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Please read the following paragraphs and write a brief essay in which you argue for or against the claim that citizens should not have guns in Taiwan.

After the massacre at Colorado's Columbia high school in 1999, police in Prince William County wisely devised an emergency plan to respond to gun threats in school. So when a camouflage-clad 12-year-old appeared in Bull Run Middle School last Friday armed with two rifles and a shotgun, the police were ready, arriving on the scene swiftly, sweeping into the school and arresting the boy. Cool-headed teachers and staff alerted police, hustled students away from danger and kept their wits at a perilous moment.

But the chilling fact remains that at least 10 minutes elapsed before the boy, who pointed a weapon at students, parents, and school staff, was taken into custody—10 minutes in which he might have done unspeakable damage. No one should suppose his act was aberration; this year alone there have been scores of incidents across the country in which high school students, and even grade school pupils, entered schools bearing firearms, often loaded. It is cold comfort that few of those students opened fire.