

Hello, my name is Parker J. White, I am currently residing in Norwich Connecticut at the age of 14. I am currently attending the Norwich Free Academy. I have very conservative views on everything and gun control is one of the topics that I am strongly against. Ever since our forefathers founded this nation, they knew in order to keep this nation alive, we the people would need firearms to protect our freedoms from criminals and tyrannous governments. Unfortunately during these dark ages for America, our gun rights are being hindered by politicians with a lack of common sense. I say this because good guys with guns stop criminals with guns. These crooks committing acts of violence towards schools and others are smart, they will most likely not attack an area if they know the people inside are armed. This makes them stop and think if they want life or not, and the majority of the time they will walk away. To prevent further school shootings, there needs to be a reprieve of gun bans, teacher armament programs that will teach teachers and staff firearm safety and how to protect their students in case of an emergency, and at least one law enforcement officer at every school to protect everyone. There was an attempted school shooting down south in Pearl River, Missouri, where a mentally handicapped student came into the school armed with an AR-15, Glock 18, and a bulletproof vest. When a lockdown was announced over the PA system, the vice principal went to his car and retrieved his M1911 and threatened to shoot the student if he did not drop his weapon and turn himself in. The student did so and did not retaliate. No student was harmed. This proves that any school in America needs an armed force inside a school such as teachers, principals, staff, etc. At NFA, I am worried everyday that there will be some guy that gets in and terrorizes the campus. The security guards are not armed, there are stamps on every door that reads "Safe Zone" which tells criminals we are not armed, and finally, there is a large student body. Newtown, as awful as it was, could have been prevented if there were armed guards or teachers at Sandy Hook. It is very unfortunate that gun bans are going around, because it only prevents the good guys from getting firearms. Criminals, no matter what laws you pass, they will always find a way around, like with heroin and marijuana, it will hinder the regular citizen from receiving them, but criminals will still find a way to sell and smoke these evil things. I am going to take my Hunters Safety course soon because I want to learn how firearms operate, also how to defend myself and others around me in case of these attacks, and just to continue the natural process of hunting in the forever holy forests of deer. I feel very strongly for what is going on right now in our daily lives as Americans, and I am very against what this blue state is trying to do with our freedoms, which should be defended. Thank you for reading my thoughts and opinions and God Bless!!

Sincerely, Parker J. White, 14