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Ron Johnson that Wisconsin Republican senator sits on the Homeland Security Committee, Foreign Relations Committee, Budget Committee, crucial committees. Senator, good to have you. Here. Hope you're well, I hope you are as well. Let's talk a little bit about I know both parties have very different views on how to address them to shootings like we saw unfold in Texas. But there is talk of the middle ground among Republicans and Democrats. Do you know what that middle ground is?

Ron Johnson 0:42

First of all, there's nothing partisan about how America's grieving following another one of these tragedies. Now there have been a number of pieces of legislation offered by Republicans on the Judiciary Committee to call some gaps in some of our gun laws. But the Democrats have always always rejected those. It's always their way or the highway. What happened on the floor of the Senate to yesterday, it's just a classic example. I was working with the parents of to the Parkland victims. On crafting piece of legislation that was actually good enough that the previous administration set up the clearing house this was called the Luke and Alex School Safety Act who established a clearinghouse of Safe School Safety best practices. This would have codified it. These parents had been looking to pass this bill codified for years, I thought, in consultation those parents that perhaps we can get this passed by unanimous consent. But Chuck Schumer politicized and he went down and objected to it. It's just sad.

Neil Cavuto 1:42

Alright, so I'm living in New York Republicans and Democrats again, it's still early senator, your point, our rallying around a measure that would among other things, not only address some of the safety and school issues as a single point of entrance and all of that, but limiting a gun soul to those under the age of 21. For example what do you think?

Ron Johnson 2:04

Well, that wasn't part of my piece of legislation. Might be a slight might be legislation would have actually directed people schools to government grants, they could find some new school safety initiatives. So from my standpoint, gun laws ought to be basically state based. Let states decide what they want to do in their particular states. And those gun laws we already know vary widely around the country. That's really the place to enact these things as opposed to some national standard, which, let's be realistic, realistic. I don't think there's a solution here in the federal government. There are very few solutions here in the federal government. I think the federal government either causes or exacerbates more problems than it ever solves.

Neil Cavuto 2:47

Do you ever that I mean, I know you don't see it as a gun only issued Senator but we talked about a number of Republicans espouse a view that says a mental health issue. Governor Abbott was saying as much yesterday that we don't address that enough. But you could make the same argument mental health issues are rampant across the globe, but they don't have the percentage of shootings and the severity of them that we do. I mean, they're not immune to New Zealand's some of the strictest gun control laws in the planet. And yet, 15 plus people were killed. In a rapid shooting two years ago. So what do you make of the mental health issue and whether that has got to be part of where we go from here?

Ron Johnson 3:27

That is the problem. There's a sickness in our society. I've always said overall the solution is renewed faith, stronger families, more supportive communities. I don't think it's helpful that kids are spending so much time in front of a computer screen playing these games, being alienated, bullying on social media platforms. We

need to re examine, we need to reengage into society, have more events, person to person. This is a society wide problem, this society wide sickness that is not going to be solved by some gun law. Additional gun laws here in Washington DC.

Neil Cavuto 4:07

Do you think there are some people that we shouldn't have those?

Ron Johnson 4:11

Obviously, former felons and abusers commit crimes, you know, people that are, you know, truly mentally ill, but there are there are issues in terms of how you make that determination. These are, these are hard things to determine.

Neil Cavuto 4:25

But it's this fellow in Texas. Salvador Ramos. He legally bought his two guns, right? And now of course now, we didn't have the paper trail on the record to your point, but do you think that that would require maybe stiffer background checks?

Ron Johnson 4:43

You know, no matter what you do, people fall through the cracks. You know, you can't identify all these problems. You can't arrest somebody for a crime they haven't committed yet. These are difficult issues. But again, the solution lies in stronger families, more supportive communities. I would argue renewed faith we've we've lost that we stopped teaching values, and so many of our schools, now are now teaching wokeness, which were inducting our children things like CRT telling, you know, some children, they're not equal to others and they're the cause of other people's problems.

Neil Cavuto 5:18

Long before it CRT.

Ron Johnson 5:20

Well, I think CRT has been going on under the radar for quite some time as well. What this has been liberal indoctrination has been, this is a much larger issue than then what a simple new gun laws gonna, it's not going to solve it. It's not going to solve it. Alright, we'll

Neil Cavuto 5:35

see what happens. Senator Johnson. Thank you very, very much.

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