Hi Freddy,

Your comments have been very persuasive and perceptive. The statistic, which you have pointed out, 836,100 victimizations at the school in 2018 (National Center for Education Statistics, 2020), is indeed appalling and serves to highlight the fact that dangers are lurking in places that are otherwise supposed to be safe learning institutions. I concur that students are afraid to report a dangerous person due to fear of retaliation or because they think they do not have enough information to take action. You are right that school shootings feel personal, whereas the ideology-driven or even opportunity-driven shootings are not. I also appreciated the mention of physical security and consumer vigilance. Nonetheless, precautions can never prevent all acts of violence, regardless of how well they are formulated. Your exchange on ideological obstacles- the conflict between the 2nd Amendment rights and community security is an important one. Reform is indeed a complicated issue, but the way you put the challenges is very clear.

Hi Chelsea,

You raised some insightful arguments, including the one that is concerned with the statistic according to which, in 2017, only 4 % of students reported being bullied (U.S. Department of Education, 2019). Just like you, I was shocked by that low number, bearing in mind the number of times bullying has been discussed in the press. The fact that in the media the extreme cases are being amplified is very perceptive because it indicates how a vision may vary from reality. I can also make out the reluctance in reporting planned attacks, as you have discussed. The terror of getting retaliated and that of building a social stigma (the moniker of a snitch), do always shuts down students. Your analysis of the disparities between the school and the public mass shooting was also clear and accurate, and you brought out a critical point: that ideas of those on the gun control issue remain a serious hindrance when it comes to reform. On the whole, you have given a comprehensive and clear answer.