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Citizens Against the Exploitation of Columbine

I represent those citizens concerned about the impending threat of annual recurrences of the tragic events of the Columbine massacre of April 20, 1999. We support the designation of this fateful event as a memorial day to preserve the memory of those killed in the tragedy.

On April 20, 1999, two high school seniors entered Columbine high school and killed twelve of their peers, one teacher, and themselves. Armed with an arsenal of knives, guns, and bombs, their plan included hundreds more casualties. In the passing years, schools nationwide view the anniversary of this tragedy with respect, apprehension, and fear. Fear the Columbine will shatter lives once more, perhaps in their own school.

Despite this, every year billions of students report to school, all to aware of the blood soaked history of the day. Scholastic hierarchies potentially compromise the safety of their students in order to avoid publicizing the actions, and bolstering the egos of two dead gunmen. Schools nationwide observe this day with trepidation, partly because of a prevalent fear that copy cat situation will arise year after year, young thrill seekers, looking for attention. The tragedy of this event should not be minimized or hidden simply because of fear. Those gunmen: carried four guns, several knives, and numerous explosive devices on their persons placed a diversion bomb several miles away from the high school to avoid police detection killed twelve of their peers, as well as one teacher, wounded 24 others and killed themselves before they could be apprehended.

This event was a tragedy of colossal proportions and deserves to be memorialized on the calendars hanging on school walls, as well as in the hearts of students and faculty.

I will support legislation intended to memorialize Columbine, or any other instance of school violence.

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