

# The Washington Post

Letters to the Editor

**Opinion** (in print, this is known as the Editorial Pages).

## The scourge of gun violence

**The praise the** March 25 editorial “[‘We are the change’](#)” heaped on the organizers and participants of the March for Our Lives in Washington and other cities masked an important miscalculation: All these marches addressed the wrong audience.

A truthful response to a poll about how the parents of the young protesters voted in the 2016 elections would reveal that at least 40 percent of them voted for congressional candidates opposing anti-gun legislation, regardless of party affiliation. This is the heart of problem, and this stark reality suggests where the young students should begin: at home.

The schoolchildren and other young adults should turn their attention and energy to educating the voting members of their own families (parents, older siblings, cousins) and their circle of friends instead of addressing anonymous congressmen. The elected representatives who have to date resisted gun-control legislation may begin to reconsider their position only if they sense that they are losing their political base ahead of the next elections.

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