

How Our Kids are Learning to Kill and Learning to Like It: The Relationship Between Media Violence and Violent Crime

Initially, we will examine the magnitude of violent crime in the US and around the world, and the profound psychological and sociological effects of interpersonal violence as the universal human phobia. Then we will address powerful new data coming out of the law enforcement community on the physiological impact of a violent interpersonal encounter. Finally, we will address the role of the media violence from a model of military violence enabling techniques (in the specific areas of brutalization, classical conditioning, operant conditioning, and social learning), in order to fully explain the role of violent visual imagery (in TV, movies and video games) in causing the current virus of violence in families, and in developed nations around the world.

Course objective: To give the audience a sound understanding of:

1. The magnitude of the problem of violent crime in the US and world-wide
2. Interpersonal aggression as "The Universal Human Phobia" and potential

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2. Interpersonal aggression as "The Universal Human Phobia" and potential for violent crime violence to destroy our society, nation and civilization.
3. The role of the media in enabling the current world-wide "virus" of violent crime.
4. Actions that can be taken to correct the problem.

Presenter's Bio

Lt. Colonel Dave Grossman is one of the world's leading experts on interpersonal aggression and violence. He was a West Point Psychology Professor and an Army ranger, and his books include the Pulitzer nominate, *On Killing: The Psychological Cost of Learning to Kill in War and Society* and *Stop Teaching Our Kids to Kill: A Call to Action Against TV, Movie and Video Game Violence*. Colonel Grossman was a trainer of health professionals, police, and first responders, immediately after the shootings in Jonesboro, Arkansas; Springfield, Oregon; and Littleton, Colorado. He has also presented his findings to over 20 colleges and universities in North America and Europe; was invited to present to the annual conventions of the AMA, the American Psychiatric Association, and the American Psychological Association, and was called as an expert witness and consultant in the Timothy McVeigh, Oklahoma City bombing case and the Paducah school shooting case.

