

## **How many?**

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We mourn the loss of our youth.  
Little ones that never got a chance to truly live their lives.

How Many?

How many have to die before we get the point?  
If we could only eliminate the hatred and easy access of guns, we would be able to live in peace.  
Right?  
But, until that happens we are vulnerable. We don't have a clue what could be lurking around the next corner or beyond that next door. We could be going about our daily routine when all of a sudden an angry, frustrated teen pulls out a gun and decides to seek revenge on those around him and then end it all himself.

How Many?

If we only had classes in school that taught our youth how harmful guns are, then people would learn that a gun is not a toy and shouldn't be treated as one. Too many of our young, innocent children are dying because of guns and hatred. Why do we tease and mock people to the point where they feel the only way to live in peace is to end it for themselves and their tormentors? For those of you who are different and get teased or picked on, remember a gun is not the answer.

How Many?

We, as a whole, have to learn that we can prove our point with words, pictures, and in so many other creative ways that we don't need guns. And to those of you who think that you need a gun to solve all of your problems, that a gun makes you "cool" and "down with it" you're wrong and you're a fool for thinking that you are right. You are a coward, get a backbone.

How Many?

To many of our youth have been slain by guns. Here's an idea, let's put a stop to this hatred and sorrow and death and start saving our younger generations. How many of our youth have to die before we get the message?

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