

'THIS TIME IS GOING TO BE DIFFERENT': CONFRONTING THE NRA


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I can't read one more story today about the fathomless horror children, teachers, and parents experienced in Uvalde, Texas on Tuesday. Each new report nauseates me learning that Texas state and local government failed their most vulnerable citizens repeatedly.

Knowing that a child had to play dead after swabbing themselves in their dead friend's blood is just...I don't have words for this, only tears and an urge to scream and rail.

If this representative was mine, I'd be screaming at him.

WATCH: GOP Rep. Tony Gonzales refuses to answer NBC's @GarrettHaake when asked why 18-year-olds need to be able to buy assault rifles
pic.twitter.com/SdSS3Gg47P

– The Beat with Ari Melber on MSNBC 
(@TheBeatWithAri) May 26, 2022

Par for the course with this guy who succeeded NRA's buddy Will Hurd for Texas's 23rd congressional district.

This is Tony Gonzales, who represents the district that contains the elementary school in Uvalde, Texas that just got shot up.
pic.twitter.com/imRGq3Y8Nn

– No Lie with Brian Tyler Cohen
(@NoLieWithBTC) May 24, 2022

Utterly useless and irresponsible, unresponsive

to the needs of his constituents while doing little more than lobbying for guns.

Fortunately, the young people of Texas aren't taking the attack on their futures lying down. We've seen protests after mass shootings before but this feels different – they are taking it right to the NRA.

Yeah this time is gonna be different. This is in front of the NRA convention in Houston. pic.twitter.com/3BLhKK1St9
– David Hogg 🇺🇸 (@davidhogg111) May 27, 2022

Yeah, this really feels different.

Here at the anti-NRA protest in Houston, I just witnessed North Texas based right wing provocateur who goes by the name Chet Goldstein get ejected by the crowd for trying to disrupt the event pic.twitter.com/PkW7tLQs7p
– steven monacelli (@stevanzetti) May 27, 2022

There will be more protests tomorrow against the NRA in Houston outside the organization's convention when big name doofuses like Ted Cruz and Donald Trump show up.

I hope more protests will occur in Uvalde against this monstrous wretch who is trying to suck up to the NRA and patronize Uvalde's citizens at the same time. One can only wonder if polling told him to do this.

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott will still make pre-recorded remarks at the NRA convention this weekend. But he's canceled his in-person appearance and will instead visit Uvalde, where a gunman killed 19 children and two teachers this week. <https://t.co/5MNEfc4M41>

– Texas Tribune (@TexasTribune) May 27, 2022

You'll recall David Hogg is a survivor of the 2018 mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. He continues to fight for the rights of young Americans to live without the terror of gun violence.

Hogg's promoting the next rallies on June 11. By then Congress will be back in session.

Join us or create a sister March here there's already over 100 in over 45 states join us <https://t.co/PYjDUWuMAY>

– David Hogg 🇺🇸 (@davidhogg111) May 26, 2022

It will take more than these rallies to make change happen, though. I hope there's effort on the ground to encourage voter registration and education about candidates who support gun control.