

March for Our Lives – Whashington DC 2018

After the Parkland shooting, high school students quickly mobilized to fight for gun control, among which Emma Gonzalez who delivered a powerful speech at the “March for Our Lives” in Washington DC in favor of gun control. Emma Gonzalez was a survivor of the Parkland school shooting. Here is the full transcript of her speech right which lasted for 6'36 on March 24, 2018



Emma Gonzalez: [\(00:18\)](#)

Six minutes and about 20 seconds. In a little over six minutes 17 of our friends were taken from us, 15 were injured and everyone, absolutely everyone in the Douglas community was forever altered. Everyone who was there understands. Everyone who has been touched by the cold grip of gun violence understands. For us, long, tearful, chaotic hours in the scorching afternoon sun were spent not knowing. No one understood the extent of what had happened. No one could believe that there were bodies in that building waiting to be identified for over a day. No one knew that the people who are missing had stopped breathing long before any of us had even known that a code red had been called. No one could comprehend the devastating aftermath or how far this would reach or where this would go.

Emma Gonzalez: [\(01:13\)](#)

For those who still can't comprehend because they refuse to, I'll tell you where it went, right into the ground, six feet deep. Six minutes and 20 seconds with an AR 15 and my friend Carmen would never complain to me about piano practice. Aaron Feis would never call Kiera Ms. Sunshine. Alex Schachter would never walk into school with his brother Ryan. Scott Beigel would never joke around with Cameron at camp. Helen Ramsey would never hang out after school with Max. Do you know Montalto would never wave to her friend Liam at lunch? Joaquin Oliver would never play basketball with Sam or Dylan. Alaina Petty would never, Carol Lungren would never, Chris Hixon would never, Luke Hoyer would never, Martin Duque Anguiano would never. Peter Wang would never, Alyssa Alahdeff would never, Jamie Guttenberg would never, Meadow Pollick would never.

Emma Gonzalez: [\(02:09\)](#)

(silence).

Audience: [\(02:09\)](#) Never again, never again, never again, never again.

Speaker 3: ([05:06](#))

[inaudible 00:06:22].

Emma Gonzalez: ([06:36](#))

Since the time that I came out here, it has been six minutes and 20 seconds. The shooter has ceased shooting and will soon abandon his rifle. Blend in with the students as they escape and walk free for an hour before arrest. Fight for your lives before it's someone else's job.