

Be a nuisance when it counts. Do your part to inform and stimulate the public to join your action. Be depressed, discouraged, & disappointed at failure & the disheartening effects of ignorance, greed, corruption & bad politics — but never give up.

—Marjory Stoneman Douglas

shooter man sir

Christine Ernst, 2018

dear sir

dear young man

dear sportsman

dear neighbor

dear cowards of Congress

dear frightened old man dear criminal young man

disenfranchised man paranoid man prepper man drunken man desperate man

short man easy way out man

mostly non-hispanic white conservative married some high school or college man all angry man

I am the citizen the human the friend the mother the voter

I am the scary woman they warned you about

who wants to take away your gun

who requires you to explain your bloodlust

who needs you to explain your deep desire for lethality

because there are many ways of not murdering someone if you just want to feel safe

we have the technology but you don't want it mr. six million you don't want to feel safe

you want to be lethal

and a non-fatal deterrent well that's not as much fun is it cowboy

you got the power

you're the man man

you gonna show me teach me a lesson show me what you're packing

is that a gun in your pocket a flag on your pick-up a chip on your shoulder or are you just happy to see me

your government is not a tyranny any more than it ever was

and your second amendment was written by men who held slaves

and if you actually need to hunt get a cross-bow or a camera

you are not safer with your gun

you are 22 times more likely to kill your own kid or yourself than the intruder in your fantasy

there was an armed guard at

Columbine did you know and a police force on campus at Virginia Tech armed bouncers in Orlando

most murderers buy their guns legally and have never been stopped by the likes of you comic book shooter

it's harder to purchase sudaferd than a semi-automatic

and you have the cops and feds outgunned by a factor of 79 to 1

332 million people in our country

357 million guns in civilian ownership did you get that

I know I know I know

guns don't kill people of course people kill people guns just make it really really easy for people to kill people

and when a military-grade assault weapon is your average active shooter's tool of choice guns make it really really easy to kill lots and lots of people so guns don't kill people sir I understand that sir you kill people

and when you can't swing a cat in this country sir without
hitting a gun owner such as yourself and his stockpile of high capacity magazines don't you think that
access is the problem that the most powerful lobby in the history of this country is the agent and
bloodlust sir is the conversation we are not having
now I'm no crisis actor but what up hero you got an answer for me noble second amendment man
numbers too big maybe do I bore you with meaningless statistics
don't even get me started on the intersectionality of gun violence and the way in which it weaponizes hate
deeply rooted in american history and its bedrock of enslavement oppression and persecution
but go ahead and vet my facts background check me then obfuscate
cleave to a false narrative of mental illness conflate your perverse argument with patriotism
make the truth not the truth
debunk me with junk science insult me with thoughts and prayers buy another senator heck buy a
president wail about your rights then joke in private or public with your cronies that
somebody oughtta shoot her in the head
when really sir
you need to evolve
because the numbers don't lie
the 38,658 people shot to death last year can't be all wrong
check your bloodlust sir
20 butchered first graders can't be all wrong can they?
check your bloodlust sir
and the 12 kids at Columbine 32 people at Virginia Tech 13 at Binghamton 12 at Aurora
12 Washington Navy Yard 9 Umpqua 14 San Bernadino 49 Orlando 26 Sutherland Springs 58 Las Vegas
17 Stoneman Douglas 10 Santa Fe the list will not stop
check your bloodlust sir
the math of slaughtered thousands is holy and inarguable
by the time we all go to bed tonight
96 people including 7 children somewhere in the US will be dead and more than 200 will be injured from
gunshot wounds
check your bloodlust sir
I know sir it is hard to keep track isn't it all these senseless deaths
but sir do you ever think of that school hallway in Newtown sir
those terrified tiny children precious babies the desperate teachers trying to protect them
the way in which they all died
think on these things sir sleep on them if you can and then please tell me
just what it is
that you need to kill