

I Used to Loathe Guns and the NRA -Then I Got Mugged

I'd hated guns since I was a teenager. It was a gun that killed John Lennon, after all. Guns killed President John F. Kennedy, Robert F. Kennedy, and Martin Luther King.

Get rid of the guns, problem solved, or so I thought. In December of 2012, I even tweeted President Barack Obama, urging him to repeal the Second Amendment and "stop" the National Rifle Association. (Never mind that a president can't do either by himself.)



Then, a little more than five months later, in May of 2013 in San Francisco, I was mugged.

One guy held a gun in my face, and the other held a gun to the back of my head. They took my MacBook Air, two iPads, an iPhone, an iPod Touch

After that horrific experience, I slowly came to see things from a different perspective. Literally, I would become the personification of the old adage that a conservative is a liberal who has been mugged by reality.

Later, I became a homeowner and realized the best way to defend against a home invasion is with a firearm. So I became a gun owner.

Not long after, I discovered I really enjoyed target shooting at the range, so I joined the NRA, and eventually became a conservative and an outspoken Second Amendment advocate.

But no, that's not the reason I donate to the NRA. Teen activist David Hogg and actress Alyssa Milano's anti-gun screeds are what inspire me to donate to the NRA, so that

everyone at the NRA can keep working to protect our constitutional rights.

I donate to the NRA after mass shootings because of the anti-gun left. In fact, progressives calling for boycotts of the NRA and for gun bans are why thousands of new people join, and why current members donate more.

The left is the very reason donations to the NRA [tripled in February](#) after the horrific school shooting in Parkland, Florida.

When #KillTheNRA was trending on Twitter, I gave 11 NRA gift memberships.