

## The Gun Debate Agenda – “Flipping” Political Majorities *“Never let a serious crisis go to waste”*

Every observation I can make, every informed person I trust suggests that the majority of conservative Montanans have hibernated. The *Left* is on fire - is the *Right* *overconfident or just comfortable*? Waking up just in time to vote will not work – this time! This election - and every election after it - is the most important! The struggle to control the ethical base of our country will only intensify.

The current conversation about guns, while important, is not the real issue. This highly hyped emotional issue (and others like it) will be used to “flip” political majorities across our country. *“Vote for people who will do something about this”* is their rallying cry and they are concentrating on the voting blocks of youth and women.

*“But we have the truth on our side - lower taxes, better wages etc.”* **If you think truth is going to trump emotion in today’s culture, you really are asleep in your cave.** Below, is an article from the Billings Gazette as Lee Enterprises continues to press for the “flip” in Montana. Before you read it, allow me to suggest some background – what’s really going on in this debate?

### **Gazette Article – Motives and Manipulations:**

Up front, let me say that I always salute youth involvement in issues – it’s an important step in them becoming part of an informed electorate. However, that principle requires that they be well mentored. Rarely would juniors in high school have gone through the considerable data there is on the issues of guns. Few would have handled guns enough to understand their use and even fewer would be aware of the training and cautions that would be involved in teachers having guns in schools. So, the question is who will do the mentoring?

Gazette reporter Matt Hoffman focuses on young, impressionable youth. The fact that these youth are enjoying multiple Gazette articles would suggest that they represent a large part of the student segment. At this point, they do not, but with today’s youth’s love for hysteria and causes, don’t dismiss them. With emotional pleas for their voices to be heard, West High junior Emily Tschetter says:

*“We don’t want to talk about gun control and stuff, we want to be non-partisan.”*

Even the article below (plus the Gazette article 02/27/18 *Billings Still Grappling...*) makes it clear that they are “demanding legislative action.” Author Hoffman exposes himself as he points out that these wise-old-owls in schools across Montana have connections - *Moms Demanding Action for Gun Sense and March for Our Lives*. Spend a couple of hours tracking down what these national organization’s agendas are!

So, was this an “organic” move produced by deep thinking students in the Treasure state or are there other players who initiated this conflict? If you have paid attention at all, you know that Mediatrackers.org tells us that [Bloomberg has had his fingers on gun control](#) issues in Montana and is undoubtedly involved now. This linked article – again - casts a shadow over these students’ claim that they want to be non-partisan. But, there are others?

### **What Did Sherriff David Clark Suggest?**

I have a lot of respect for the writers of the *New American* magazine. In their article [Sheriff Clarke: Are the Student Gun-control Protests George Soros Astroturf?](#) They quote a tweet by Clark:

*“Media appearances and an activism campaign from students of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School against gun violence had ‘George Soros’ fingerprints all over it.”*

Soros, the far left-wing billionaire currency speculator, is well known for pumping millions of dollars into advancing liberal/socialist causes — mostly behind the scenes. Jack Kingston (R-GA) suggested

*“It is implausible that high school students who survived a brutal massacre last week were capable of organizing nationwide rallies for gun control on their own.”* [I would add, especially in such a short time with all that they have on their plates.]

The Left regularly practices *astroturf activism*: events orchestrated by furtive, powerful forces but made to appear as grassroots movements. Of course, CNN labeled these suggestions conspiracy theory fake news. There is much more in

this article arguing that the Sheriff - in all probability - is right but we will probably never be able to prove it. These Progressives are masters at operating in the dark.

### **There is Much More - You have heard about FBI and Government Fumbles, have you heard this?**

[The scandal that the media is ignoring](#), but is probably the most important part of this story, involves the school district and local law enforcement agencies colluding to lie about what became the foundation of the Douglas High School tragedy. The school district was failing and realized that their students were being arrested at high rates. So, they made an agreement with the local police to stop arresting their students for crimes to improve the school's image. At first, the police were only "excusing" misdemeanors, but soon **they were also "excusing" felonies**, including violent crimes like assault, armed robberies, and worse.

Did the police "miss warning signs" or were they forced to ignore them? Was the security guard a coward – what is the rest of that story? This discussion is about more than guns and the answer isn't more gun control. This is partially about Left wing corruption and money.

### **Red Herrings and Leftist Agenda's:**

Without question, we want to treat what happened in Florida with respect. We also want to be sure that sensible gun laws are enforced. Obviously, the situation in Florida is ripe with issues that helped to enable this tragedy. However, when all the emotions settle, we have to identify this as another Leftwing Red Herring – the use of such an issue to distract from reality. The reality is that we are in a struggle for the life of our Republic. We need to be able to discern these attacks, know what is really happening, and help coach our kids and those we influence.

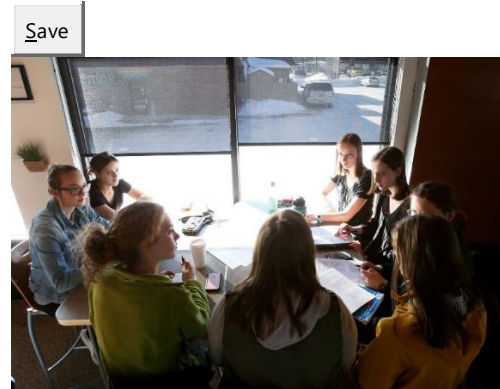
### **Are We A City Set on a Hill?**

The picture from the thirty-thousand foot level is that what you're hearing in Montana or nationally has much more to do with multiple organizations pushing an agenda. I will grant you, they want to do away with the second amendment. However, **there is an even larger agenda, it is the complete Socialization of America**. Look at Sen. Diane Feinstein's (D-CA) situation, she is not far enough Left to suit them now. What you are seeing (in my humble opinion) is a full court press push to "flip" legislators in states and nationally. But this time, there will be no messing around. What Obama did was a failure to these radical activists. This time, they will take this country where they want it to

be. **The question is, will we get off of our dairy airs (Fr. Derriere) and do something about this?** Will we be a city set on a hill like the Founders or will we hide our light under a bushel?

## **Billings students organizing school walkout and march in wake of shooting, threats**

Billings Gazette, Feb. 24, 2019 Matt Hoffman, Reporter



A group of students gather at Mazevo Coffee on Friday to plan a march and walkout demanding action to stop gun violence in schools.

School shootings, like the one that killed 17 people in Florida last week, are a fact of life for today's students.

"It's hard to go to school the next day and not look for a place to hide in a shooting," said West High junior Emily Tschetter. "All of us have lived post-Columbine."

Tschetter and a group Billings students believe that they deserve better. They believe their voices can help make things better.

The group, operating informally under a national movement called **March for Our Lives**, is calling for a student walk-out in Billings high schools on March 14 and a formal march in the downtown area on March 24.

"We want legislation that protects schools against gun violence," said Allison Johnson, a junior at West High.

The plans come as high school students around the nation have taken a high-profile role in demanding political action to address school shootings.

Hundreds of students [walked out](#) of a Missoula high school Wednesday. Some wielded signs like "Protect Kids Not Guns" and "Thoughts and Prayers Don't Save Lives."



The students walked through downtown and around the Missoula County Courthouse where they stopped briefly to chant for their cause.

During an after-school meeting Friday, students discussed what exactly that meant — and what it could mean to different people, especially in a town that tends to support gun rights.

“We don’t want to talk about gun control and stuff, we want to be non-partisan,” Tschetter said.

The group was organized after students were contacted by local members of **Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense**, a gun control advocacy group, about organizing a **March for Our Lives** chapter in Billings. About 20 students from Billings' three public high schools are in the group.

Isabelle Wagler, a junior at West, recalled students getting “really offended” during conversations about gun policy.



Isabelle Wagler, center, and Emily Tschetter and a group of other students gather at Mazevo Coffee on Friday to plan a march and walkout demanding action to stop gun violence in schools.

“We should try to emphasize that we’re trying to unite people,” she said.

The group also discussed concerns about being too vague and diluting their message. The students attending the Friday meeting unequivocally rejected [arming teachers](#) as a solution — something President Donald Trump has repeatedly cited as a response or deterrent to shootings.

“To control gun violence, we can’t control it with more guns,” said Clara Bentler, a junior at Senior High.

### **Why walk out?**

Students aren’t only directing their message at politicians. They felt that a walkout at schools was important to grab the attention of school administrators.

“It’s something that they need to consider too,” Bentler said.

The group was dissatisfied with the response they received at school after the shooting. Schools [added an extra check](#) of students' identification as they entered high schools.

[Ana Strong Garcia, a senior at Senior](#), said her classes had "not a single discussion, not a single word about the shooting" the next day. Other students said some of their classes had student-sparked discussions.



Allison Johnson, right, Clara Bentler, center, and Skyler Brauneis and a group of other students gather at Mazevo Coffee on Friday to plan a march and walkout demanding action to stop gun violence in schools.

At West High, someone pulled a fire alarm. The shooter at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School pulled a fire alarm and opened fire on students in hallways.

The West High fire alarm “was terrifying,” Johnson said.

The students from West said teachers kept kids in rooms, and an announcement over the school’s public address system said it was a false alarm after about a minute and a half.



The group acknowledged that some students might walk out simply to get out of class, but they hoped that number would be smaller than expected. They planned to create signs in advance and distribute flyers ahead of the walkout explaining their stance.

They talked about creating an emblem — perhaps an orange ribbon — that could be worn to express support for the walkout and march.



Clara Bentler, center, and Allison Johnson and a group of other students gather at Mazevo Coffee on Friday to plan a march and walkout demanding action to stop gun violence in schools.

They also talked about the possibility of punishment for skipping out of class.

“We’re going to work with (administrators),” Bentler said.

A handful of schools across the nation announced students who skipped classes to protest gun violence would face harsh punishments. Courts have ruled students still have First Amendment rights in schools, but that administrators can punish students for displays if they create too much disruption in school operations.

The group is still solidifying its plans, but aimed to sustain an advocacy beyond the march and walk out.

“We want more action,” Tschetter said, “rather than just more rhetoric.”