

Letter: It is time and it is the gun

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As usual, it didn't take long for the far-right folks to passionately defend the killing weapon involved in our latest mass murder of three children and three adults. I will never understand the near love affair some people have over these weapons made to kill a lot of people at a rapid pace.

Especially galling are the tired tropes we hear shortly after one of these violent attacks.

Such as "Now is not the time to discuss gun control." or "It's not the gun."

Yes, it is time and it is most definitely the gun. Especially the easy availability of guns made to kill large amounts of people.

What's also disturbing to me is the reverence of these weapons by some Christian groups who proclaim their love for Jesus while passionately defending the weapons involved in mass murder.

Can we at least admit the killing weapons are a large part of the problem?

We should be smart and creative enough by now to figure out ways to balance people's right to own firearms for protection, hunting and sport shooting, while stopping disturbed and violent people from obtaining military style assault weapons.

Or any weapons at all.

Yes, it is time and it is the gun.

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