998, there have been over 300,000,000 FBI background checks for firearms purchases, which includes an estimated 1.3 million AR or AK style rifles sold each year. Additionally, there are now an estimated 18.6 million Concealed Carry Permit Holders, a 304% increase from 2007.



NICS Firearm Background Checks: Month/Year

November 30, 1998 - November 30, 2018

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
1998													21,194
1999	591,351	606,325	751,081	646,712	576,272	569,493	589,476	703,346	808,627	945,701	1,004,331	1,253,354	9,138,125
2000	639,073	707,078	726,545	617,698	538,648	552,661	562,139	682,160	823,261	868,988	898,798	1,009,962	8,531,862
2001	640,528	675,156	729,332	594,723	543,501	540,491	559,499	707,234	864,838	1,029,695	983,166	1,062,559	8,916,191
2002	665,803	694,668	714,661	627,745	569,247	518,313	535,594	693,139	824,121	849,281	887,447	974,699	8,454,522
2003	653,731	706,281	759,864	623,832	567,146	529,314	533,269	683,517	718,371	896,463	843,952	1,004,116	8,481,546
2004	693,890	723,634	718,296	642,389	542,834	546,847	561,773	666,350	780,268	863,743	880,754	1,073,701	8,687,671
2005	695,811	743,676	760,294	616,946	557,691	555,660	561,198	687,632	799,131	872,476	927,469	1,044,961	8,951,941
2006	775,518	826,679	845,239	706,373	626,376	616,097	631,136	833,676	919,497	970,036	1,045,194	1,253,840	10,016,933
2007	894,698	914,934	975,888	848,217	803,051	792,843	757,844	911,339	944,899	1,025,121	1,079,923	1,236,325	11,717,335
2008	942,541	1,021,138	1,040,863	866,185	819,891	801,234	764,872	971,861	1,103,276	1,209,631	1,251,626	1,426,601	12,709,651
2009	1,213,883	1,299,078	1,341,096	1,273,988	1,073,182	968,145	966,163	1,074,737	1,093,748	1,213,982	1,273,323	1,407,155	14,033,824
2010	1,119,228	1,243,211	1,368,168	1,233,361	1,094,478	1,085,978	1,069,769	1,089,378	1,145,796	1,248,184	1,296,223	1,521,191	14,699,644
2011	1,323,336	1,473,513	1,449,724	1,351,255	1,206,953	1,168,322	1,157,041	1,310,041	1,253,752	1,348,275	1,334,414	1,602,327	16,454,951
2012	1,377,391	1,749,963	1,727,881	1,427,345	1,316,226	1,302,668	1,306,304	1,428,268	1,439,362	1,614,032	1,606,999	2,763,765	19,592,303
2013	2,495,448	2,769,393	2,769,487	1,744,433	1,455,911	1,381,333	1,335,313	1,419,080	1,491,462	1,697,599	1,813,643	2,461,326	21,692,775
2014	1,660,353	2,006,063	2,400,842	1,742,946	1,485,259	1,382,975	1,402,228	1,546,497	1,456,052	1,605,460	1,805,397	2,309,684	20,968,547
2015	1,772,768	1,876,564	2,042,481	1,711,548	1,589,998	1,529,677	1,600,823	1,745,488	1,795,102	1,976,798	2,243,098	3,314,594	25,441,836
2016	2,545,802	2,613,073	2,523,265	2,145,865	1,870,000	1,711,483	1,707,169	1,873,815	1,902,239	2,335,538	2,581,261	2,771,199	27,536,673
2017	2,043,184	2,234,817	2,435,892	2,045,364	1,942,677	1,901,768	1,742,546	1,925,148	1,967,166	2,098,391	2,382,788	2,586,135	25,232,215
2018	2,090,336	2,133,193	2,367,693	2,223,113	1,982,902	1,933,691	1,853,318	2,073,286	2,056,481	2,068,697	2,391,045		23,638,551

To put these numbers in perspective, the current population of the U.S. is estimated at 327 million, and there are about 4 million babies born each year. That means there are literally more guns in the United States than their are people and there are 3-4 times more firearms produced than babies born here each year. And what about those AR15 and AK47s? According to Business Insider, "The Ford Motor company which produces the F-Series pickup has been America's best selling truck for 41 consecutive years. Since 1977, Ford has sold more than 26 million F-Series trucks in the U.S. In the 21st century, Ford sells a pickup for every single minute of the day." With an estimated 20 million AR or AK style rifles sold since the ban was lifted in 2004, there are likely more AR15s and AK47s in American homes than there are F150s in American driveways.

We Are The Gun Lobby

As a gun owner, we have the numbers on our side. For the past 30 years, the right to carry a firearm on you has expanded to all 50 states, the number of permit holders have soared, and there is an estimated 100 million gun owners in the United States. Firearm manufacturers continue to develop and produce more firearms than any time in our history. In the 21 years since the FBI started tracking background checks on gun sales, there have been more guns sold in the United States than there are people, and more AR15 and AK47 style semi-automatic rifles sold than Ford trucks. Additionally, firearms are used thousands of times a day by law abiding citizens to prevent a violent crime. Maybe that is why homicides are down by about half, and violent crime is down by 70% since 1993. So are the media and anti-gun groups lying about a gun violence epidemic? They certainly ARE NOT telling the entire story, because all of this information is available from a quick online search from government agencies such as ATF, FBI and the CDE. If the media won't tell this story, then WE have to. The next time you encounter a relative or friend that insists we need more gun control laws, simply state these facts. Our

friend, Tom Gresham with Gun Talk Radio says, "A lie unchallenged becomes the truth". If we want to protect the 2nd Amendment and preserve our Right To Carry, we are going to have to [Become the Gun Lobby](#) by informing our friends and family and by getting involved! It is up to you to spread the truth.



The Importance of Continuing Education!

Since I took my first class at Boondocks in January 2016, I have made a commitment to continue learning. Since then I have taken every handgun course BoondocksFTA™ offers. I've also taken several guest instructor classes offered at Boondocks. The most recent of which was Brian Hill's [Pistol Essentials & Beyond](#).

What set Brian Hill's class apart from other classes is that no matter what your level of experience, you were encouraged to improve your skillset. Not once did I feel overwhelmed or in "over my head". Brian took his time and worked with each and every student – first by observing the student, then by suggesting how that particular student could improve or obtain their goal for the class.

Both days started out by breaking down every step of drawing and shooting from concealment into separate exercises. We repeated these steps (draw, grip, sight picture, trigger pull and follow-through) over and over again as warm-up exercises. Brian also used timed drills throughout the weekend to not only challenge us but to help gauge our improvement.

Since I've taken Brian's class, I've adopted these warm-up drills into my daily (well almost daily) dry-fire practice. I've surprised myself by how much this smooth and deliberate dry-fire practice has helped me. During my last Gosh Dang Good Ladies Only Steel Challenge my overall time improved by 25%. That's more than enough

proof to indicate small changes and a little practice can make a huge difference and that anyone can become better prepared and more confident by continuing education and training.

Jan Allinder



"See More"

In a recent class I took with Brian Hill with [The Complete Combatant](#), this was the term that he used to help us "focus" and help build speed and accuracy. Other instructors have stated similar phrases like "focus on your front sight", "slow down" or "only shoot as fast as you can see your sights". While, those terms are perfectly adequate and used a good bit in the training world, the term "See More" took on a much deeper meaning, at least for me.

One of the goals in Brian's class was to help improve your speed and accuracy and he uses a couple of timed drills to measure improvement over the course of the weekend. For example, time to first shot, shot split times, and a timed failure drill, etc. There are a couple of ways to increase speed such as reducing unnecessary motions and trying to pick up the front sight with your dominant eye while prepping the trigger on extension. Combining these techniques will allow you to get the gun out of the holster quicker and allow you to take the first shot the instant your firearms gets to full extension. While it sounds simple, trying to put all these things together in a split second can be challenging, especially if there are subconscious motions that are hindering your ability to efficiently meld all these tactics together.

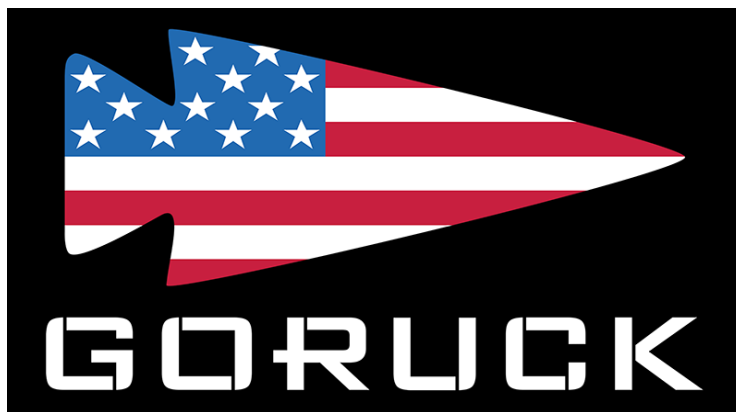
Brian has a unique way to help diagnose small inefficiencies and help students, or at least me, "See More." One of the first things he noticed is that when the shot timer went off, I immediately crouched lower while drawing my firearm from the holster. He encouraged me to change my preparatory index (the position I started from when the timer when off) to the position I naturally crouched too. While it felt uncomfortable, I noticed that I was able to see my front sight much quicker. That small change reduced the need for me to try to find my front sight while my body was moving down (crouching), and my arms were moving up during extension.

The second eye opening revelation came during a discussion of hard focus on the front sight, especially and extended ranges. As I approach 50, my eyesight isn't as keen as it used to be and out past 10 yards, the front sight starts to get fuzzy. The issue is that my eyes are unable to quickly transition from a far sight focus (say a target at 15 yards) to a near sight focus, the front site of my pistol. So while at the 15 yard line, as I am standing there looking at the target, my eyes adjust to that particular distance and as I draw my pistol and switch to focusing on my front sight, my eyes are not able to adjust quick enough.

The results were undeniable. On day one, my time to first shot was about 1.5 -1.7 seconds from concealment. With a few changes on my draw-stroke and preparatory index I was able to get my time to first shot down below 1 second and by day 2 was consistently putting 2 shots on target quicker than a single shot on target prior to the class.

Chad J. Winkler

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The classes run \$275.00 each and are taught by current or former Special Forces instructors. You can learn more about each class from the Events Page on the [GoRuck Website](#).



Springfield Hellcat

On September 25, 2019, [Springfield Armory](#) unveiled their new [Hellcat](#) 9mm Micro Pistol. The well kept secret was in development for 2 1/2 years, and immediately bumped the Sig P365 from the High Capacity Micro Pistol throne. The Hellcat is essentially the exact same size as the P365, but it ships with a 11 round flush and a 13 round extended magazine which tops the P365 and P365XL options from Sig Sauer. The Hellcat is also a departure from the traditional XD and XDM line of pistols. Gone is the Backstrap Safety and the overly aggressive grip texture of the XDM and the "Grip Zone" texture found on the XD Mod 2. The Hellcat comes with a U-Dot™ Tritium/Luminescent Front and Tactical Rack Rear sight, but there is also an Optical Sight Pistol (OSP) option for those wishing to easily add a Red Dot on your carry gun. The Sig P365 was a game changer when it was released last year and is a great pistol, but the Hellcat has literally and figuratively "one up'ed" it. If your in the market for a high capacity Micro 9mm you now have two very good choices!





The Timeless Caliber Debate

For as long as hunters have gathered around a campfire swapping tall tales of past hunts, there has been a debate on which caliber is best for deer hunting. Hunters will argue till the last embers burn out on the effectiveness of .30-06 Springfield over the .270 Winchester or the .308 Winchester over the 7mm-08 Remington. While each hunter has their own reason for their personal favorite, the truth is there are only a handful of "[Rifle Cartridge Families](#)" designed for medium and big game animals. For example both the .30-06 and the .270 are the same cartridge family, and there are very little ballistic difference between the two. Likewise the .308 and the 7mm-08 are siblings and with similar weight bullets, ballistic difference evaporate. I encourage you to use the link above and read about the cartridge families outlined by Chuck Hawks, but for this debate we will focus on the three most popular.

The .30-06 Family

The .30-06 Springfield launched in 1906 and was originally developed as a military round. It didn't take long before hand-loaders started creating wildcat rounds by either necking the round up or down. Some of the wildcats became so popular that they were picked up by companies like Remington and Winchester. Today popular siblings of the .30-06 include;

- * .25-06 Remington
- * .270 Winchester
- * .280 Remington
- * .35 Whelen

375 H&H Family

A few years after the .30-06 was released, Holland and Holland introduced the .375 H&H. Some popular wildcats include;

- * .300 H&H Magnum
- * .300 Weatherby Magnum
- * .340 Weatherby Magnum
- * .375 Weatherby Magnum
- * .416 Remington Magnum

* .458 Lott

With the increasing popularity of the .30-06 some companies took the .375 H&H and shortened the case to the overall length of the .30-06 and a whole new breed of very popular magnum rounds were born including;

- * .257 Weatherby Magnum
- * .264 Winchester Magnum
- * .270 Weatherby Magnum
- * 7mm Remington Magnum
- * 7mm Weatherby Magnum
- * .300 Winchester Magnum
- * .338 Winchester Magnum

The .308 Family

The .308 was originally developed in 1954 by the military to replace the .30-06. It's goal was to replicate the performance of the .30-06 but in a smaller lighter case which could be shot out of smaller lighter rifles. The adventure was a huge success. The .308 is not only smaller and lighter than the .30-06 it also has a shorter bolt throw, less recoil and is generally more accurate, and it only gives up about 100 feet per second (FPS) in velocity to the .30-06. The .308 family includes;

- * .243 Winchester
- * .260 Remington
- * 7mm-08 Remington
- * .308 Winchester
- * .338 Federal
- * .358 Winchester

Splitting Hairs

Hornady currently loads a 150 grain bullet for the .30-06, .270 Winchester, .308 Winchester and 7mm-08 Remington. The velocities of these rounds range from 2,770 to 2,910 FPS , a difference of only 140 FPS. Atmospheric conditions, barrel length and shot to shot variances on factory loaded ammo makes this difference virtually irrelevant. So, hunters are literally arguing over .031 or 3 one-hundredths of an inch difference at the base of the bullet between the .270 and 30-06 or .308 and .024 inches between the 7mm-08 Rem and the .30-06 or .308. However, there are some valid debates to be had. The debate really starts to make sense when you compare the wide range of bullet weights loaded in each cartridge. While all of the above cartridges have starting bullet weights at 120-125 grains, the .308 and .30-06 offer bullet weights up to 220 grains which makes better suited for dangerous game. But for the average deer hunter, debating the effectiveness of a 139 grain 7mm-08 and a 150 grain .308 or a 140 grain .270 and a 150 grain .30-06 is really just splitting hairs! If you are able to accurately place your shot, the deer will be just as dead no matter what cartridge you choose. So the next time you cozy up to the campfire with your hunting buddies and the caliber debate heats up again,

just sit back, relax and hit them with some of this intellectual ammunition!

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