**Analysis: Quotations about gun culture**

*In class*: Eight quotations are hung around the room on large posters (see next page).

1. Everyone walks around in pairs and reads the quotations aloud one at a time.
2. For each quotation, discuss what it tells us about American gun culture.
3. Once everyone has visited all the quotations, each student picks the quotation they find most concerning/interesting/thought-provoking, etc.
4. In groups consisting of students with different quotations: Share your reasons for choosing your quotation.

“It was impossible not to recognize how gun culture reeks of privilege.”

“I come from a country people whose culture was destroyed by buildings and bulldozers.”

“I’m torn between the culture I grew up with and how that culture has devolved.”

“Fear is the factor no one wants to address – fear of criminals, fear of terrorists, fear of the government turning tyrannical and, perhaps more than anything else, fear of one another. There is no simple solution like pulling fear off the shelf. It’s an intangible thing.”

“There is an unrelenting fear of what could be lost – a subsistence culture already threatened by the loss of public land, rising costs and a widening rural-urban divide; the right of individuals to protect their own lives and the lives of their families.”

“None of them see a connection between the weapons they own and the shootings at Sandy Hook, San Bernadino, Aurora, Orlando, Las Vegas, Parkland.”

“There were always guns, but nothing like the assault weapons that line the shelves today.”

“He said that the question is irrelevant, that the reason doesn’t supersede the right.”