

I live in New Haven where my son goes to school with children who live in neighborhoods where gun violence is not a shocking sudden occurrence but a very real everyday danger. The result is that they grow up fearful and more prone to violence themselves. While we can't get guns out of the hands of the bad actors without long term policing, we can make it hard to acquire bullets and we can make the licensing of future gun purchases more stringent. For decades guns have been too easy to acquire. It will take a long time to rid society of their use for other than protective, sporting or police purposes. But we need to start and now is the right time. We know all too well the price we pay for not taking up this moral challenge.

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