

Dear Representatives,

Where does violence come from? It comes from the human mind, not the tools employed. It comes from the effects of extreme political or religious zealotry, of poverty, divorce, or other emotional, or mental illness pressures that if not dealt with can erupt in horrific violence. Then there are the psychopaths that comprise roughly 1% to 2 % of the general population who enjoy the justice system's revolving door policy. Violence does not emanate from fists, clubs, knives, or firearms. No gun control bill, this year, or any previous year addresses any of this. Obama Care did not address the mental health and psychological issues involved with violence, no one has.

Another source of the endless litany of senseless killing has to do with behavioral conditioning. The excessive violence that is consumed by the public via the media industry has much to answer for. Extremely violent video games, movies, and TV/cable shows is pervasive in the entertainment media industry. Most of the mass murders have a history of playing violent video games, pouring gasoline on top of already troubled minds. Younger and younger children are accepting these combat slaughter games as perfectly normal entertainment. After several hours of these video games, it becomes basic Skinner stimulus-response conditioning. I would suggest you read any of the books by Lt.Col. Dave Grossman, whose chosen profession has led him to a lifetime of study on human behavior and killing. It is not enough that the media oligarchs are perverting the 1st Amendment, but they are training generations to accept murderous violence as rewarding behavior. Thanks to corporate campaign contributions no political party or politician wants to take on these purveyors of escalating violence in our society.

Finally, instead of subverting the natural law of self-defense, and our civil rights guaranteed by the Constitution and Bill of Rights, legislate to deal with failed mental healthcare in the most prosperous country on the planet, and quit defunding law enforcement.

Regards,

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