

Episode 164-- How to Turn Outrage Over Gun Violence Into Act...

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JJ Janflone 00:08

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JJ Janflone 00:37

Hey, everybody, this is JJ.



Kelly Sampson 00:40

And this is Kelly.



JJ Janflone 00:41

And together, we are presenting to you the last episode of 2021 of Red, Blue, and Brady. Ah, Happy New Year all. It has been a very long year, I'm sure for our activists, our survivors, and even for you, our listeners. I know it's been a long year for Kelly and I.



Kelly Sampson 01:03

Absolutely. I mean, when I think about how so many things have happened this year. Like last year, I didn't even know Omicron or Omicron, or however you pronounce it, was even a letter in the Greek alphabet. And here we are. So.



JJ Janflone 01:17

And unfortunately, it's been a really rough year in gun violence and gun violence prevention as well. We've seen violence on the rise. We've seen a lack of federal legislation passing. But still, that does not mean that we are not just as, if not more so, dedicated to ending this epidemic in the US.



Kelly Sampson 01:40

Yeah and I think, as listeners will hear, the guests that we have the privilege of speaking to today, kind of show us why there's reason to continue to push forward.



JJ Janflone 01:51

Yes, we are joined by two fantastic guests who have actually been on the podcast before, Senator Chris Murphy of Connecticut and Team Enough Executive Council member Simone Paradis.



Kelly Sampson 02:02

Senator Murphy and Simone, in many ways are, have completely different lives. She's a college student, he's a member of one of the most powerful bodies in the United States. But what they have in common is that both of them were sort of galvanized and drafted into the gun violence prevention movement, by the tragedy at Sandy Hook and have since use their platform and their activism to not only speak for members in communities that get attention, but also people who are suffering from gun violence every day that goes unstated.



JJ Janflone 02:04

And I just want to throw out there how so dedicated these two folks are to gun violence prevention that even though it's the winter holidays, and even though they both had to call me separately, they both came on this podcast immediately when asked, and that has been a trend for all of our guests across the board. So Happy New Year and major thanks to all of you from Kelly and I.



JJ Janflone 03:00

Simone, Senator Murphy, but I know you prefer Chris. Simone and Chris, can you please introduce yourselves?



Simone Paradis 03:07

Hello, everyone. My name is Simone Paradis, I am from Sandy Hook Connecticut. And I am one of the Executive Council members on Brady's Team Enough.

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Sen. Chris Murphy 03:16

Hey, it's Chris Murphy, United States Senator from Connecticut.



JJ Janflone 03:19

And how did you all get involved in gun violence prevention work?

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Simone Paradis 03:22

Yes, super fun topic. My sister was actually one of the survivors of the Sandy Hook shooting when I was 11 years old. So I always say that I didn't really choose gun violence prevention but it's been a huge part of my life ever since I was a kid. And kind of just naturally as I grew up and started to understand more of what happened to myself and my family and my community, I also started to learn more about how it impacted others around the country, and how I could help do something to prevent more people from feeling the same way that I did, and experiencing the same things that my community did.



JJ Janflone 03:55

It's just awful to think that like, even as a not quite, you know, not even 10, right, you're thrust into like, congratulations, you're going to work in gun violence prevention, like this is part of your life.

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Simone Paradis 04:04

You know, my career was just handed to me. No, I think it did take a couple of years. Everyone in, like, my school and my community, all of the parents and therapists and, like, mental health professionals, definitely sugared over what happened a lot. So I don't think, like, the full force of what actually, like, did occur hit me until I was a lot older, because it was more about, like, taking care of the kids who were there and making sure that, like, we felt safe going back to school and, like, felt safe in our community, which, you know, still isn't the case for a lot of students and a lot of people around the world today.



JJ Janflone 04:38

Chris, how about you?

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Sen. Chris Murphy 04:39

I got involved nine years ago, almost to the day. It was December 14, 2012. I had just been elected to the United States Senate. I was currently at that time Congressman. One of the 41 towns that I represented was Newtown, Connecticut. And the morning of the 14th, I learned of a shooting that had happened to Sandy Hook School in Newtown, Connecticut. I was there. I went to the site that day. I spent the entire day and most of the next several days in Newtown, at the firehouse, which was the Emergency Operations Center. You know, well, there are a lot of moments when I wish I hadn't seen and heard what I saw and heard in that firehouse that day with all the parents assembled learning what had happened to their kids, it certainly changed my life.

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Sen. Chris Murphy 05:32

A couple weeks later, I went to a community center in the north end of Hartford, right after I'd been officially sworn as Senator and I met there, the families of victims of gun violence in the north end of Hartford, who were furious, furious, said, why the country had just woken up to their pain to this pandemic of gun violence because 20 white children had been shot in Newtown. And of course, they grieved for the Newtown families harder than anybody because they knew what those families were going through. But they were furious that I, as a sitting United States Congressperson, hadn't worked harder on this issue prior to Newtown. So I came into this movement because of Newtown, but I very quickly realized that this, this issue of gun violence touches everybody. And I think in some ways, I've been trying to make up for lost time, because I'm embarrassed at the fact that I didn't work hard on this issue before it happened in Sandy Hook, Connecticut. That's how I came into the movement. And I've been working my tail off with the victims in northern Hartford, the survivors in Newtown, families and advocates all across the country, including the great advocates of Brady ever since.



JJ Janflone 06:51

Well, I think this leads us in then, you know, what is your first response, when you see a mass shooting in the news, in particular, a shooting at a high school? You know, we're speaking today of the, the shooting in Oxford, Michigan at Oxford High School that, where unfortunately four young lives were lost. But, but we all know too, that you know, gun violence happens every single day and in many different forms. So just, I wonder what your responses are when something like this hits the national media.

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Simone Paradis 07:22

So a lot of mental health professionals, like, tell me and my friends at least, is to stop checking the news, because of the impact that, like, the news of more shootings has, kind of always, like, brings you back to what it was like for you. But also, there's that little bit of, like, frustration and dread that, like, Oh, great happened again, like, we're not at all surprised at this point. But it still sucks. So trying to, like, protect yourself first in, like, that self care aspect, and not really going into reading all of the graphic details. But also, specifically with the Oxford High School shooting, that is another, Oxford is, like, the name of another town in Connecticut. So at first, I did think that it was, like, a school that one of my cousins goes to. So that was terrifying. So then I, like, did a little bit more digging and found out that it was not in Connecticut. But still that kind of oh, okay, happened again. We're not surprised. Oh, shoot was it someone I knew.

And even if it isn't, like, going back to, like, my memories of what it was like, directly after it happened, I know that that's happening again, to more people, and the, like, day to day experiences, of what it's like, to like, continue surviving after a tragedy like that, and what it, like, looks like in the community, and knowing that not enough people care to change it, change, like the way our system works to prevent it from happening again. And not that enough people cared, but that it wasn't enough for the people in power to do anything about it.

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Sen. Chris Murphy 08:41

I don't ever lose my sense of outrage that this continues to occur. And my outrage when a school shooting happens, it comes in two forms. First, I'm a parent of a seventh grader and a fourth grader and the idea that our kids are going to school fearing for their lives is both unconscionable and terrifying to me. This generation of students almost expects for a school shooting to happen. And so, well, we appropriately quantify the victims, in terms of the numbers that have been killed in these school shootings and those that have been wounded. Every single one of these kids is a victim. Every single one of these kids is going through a trauma when they have to practice school shooting, active shooter drills, when they wonder whether their school is next. And every one of those kids at Oxford High School is a victim because they went through something just unbelievably traumatic. But you know, the other part of my outrage is due to the fact that I know when one of these school shootings happens that the country is going to pay attention. And yet, there were 100 other people who died on the same day of that shooting and the loss to those parents of the kids who died in Baltimore or Chicago or the parents of suicide victims in rural Oklahoma or North Dakota, it's no less than the pain that the families in Oxford, Michigan are feeling. So my outrage comes in two forms. One that this keeps on happening and that it's affecting all of our kids, and two, that we're unfortunately entering into a cycle every time one of these shootings happens where the country is acutely aware of gun violence, when in fact, this country should be acutely aware of gun violence and the epidemic rates that occur here every single day.



JJ Janflone 10:32

Well, I know that this a hard month for a lot of folks. You know, especially, you know, Simone, you and your community, the timing can't help.

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Simone Paradis 10:41

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JJ Janflone 10:42


Not that there is a good time, you know.

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Simone Paradis 10:44

Yeah that's very true. Yeah, I know, the month of December is always rough. A lot of people that I know say that Christmas doesn't start until December 15 because you just have to get

that I know say that Christmas doesn't start until December 15 because you just have to get through that anniversary first. And knowing that that is going to be another anniversary for more and more people over there also sucks because, you know, Christmas or other holidays being delayed, when you're dealing with this is a little brutal.

 Kelly Sampson 11:07

I think it's interesting how you shared that you care and a lot of your community members care, people all over the country care, but people in power haven't done enough to stop this from happening. And one of the things that you did after Sandy Hook was you fought for legislation that would stop these things from happening. So I'm wondering if you could share a little bit about some of the, the pieces of legislation that you've been campaigning for?

 Simone Paradis 11:34

Yeah, of course, a group that I worked with in high school was called the Newtown Action Alliance. And they had a, like, 26 step program, or like policy guide, 26 different policies, like, one for each of the victims. But a couple that I think I've worked the most on is specifically background checks. There's, like, a huge loophole that not all buyers of guns are, like, ensured to be legally prohibited from having the gun, which seems a little, I don't know the right word, but illogical. And then also in Connecticut, we recently passed some laws on safe storage in homes and in cars, after Ethan Song, who was another high school student, was shot when he and his friend, like, found a gun that was unsecured. And then also things like looking at extreme risk protection orders, so, like, if we know an individual is showing signs that they might harm themselves or others, preventing them temporary access from a firearm, and other technological things like ghost guns and high capacity magazines and really looking at what aspects of a firearm make them more dangerous.

 JJ Janflone 12:36

Well, I'm speaking of legislation, for listeners who may not be aware. In spring of 2013, it's only a few months after the shooting at Sandy Hook, the Senate took up a series of gun reform bills, the centerpiece of which was this bipartisan bill to expand the background check system. And it was going to cover things like gunshow and internet firearm sales, and the bill was known as Manchin-Toomey. And despite overwhelming public support for expanding background checks, and a majority of Senators supporting the bill, opponents did successfully filibuster that legislation. And I'm wondering if we can sort of talk our listeners through why that matters so much, you know, what, what happened there?

 Sen. Chris Murphy 13:15

I think it's really important to make the point that background checks is the most popular change in gun policy available to Congress. It scores 80, 90% approval within the American public and it has the majority of support right now amongst members of the House of Representatives and the Senate, and we have a president who's willing to sign. Back in 2013, a compromise was worked out between Joe Manchin, West Virginia, very conservative

Democratic senator and Pat Toomey, very conservative Republican senator from Pennsylvania. It was a compromise only in that what they said was, we're going to make sure that background checks are done on every commercial sale. So in the Manchin-Toomey bill, they didn't require a background check to be done if you were selling your gun to your neighbor. But if you're selling, you're going online in an open sale or you're selling your gun at a gun show, you got to have a background check. And that would submit 90 something percent of guns in the country who are sold from one entity to another to background checks. It got 54, 55 votes. That's more than the assault weapons ban got in 1992, 1994.

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Sen. Chris Murphy 14:36

What has changed since 1994 is now the minority party applies the filibuster to every piece of legislation to pass, meaning they use this arcane Senate rule to require 60 votes for any bill to pass. Back in 1994, that was not the practice. So the assault weapons ban actually passed in 1994, with only 52 or 53 votes. The background checks compromise in 2013 has more than that, more support than that, but can't pass because the minority Republicans, Mitch McConnell, etc, require the 60 vote threshold. We're in the same place today. Today, I think if we brought some version of Manchin-Toomey back before the United States Senate, we would get 53, 54, 55 votes for it, maybe we would get more, maybe we get closer to 60, the House would pass it with a bipartisan majority, and the President would sign it. So the only thing that stops us from passing a bill like that, right now is the rules of the Senate. Our founding fathers never ever intended for there to be super majorities on basic legislation, like the gun laws of our nation but that's where we stand today.

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Simone Paradis 15:53

So it's amazing that that did happen and got to the Senate and House and it sucks that such a vocal and powerful minority, small minority of people had the power to prevent what the, like, vast majority of America wanted. And I think that speaks to, like, larger problems in our government and system that allow that to happen.



JJ Janflone 16:18

Well on that note, Simone, I wonder, you know, what's it like for you to talk to lawmakers? Knowing sort of what, what, you know, knowing that this past history of what has happened with the legislation being blocked by the filibuster?

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Simone Paradis 16:33

I mean, I've done, like, trips to the Capitol to talk to Senators and legislators before and it's very much either that they are very, like, yes, we agree with you, I think this is horrible, like, we're, we're doing these, we support these policies. Or it's like, okay, yes, what happened to you is bad but like, also, what about my right to own a weapon, and then they start talking about themselves a lot. And like, it's the balance of, like, your personal, like, right to own a firearm versus, like, children's rights to come home from school. And I feel like, we should live in a society that cares about each other enough, in order to put aside our own wants and

desires for, like, personal items in order to like, make sure that, like, kids keep living. And that's just, I don't know, it's confusing for me to have to explain to people that you should, like, care about children, and, like, care about safety. And it isn't like a, I'm gonna take away your gun, it's a, I want to be able to, like, be sure that my sister is going to come home from school. And I want to, like, be able to go through the month of December and not worry about having to get past the anniversary in order to celebrate Christmas kind of thing. So it's, like, balancing those two, very different perspectives where they care, but not enough to do anything to actually change it. Or they just say they care, but they care about themselves over the lives of others around them.

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Kelly Sampson 17:45

It's interesting to hear you describe, Simone, that when you're talking to some of the legislators who aren't inclined to take action, that you may be talking through all of the rights that you have, like the right to go to school, the right to have your family come home, the right to enjoy the holidays, the right to enjoy your whole life, and they'll kind of say, but what about this, this one particular right, and basically say that that should overcome every, everything else?

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Simone Paradis 18:14

Yeah, exactly. It's a little confusing to have, to have, like, think of how to explain that, since like, I was a kid. Like, it feels like a very basic idea that, like, we should care about other people, but some people don't.



JJ Janflone 18:29

I'm wondering how we can explain these rules to young people, particularly when they might get incredibly discouraged. You know, if I'm a first time voter, right, I might be incredibly discouraged by learning about something like the filibuster and seeing what its impact has been on things like gun violence prevention policy.

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Sen. Chris Murphy 18:47

Every great social change movement in the history of this country, the ones you read about in the history books, they're led by young people, whether it be the Civil Rights Movement, or the anti-war movement. And young people in these social change movements are pushing for change. The anti-gun violence movement is going to go down in history is one of those great social change movements. But these new rules of the Senate, they are really set up to stop these young people led social change movements, because it's really too much to ask for any change movement to not just win 50 seats in the Senate, but win 60 seats in the Senate. So I can see from Simone's standpoint and so many others who are involved in this movement and others, you know, how these rules seemed rigged against change, because they are. Because they are. And so young people, I know are hesitant to get deep involved in the weeds of Senate rules. But if you care about change in this country, if you care about climate change, if you care about gun violence, if you care about immigration, if you care about choice, you can't live in a world where you have to have a supermajority in the Senate to get anything done.



JJ Janflone 20:24

Well, I'm going to ask maybe an unfair question to both of you. Do either one of you see a future where there isn't gun violence? Because I mean, it does, it feels sometimes I've got to say, like we've hit a wall that we just can't seem to get over.



Simone Paradis 20:38

I don't, yeah, I don't know. I think that, if we are on this same path? No. I, like, right now where we stand, like, no federal legislation has been passed since Sandy Hook happened. And if that didn't inspire legislators to actually make change, I really don't know what, don't know what will. And at this point, I'm scared to find out what will force that change. Like, how big does a tragedy have to become in order to force their hand? And I don't want that to have to happen to people in order for legislative change on the Hill. But yeah, I don't know, I don't really see an alternative, though besides keep trying, even though I don't know what will be the ultimate success.



Sen. Chris Murphy 21:21

So I want to make the case for you that we haven't hit a wall. I want to make the case to you that this is a natural transition of power occurring that we're watching in real time, from the gun lobby to the anti gun violence movement. I want to make the case to you that these great movements take time, from the moment of Emmett Till's open casket to the passage of the '64 Civil Rights Act is 13 years. From the moment that Jim Brady is shot in the head to the passage of the Brady Handgun bill, the background checks bill. That's another 13 years. Now, I hope our movement doesn't take 13 years from Sandy Hook. But we have to understand that these big movements that have huge institutional players on the other side, the gun lobby, the gun industry, in our case, they do often take over a decade.



Sen. Chris Murphy 22:13

But here's the case that things are changed. You mentioned those state laws, right, hundreds of state laws over the course of the last five years on the books, tightening gun laws, not just in blue states but in purple states, too. We've never seen that pace of change at the state level as we've seen in the last five years, corporations fundamentally changing their rules, companies divesting from gun transactions, other companies banning the carrying of guns on their property. That's fundamentally different. And then we've just seen a change in sort of who has power. Right now, sort of power connected to the issue of guns is in a neutral position, right? It used to be that the gear shift was, you know, pointed towards the gun lobby. The gun lobby in the 2000s got anything they wanted from Congress. Every law they brought up here passed with Republicans and Democrats supporting. Right now, the gun lobby can't get anything done. Even when they had a majority in the Senate, majority in the House, and Donald Trump in the White House, they couldn't get any of their priorities passed. Now, admittedly, we can't get ours passed either because of the supermajority requirement in the Senate. But that's an example of a shift from the days prior to Sandy Hook when the gun lobby got anything they wanted to the point today where they can't get anything they want. It hasn't shifted all the way

to us yet, but that's the direction it's heading. And ultimately, we will be able to get past, what we need. And we're in the middle of that transition of power. And we just need people to stick with us.



JJ Janflone 23:53

And if we can take a step back to Simone, you said something I think is, that's really heartbreaking, which is sort of just you know, do you feel like you almost have to, you're on hold, to wait for people to, to find a reason to really get engaged in this?



Simone Paradis 24:07

Sometimes, sometimes not. I think after, when Parkland happened, that brought a lot of, like, my friends and I back to, it's, like, another really high profile shooting. But a really crucial difference is that they were old enough to, like, have their own voices. Like they were high school students, and they weren't six and seven years old. And we were like, okay, survivor stories are really, really impactful. And it's like, they can actually speak out because they're old enough to. Maybe that'll be the change. And then it was almost and then it wasn't, so I don't know, it would have to be like the right condition of a lot of contextual factors. But also, I don't really want to, I don't know, if like a bunch of kids dying before Christmas, like, can't tug at the heartstrings of Senators who prefer the right to own a gun over, you know, kids' rights to live, I don't want to think about what will tug at the heartstrings because I don't know if anything will, and I don't think it's worth it for other kids to have to, like, relive their tragedies, tragedies by sharing them or for more kids to have to go through similar things in order to, like, convince a few Senators that will never experience something like that.



JJ Janflone 25:11

When it's so hard, because then there are lawmakers and and folks who are so so invested in this, you know, if we could, I'd love to pivot to you, Chris. You know, you make comments that your time in Congress will have been wasted should we not make progress on this issue. And I wonder, you know, what prompted you to make that statement because that's, that's a biggie.



Sen. Chris Murphy 25:31

I mean, I, I'm not ashamed of the fact that I, you know, wear a bit of my heart on my sleeve when it comes to the issue of gun violence. I just don't think that you can work in and around this issue without existing emotionally. It's an emotional issue and I'm very much connected to these families. You know, to, to Sam Saylor and Henry Brown and Deborah Davis in the north end of Hartford, to Mark Barden and Nelba Marquez-Greene and the Wheelers and Hockleys in Newtown. I mean, these are the people that matter more to me than anybody on the planet other than my family. And I want to include my public service by honoring their kids' deaths with action. And absolutely, I'll consider my time in public service completely insufficient, a failure, in many ways, if I don't do something significant here. That doesn't mean that I won't have done lots of other things while I've been in the Senate and House to change people's

lives, but I'm, you know, emotionally connected to this issue and to this community in a way that I just, you know, transparently I'm not on every single issue I work with. This one's different given the stakes.



JJ Janflone 26:58

Yeah. So for all of our listeners out there who maybe, this is their last chance to get in a New Year's resolution for 2022, you know, do you use, you know, what, what can they do to support gun violence prevention efforts and help stop incidents like the shootings in Newtown and Oxford? And unfortunately, seemingly everywhere?

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Simone Paradis 27:18

I think one part it's, like, a why should I keep going because legislators won't listen. It's partially because, like, even if just the legislators aren't listening, other people are. So I think a huge part, even when I go talk to legislators with like, people I meet now, they're like, oh, yeah, Sandy Hook, like, inspired me to actually, like, start getting involved in politics. And like that, even if it's not important for like, a Senator to, like, hear that, it's like, really significant for the people from that community who, like, know that there are people out there fighting for them, especially because we were all, like, kids and couldn't really have our own voices, it was really meaningful that people saw what happened and then actually took action. So even if you feel like you're not convincing everyone, like, just showing up for the people who need people showing up for them.

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Simone Paradis 27:20

And then also Nicole Hockley, who's one of the moms of one of the victims of Sandy Hook, I think like, just wrote an article or released something that was a lot of like we need to talk to students and, like, young people about what policies they want. So I think, like, one of the most important things is to, like, look at holistic view of gun violence prevention to kind of avoid falling into that trap of, like, oh, just putting more police officers in schools, because that will fix school shootings. But it actually like, research has shown that it doesn't and it actually harms students of color. Or things like clear backpacks will fix the problem, but they don't really do anything. So I think looking at more holistic views of gun violence prevention, things like community care, community violence prevention, like that was in the Build Back Better act. But also just like, talking to people who have been impacted and making sure that they know that, that you're showing up for them. And even if, like, they're too tired to keep going, that someone else carries the torch for a little while. So you're gonna feel like, feels like all hope is lost and we're not going to do anything. That's not going to get anything concrete done soon. There's still action, there's still people who care about this and not letting it become normalized.



JJ Janflone 28:55

And Chris, how about you?

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Sen. Chris Murphy 29:15

I wish that we would pass anti gun violence legislation based on the merits, because there's no way we lose on the merits. But ultimately, like everything in Washington, it's about political power, about who's got it and who doesn't have it. And the way that we acquire political power is by having more activists, more money, and a higher volume level than the gun lobby does. So if you care about this issue, you've got to join an anti gun violence group. Brady's a great, great place to start. But whatever you do, you got to be spending time either working through a group or working on your own to pester your state legislators, your local legislators, your Congressmen, your Senators, about passing anti gun violence legislation. The good news about anti gun violence groups like Brady is that they'll tell you, at the state level and the national level, what's the thing that needs to pass in order to make the streets in your community and your schools safer. And you can do your advocacy through that group, through Brady, or you can do that advocacy on your own. But start by joining a group, checking in with a group so that you know what, what, what piece of legislation, what policy is going to be most impacted. That's what we need right now. We just need more soldiers in this fight. We need more activists, we need more voices. And if we continue to grow, there's no way we're not going to win. This cause is way too righteous.



JJ Janflone 30:51

Isn't it amazing? How Simone and Senator Murphy weren't even, you know, at the same time or in the same room, and they still, like, I think they played off each other in a way like so. And I, but I think what they were saying rang true for both of them so well.

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Kelly Sampson 31:07

Yeah, I think that just goes to show that it is imperative. If you care about reducing gun violence, then it is not just a nice to have, it is a need to have, you must consider gun violence in all of its form, especially the way that it impacts people in our society who are suffering from oppression and racism and everything else.



JJ Janflone 31:30

So I don't know about you, Kelly, but my call to action for this week is I want to hear what folks' New Year's resolutions are for ending gun violence. Because I think Senator Murphy especially gave us a really, some really great advice, you know, on ways to do that. So I want folks to write in and share with us, you know, what it is that their New Year's resolutions are by emailing me at podcast@bradyunited.org. I don't know if you have a separate one or no.

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Kelly Sampson 32:00

No, I'm going to echo that. And I'm excited because one of the things that I know we marvel at how many people that support this podcast and support Brady are brilliant and seeing things that we can't necessarily see on the ground in their communities. And so I'm excited to see

what sorts of ideas all of you have, and I also think it's important and it will be helpful to be thinking after this year and after all the difficult things to see some creative ideas, so I'm going to echo yours.



JJ Janflone 32:36

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Kelly Sampson 32:50

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