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Homework #5

LOS ANGELES TIMES, JUN-08-2013
'Santa Monica shooting' by Ron Charach MD

Dear editor:

Newspapers and news sites feature headers like "Police seek motive in Santa Monica shootings". However, in these dreadful cases, the motives are nowhere near as important as the means, and this gunman, like so many others, was as fully equipped as any member of the American armed forces. That is a travesty of the Second Amendment.

As a relative bastion of sanity about guns in the Southwest, the State of California will have to be more creative still in coming up with specific legislation that makes up for the vacuum of common sense about guns in both houses of Congress. This latest desecration of public space is reminiscent of the Covina massacre perpetrated by Jeffrey Pardo, the killer Santa. Who really cares about that diabolical man's dark motives?

Ron Charach MD

This letter is an argument and its author, Ron Charach (MD) is arguing that the motives of the crime are not as important as laws and other measures that could have prevented the crime. The central argument of the letter is that "the motives are nowhere near as important as the means". As a support for this logical and complete claim, he says that the state of California should somehow put a logical limit to the Second Amendment - the right to own a care weapons. He also recalls the Covina shooting, when the man shot dead nine members of his ex-wife family. Should this man not have an access to firearm, those nine people would have not been killed in jealous revenge. Even though this reasoning is not very strong, it draws a good picture of what is going on.