

# Hogg wants to strip gun owners of their rights

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David Hogg is certainly entitled to his opinion. But his extended "tour" to preach gun control to the masses is misguided, counter-productive and highly suspect. As my previous letter to The Sun noted, Massachusetts gun laws and only served to infringe on the civil rights of law-abiding citizens.

The result is that our violent crime is almost 3 percent higher than the U.S. rate. Before Massachusetts invoked these laws, our rate was half the U.S. rate. Putting that in today's terms, Massachusetts gun laws directly result in over 1,000 extra combined murders, rapes, robberies, and assaults each year. Is this what Hogg and The Sun want for the rest of America?

Hogg has spent the last year traveling the country, and I doubt he has been paying for this trip out of his own pocket. Rather than acting like a pawn for the billionaire gun-control lobby, perhaps he and The Sun should focus their efforts on known way to save lives. Virtually every after-action report of a mass shooting notes the same observation: If the gunman couldn't get into a classroom (due to a locked door) those students were spared.

Despite this well-known fact, Massachusetts law expressly forbids public schools to be able to lock classroom doors due to fire codes.

Maybe it's time to lobby for real changes that are guaranteed to save lives, rather than simply giving more power to the government that has time and again demonstrated its complete incompetence in this area.

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