

“RAISE THEM RIGHT.” Artist: Debbie Davies

This artwork was inspired by the gun laws in the USA and the indoctrination of children into gun culture.

The National Rifle Association (NRA) is an organization in the United States that influences gun laws. With a focus on promoting firearm ownership and advocating for gun rights, the NRA uses various methods to extend its influence, including reaching out to children and youth.

The NRA has much political power through its extensive membership, lobbying efforts, and campaign contributions. By actively engaging with lawmakers and promoting candidates who support their pro-gun agenda, the NRA aims to shape gun regulations.

The NRA recognizes the importance of reaching out to the younger generation, seeking to instill its values and beliefs early. Through programs such as gun safety classes targeting pre-school and elementary school children, and youth shooting sports leagues, the NRA attempts to introduce firearms and gun safety to children in a controlled environment.

Some gun owners argue that such programs promote discipline, responsibility, and teamwork, while opponents are concerned about normalizing guns for children and potential risks with their exposure to firearms at a young age.

Tragically, there have been instances where young people, who may have been exposed to gun culture at an early age, were involved in shootings. These incidents highlight the need for comprehensive discussions on gun safety, responsible gun ownership, and the potential impacts of early exposure to firearms on young minds.

Further, many people with right-wing political viewpoints are also pro-gun. While not every person with ultra-conservative beliefs is a gun owner, many who are gun owners align themselves with political parties that attempt to quash any movements towards gun reform.