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What is more important: gun control or alcohol control? “There have been at least 239 school shootings nationwide. In those episodes, 438 people were shot, 138 of whom were killed” stated by the Washington Post (Patel, “After Sandy Hook, More than 400 People Have Been Shot in Over 200 School Shootings”). Although gun control is a major issue that should be talked about, should it be our main priority?

The Center of Disease Control and Prevention states in its article about teen drivers, “In 2015, 2,333 teens in the United States ages 16-19 were killed and 235,845 were treated in emergency departments for injuries suffered in motor vehicle crashes. Among male drivers between 16-19 years of age who were involved in fatal crashes in 2015, 22% were drinking at the time of the incident” (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, “Teen Drivers: Get the Facts”). That means that 514 teens ages 16-19 died from drinking and driving and 138 children including all grades died from school shootings. Also this means that only 300 children were injured by mass shooting and 2,799 were injured from drinking and driving accidents.

Many students decided to have a walk out day where they didn’t go to class and instead did a march on Washington to protest for more gun control. I think that although shootings are an issue I believe that drinking and driving should be a higher priority.