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However, they begin to describe their experience at a shooting range which “closely resembled the golf driving range that my father took me to” (D.K. 544). D.K. takes note of the shooting-related equipment and apparel along with conventional sporting gear. They put important emphasis on the presence of a black woman who was teaching their “heavily supervised” child how to shoot. D.K. again restates the resemblance to a driving range: “people hitting targets for fun” (D.K. 545).

Next, D.K. shares that “in the range, the violence that guns inflict… felt extremely remote” (D.K. 545). They then introduce their feelings about the NRA, about how it is “an extremely nasty organization” (D.K. 545). D.K. uses an advert from the NRA as evidence to how the NRA twists facts and pits groups of constituents against each other. Furthermore, they state that the NRA is not the voice of most gun owners, but rather gains support by seeding false information within gun owners (D.K. 545).

Finally, D.K. begins to elaborate on why most Americans have similar views on gun control. For example, most people would agree keeping guns away from criminals or insane people is fair. Overall, D.K. states that Americans need to resist the NRA and not see each other as enemies (D.K. 545).

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