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Statement in Support of the Latinx Community and Against White Supremacy / Gun Violence

Content Warning: white nationalism, domestic terrorism, mass shootings

This last weekend we saw two acts of mass violence happen across our country. Our executive was deeply impacted by these tragic events as well as many Hoyas across the world. In particular, GUSA wants to explicitly say that we stand behind the victims of Dayton and El Paso. Specifically, we are going to go into more detail on our thoughts and sentiments behind the tragedy that happened in El Paso.

On Saturday, August 4th, the Latinx community in El Paso, Texas, faced an act of domestic terrorism committed by a white supremacist. This man drove approximately nine hours across Texas to a border city and murdered 22+ individuals and injured two dozen more. This domestic terrorist wrote a four page manifesto in which he cites, "They are the instigator, not me. I am simply defending my country from cultural and ethnic replacement brought on by an invasion."

This dangerous rhetoric has skyrocketed in recent years across our country, which has been encouraged by our current administration under President Trump. Such language should never be normalized and GUSA does not welcome any language of this kind on Georgetown's campus. GUSA wants to explicitly condemn gun violence in all forms, domestic terrorism, and white supremacy. We want to remind all students that in this terrifying time, we should mobilize our communities to bring about positive change. We want to encourage all individuals to speak to your representatives and advocate for gun policy reform.

As we approach a new school year, GUSA wants to make it known that our offices are open to new, returning, and old students as a safe space for all communities to gather. We are welcoming our Latinx community, as well as any community that has fallen victim to gun violence, with open arms.

As mentioned in our GUSA Weekly email, there are resources on campus you can reach out to for support during this difficult time. For professional support, please contact the Center for Multicultural Equity and Access or the Georgetown Scholars Program. For professional counseling services, please contact Counseling and Psychiatric Services. For additional resources in support of undocumented students, please see this list. In addition, feel free to reach out to the executive team via gusa@georgetown.edu if you would like to speak to one of us about initiatives surrounding this event.

We stand in solidarity,

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