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 **DON'T LET
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Here's what provoked me:

There's quite a youth movement afoot regarding mass violence, especially in schools. We have to be careful not to let the kids down again? What's the most likely way that would happen? That's what I am trying to address in this brief commentary.

Here's my response:

Don't Let the Kids Down Once Again!

The News-Press editorial on March 16, about students speaking out about school security, was very interesting and deserving of the space and attention given to it. Nevertheless, I was drawn away from the subject matter, and was thinking about where this all is going.

If a youth movement is the catalyst for making meaningful progress on reducing mass violence, especially in schools, I'm fine with that. I may not agree with all they say but I admire their sincere effort and it will make a difference I am sure.

Now that we've perhaps been awakened by their well-intentioned outrage and demonstrations, we must take care not to let these kids down once again. How is that most likely to happen? In two ways, I believe: Ignoring the cultural changes that have given momentum to mass killings, and letting the kids "call the shots."