



## Fed Judge strikes down California's assault rifle ban — Unconstitutional

### Description

**Judge says state ban failed in mission and can't be allowed to infringe on 2nd Amendment rights,**

**USA: A federal judge late Friday struck down California's three-decade-old ban on assault weapons, saying the law was a "failed experiment" that had wrongly infringed the Constitution's 2nd Amendment.**

The 1989 state law that defined assault weapons and prohibited their sale is "hereby declared unconstitutional and shall be enjoined," U.S. District Judge Roger T. Benitez wrote in a ruling certain to send shockwaves through the gun rights debate in America,

Benitez wrote that the law was "a 30-year-old failed experiment" that had infringed on "what should be a muscular constitutional right."

***"Government is not free to impose its own new policy choices on American citizens where constitutional rights are concerned,"*** added Benitez, an appointee of former President George W. Bush.

**Gov. Gavin Newsom ripped the decision as a a "direct threat to public safety and the lives of innocent Californians."**

**The judge granted a 30-day stay to give California Attorney General Rob Bonta (Pictured) time to appeal.**

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