

We Have Become Uncomfortably Numb

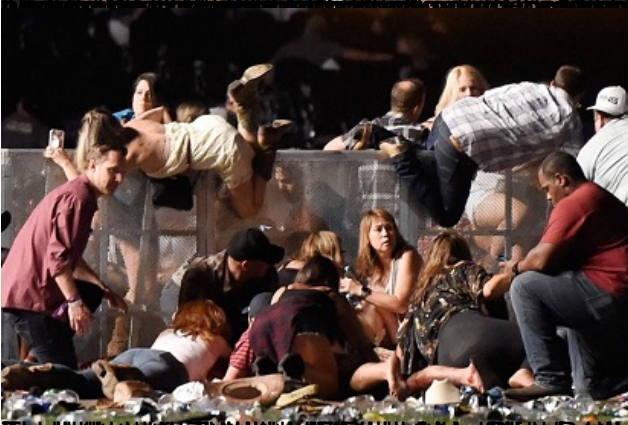
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Senator Smith writes about the pressing issue of gun violence, and how time and again we have failed to take action on this life-or-death issue.

MADISON - There are many issues that grab headlines. Too often the hot topics hold our attention for a day or two and then are relegated to the back pages or disappear entirely. These are the issues that typically compel us to come together to act as a community.

Sometimes the issues are manufactured, like Congress' struggle to raise the national debt ceiling that dominated headlines in the past week. This issue is like a bobber in the water – it pops up, Congress acts and it disappears for a while, only to pop up again next budget cycle. Congress has a knack for choosing to end the drama at the last possible moment. They get more headlines for saving the day on a near-crisis that they themselves created.





Progressive thinking is a way of thinking that is open to new ideas and perspectives. It is a way of thinking that is not afraid to challenge the status quo and to seek out new solutions to problems. Progressive thinking is a way of thinking that is always looking for ways to improve and to make things better.