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Columnist Article #1

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Collins, Gail. "Guns - When Trump Can't Even Tweet." *The New York Times*, The New York Times, 24 Jan. 2018, www.nytimes.com/2018/01/24/opinion/guns-kentucky-twitter.html.

Part 1: Article Analysis

Gail Collins starts with statistics. Events that impact everyone. The statistics used depict problem our nation has with gun violence. Her description of what led to these events, and what could be changed was a call for our government to finally take action.

Tone:

Collins uses an informative, but assertive tone to push for change and prevent repetition of previous incidents.

Context:

Collins provides context for her arguments through historical reference to events, but more importantly to the messages of our president on the issue. While still keeping the informative tone, the author's disapproval of how these situations have been handled is clear.

Appeals:

Collins, in this piece, has used all 3 rhetorical devices least once, but puts more attention towards logos, using facts and examples in an effort to show what's actively happening.

Organization:

The article follows a flow set by the author to best present facts, then delve into what can be changed.

Diction/Word Choice:

This op-ed piece was written with “clear and easily understood” in mind. The article has a straightforward message and presents the topic in a somewhat simple fashion, very much in contrast to how the issue is often viewed.

Part 2: Personal Response:

Collins op-ed article is a plea to the government and its people. She wants everyone to come together with the common goal of mitigating gun violence. She begins with facts. Truths about killings that have happened in recent U.S. history. Her article has local governors, and leaders of gun safety organizations to back her in her claim that the government needs to regulate guns. She gets the message through to the average citizen, and reader of this article. Much of the article is built upon facts gathered from various sources such as the Gun Violence Archive, but she gathers people close to the issue, such as Mark Kelly as well. The assumptions made were a minimum, and overall the article stuck to fact and how to fix the issue. Collins put the article in such a way, that I have no questions for her or any more on the issue. The presented facts are enough for me to agree that, yes, something does need to change.