

My name is Dylan Wright and I am 15 years old. I attend Arlington high school and I am writing to tell you that not all young people are following the walk out/anti gun movement.

Some of us teenagers see that we are being used by groups and politicians. I hope you give kids like me the same attention you are giving the ones on tv.

My parents and grandparents taught me about guns. I took a hunters safety course and enjoy hunting and spending that time with my dad and grampy. I'm a good student, athlete, and friend to my classmates at school.

I am worried that my generation is going to become so brainwashed about guns they will eventually be totally banned. No more rifles to hunt deer, no ability when I'm older to have a gun for protection. No more of our Vermont family traditions.

I think a lot of people talking about guns don't know anything about them. And they think that one type of gun is worse than another. But I think the same could be said about people.

The bullies, the angry kids and the trouble makers. What have the schools done to deal with them? You could ban every gun in the world and a bad kid could still beat up a classmate or bully them until they kill themselves. Instead of looking at "bad guns" you should look at "bad kids or bad people."

I'm not a doctor, but maybe kids wouldn't want to hurt others with a gun, a bomb, a knife or fists if someone cared about them. I think the problem is with the people. When I have a problem, I talk to my parents. But some kids might not be able to.

Kids like me who hunt and support gun rights are not bad kids. If a kid in my class does something wrong, the whole class doesn't get into trouble. So why is it that if a bad kid or adult does something with a gun everyone gets punished?

I'm sick of my generation being used. I know in this country we have fought for our rights and I think it is unfair for people to try and take them away. What other rights are we suppose to give up? Why do certain people think they can decide that? Why are they superior?

Despite what you are shown on tv, a lot of kids did NOT walk out. If you want to keep kids like me safe, maybe you should look at the schools and not just at guns. Maybe you should reach out to ALL types of kids, including those who hunt and are responsible with firearms- instead of assuming we all feel a particular way.

Blaming a gun for killing someone is like blaming a fist for doing the same thing. I'm only 15 and even I know that that is stupid.

-Dylan Wright