

Don't let Kentucky politicians loosen gun laws



**REBEL
RAMBLINGS**

**Autumn
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On the one-year anniversary of the Stoneman Douglas shooting in Parkland Fla., which took 17 lives, the Kentucky Senate voted to approve a bill allowing people to carry a handgun without a permit.

The bill would allow people over the age of 21 to carry concealed firearms and other weapons without a license. The bill passed in

the Senate on a 29-8 vote and is headed to Kentucky House of Representatives.

If the bill is passed, Kentucky would join 14 other states who allow their citizens to carry concealed firearms without a permit.

Although the bill is not in effect yet, there is opposition to its potential consequences including the new dangers it would bring to the public and law enforcement.

Additionally, the bill would do away with a mandatory eight-hour training session needed to receive a concealed carry permit. This would put dangerous weapons in inexperienced hands, which creates a long list of safety issues.

Also, the timing of the vote was insensitive, because it gives more freedom to gun owners on the

anniversary of a day that America saw (once again) the dangers of guns in the wrong hands.

Perhaps, the Kentucky Senate could have held a day of memorial in honor of the innocent children who lost their lives, as many other organizations did.

Some may argue that this is a small issue being taken out of context, yet this issue shows the standard of forgiving and forgetting when it comes to mass shootings.

In America, we have politicians comfortably sitting in offices funded by the National Rifle Association, making and voting on bills that could one day be the difference between life and death for innocent civilians.

Then, when these tragic events happen, we as citizens are

offered "thoughts and prayers," and a brief discussion of gun control before politicians move on to the next issue their wallets want to attack.

Time and time again this sequence of events takes place without change, causing some to fear that change may never come.

Yet, there is hope stemming from the younger generation of Americans. When they aren't being yelled at for eating avocado toast and Tide Pods, Millennials and Gen-Zers are calling for the right to live.

Perhaps a side effect of seeing your friends die while at school, a concert, or a bar is the incurable need to stop others from having to suffer from this as well.

Shooting survivors, such as David Hogg and many others, have

taken the spotlight in the gun control debate.

Furthermore, they are not letting amoral politicians and insensitive bill passings stop them and we can't either.

As a community of Boone students, staff, and faculty, we have to stand and show not only our support, but our willingness to help change the policies and bills that are affecting our lives.

We, as Kentucky citizens, must vote if we can, and if not urged others to in order to get the insensitive politicians out of office and hold them accountable for their harmful actions.

With enough people, time, and action, we can replace guns with civilian safety as the top priority for legislators.

Instagram egg a credit to our generation



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**Emma
McGee**

On Jan. 4, a curious photo of an egg was posted on Instagram. This may not seem newsworthy, or worthy to be read about, but the orange-speckled egg has now taken the title of most-liked post in the history of Instagram.

The account that initiated this takeover had every intention of it

happening, encouraging users to like the post in order to overtake the previous leader, Kylie Jenner's baby announcement.

But where did this come from? Are we, as a society, putting "like competitions" above the important things going on in our nation? Or is it to distract us from those things?

Many believe that this egg obsession was a good thing, in that it masks the public's strange need to feel like a part of celebrities' lives. Others believe that it is damaging because of our ever-diminishing interest in national and international issues.

I think, however, that this is a much-needed break from the overbearing issues we're constantly

being bombarded with. It is a rather silly way of showing unity in a country that has been divided so bitterly.

This egg is yet another way that my generation's critics can condemn us, continuing this generation's reputation of having a frivolous fascination with anything but the things that matter. When my generation shows interest in anything that is deemed unworthy of our time, we are pushed aside.

While maybe we should be focusing on more important issues, this proves that young generations today do have the power to care about things.

This egg is unorthodox and slightly comical, which isn't a bad thing. We need some things that are

deemed unimportant in order to keep our sanity.

By taking the top spot from social media icons such as the unauthentic Jenner, we are taking a step towards distracting ourselves from some of the bad things that aren't worthy of making us feel bad. This egg is our first move towards a friendly social media atmosphere. It is my generation's way of rebelling against the facades of social media icons.

Focusing on change in social media isn't so bad. We need things like this egg to distract us from everything else. It helps us learn that there are more important things than the lives of people with unauthentic identities, especially when we are being governed by one.

So yes, maybe my generation doesn't care enough about politics in our country, but we are making change through something as insignificant as an egg, and that's got to count for something in the eyes of our critics.

This may look like a gag to some, but in reality, it is a subtle way for my generation to band together and create change on a topic that hasn't been changed in too long.

Garnering over 50 million likes, this egg is a symbol for how much social media needs to change.

It is a promising look into the future of social media, showing that a many people are done with the constant need for information on our favorite celebrities.

Rebellious Student Opinions



**DREW
MUENCH**
Senior

What did you think of the government shutdown?

"It was pretty stupid to let it happen for that long. I have lost all my respect I had for Trump with this."

What is your favorite chicken restaurant?

"Chik-fil-A because the service is undeniably good and the chicken is great."

What is your stance on the social media egg?

"It's the best part of Instagram since ... ever."



**LIZZY
WEHRMAN**
Junior

Are you excited for the "Little Shop of Horrors"?

"Yes. I know people in it."

What did you think of the government shutdown?

"Trump is dumb."

What is your favorite chicken restaurant?

"Chik-fil-A—Good chicken, good breading."

What is your favorite pop culture couple?

"Clark & Bellamy—The 100's."



**OMAR
ASSAD**
Sophomore

Are you excited for the "Little Shop of Horrors"?

"No, I'm not into musicals."

What did you think of the government shutdown?

"It was ... a clear example of how power hungry Trump is."

What is your favorite pop culture couple?

"Kylie Jenner and Travis Scott. Kylie's hot, and Travis makes good music."

What is your stance on the social media egg?

"It's funny—shows how dumb we are."



**KAYLEE
CARPENTER**
Senior

Are you excited for the "Little Shop of Horrors"?

"Yes. A lot of my friends are in it, and I want to see them perform."

What did you think of the government shutdown?

"I think it was totally unnecessary and was just Trump throwing a tantrum. Also, this caused my mother to be out of a job for 30 days and my family suffered greatly."

Was it a good idea for the Kentucky Senate to vote to loosen gun control?

"Lax gun control is never a good thing."



**DARREN
TAKAOKA**
Senior

Are you excited for the "Little Shop of Horrors"?

"Yes. I am in the pit orchestra and I'm looking forward to showing off my keyboard skills.."

What did you think of the government shutdown?

"I hasn't really affected me, but it was really petty of Trump to shut down the government to build a wall no one wants."

What is your favorite chicken restaurant?

"Canes. They give you better portions than Chik-fil-A and they're open on Sundays."