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## Right-Wing Wrongly Upset That Obama Will Be Joined By Children During Gun Control Announcement

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The children who will join the president during his presentation [wrote to him to ask his support](#) for gun control.

Roger Pilon, with the libertarian-leaning Cato Institute, criticized the staging as “tacky,” saying Obama has “carved up the population on a very emotional issue.”

Yet in the wake of a school massacre last month in Connecticut that left 20 first-graders dead, as well as six educators, the president has stressed that children’s lives could be on the line. Obama, like prior presidents, often invites members of the public to act as a backdrop for certain policy announcements. They are always carefully selected — over the summer, he invited college students for a speech about student loan rates and middle-class taxpayers to another talk on extending tax rates. The White House has also invited doctors for speeches on the health care overhaul.