

## **My Two Cent's Worth**

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### **Emma, Hogg, Parkland and guns**

The menace at the high school in Florida has created a world of anger, fear, disgust, and a disappointing evolution of fighting amongst ourselves.

As is usual in this country, the press, media, and politicians find tragedy as a way to point fingers at those who disagree with each other's opinions.

The killer here has been arrested and will get his due. But the frustration that lingers points the finger at the officer who was at the school and did nothing to help those kids.

The officer was suspended, and then resigned from his career after it was learned that he stayed outside during the high school shooting while 17 kids and teachers lost their lives.

It is right to question this officer's actions. Try as I may, I cannot defend this officer's actions. Firemen run to fires. Cops run to gunfire. He didn't.

The whys will be answered but in this wake, the students have gone viral on the internet, newspapers, and the telly. Protests and more protests demanding new gun laws and restrictions.

Emma Gonzales, an outspoken critic of the NRA is more rational than David Hogg, who comes across as a profanity-laced bully. They blame all us stupid people who own guns and those who belong to the NRA and believe in the Second amendment. They are children, however, and will only learn over time that screaming and name-calling will accomplish nothing. Just crazy kid stuff to many, but their emotions are real.

Their naivety and immaturity shines through, even after sympathizing and understanding their desire to have mass murder eliminated at schools. Who doesn't want that? But the vile finger pointing won't solve the gun crisis now or in the future.

Guns are here to stay. Some new laws will invariably arise but little can be done with an asshole bent on mayhem.

You cannot deter them all but you can prepare them for future events. It will take the right training and the right cops to protect the schools, where our most vulnerable reside.

We protect courthouses, state and federal buildings, stadiums, train stations, airports, and others, why not schools? Dismantling the NRA, the Second Amendment, and other civilian rights will not stop people bent on carnage.

I hate to sound like a cliché, but really, a good cop with a gun is the only answer in our schools until a culture change ever takes place. And by that, I mean people being nice to each other. Like that's ever really going to happen.

Police who will defend the schools with the mindset, proper training, and community support will prove over time to be the only answer. So let's get it going.

Vita é bella.