It’s Ok to Glorify Violence, But

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It is a base human instinct for most to glorify violence.

This is true especially for the male brain. I say male brain because the issue of sexuality and sexual identity is decided in the brain. Many women have male brains and many men have female brains. Everyone has some instinct for violence. There is an instinct to fight for life in all of us. We see some people become very fixated fans of sports like boxing, wrestling, football, basketball, hockey and many many more. Without sport and its controlled violence our society would decay from boredom. Fighting in hockey has nothing to do with the game but it is allowed and sometimes encouraged for its macho bravado. Macho is a way of life for some.

Most of the movie industry capitalizes on the instinct for violence in defense of ideals or defense of life. The joy of seeing Luke Skywalker defeat the empire is universal. Almost every movie depends on this in some fashion. To ignore violence is to ignore a very large part of humanity. We cannot restrain our warrior spirit and our desire to defend our tribe.
Also there is a human instinct to revere his tribe.

Tribalism has a very adaptive effect in human evolution. Humans are social animals, and ill-equipped to live on their own. Tribalism and ethnocentrism help to keep individuals committed to the group, even when personal relations may fray. This keeps individuals from wandering off or joining other groups. It also leads to bullying when a tribal member is unwilling to conform to the politics of the collective.

Tribalism is instinctive; it's an innate behavior we are born with. Only afterwards it begins to take different shapes we learn from society as we grow up. We cheer when one of our tribe beats a competition tribe.

It's the instinct bonding people together, in groups, for more power, diversity and organization. Yet, it's the prime cause of discrimination in any form it has: sexism, racism, ageism, nepotism, lookism, speciesism, etc., which are but variations on the theme of mindless favoritism. Tribal violence is hard wired in us.

Favoritism is justified when it's rational, based on real differences between people affecting their mutual interests, not based on looks, race, gender, personal beliefs and tastes. The tribal instinct is universal.

Nature taught us to live in groups, and fight, kill and die for those groups. Our body chemistry automatically changes when we move from a solitary mode to a social one, where individuals become no more individuals, merging into one individual. Oxytocin and vasopressin, the social hormones, make us relax, trust and empathize with those we are more familiar with, than those we are not.
But most people also have an instinct against killing.

Specially killing innocent children is instinctually wrong. When there is a sporting show let’s say the game between the Cleveland Browns and the Pittsburgh Steelers, violence is naturally glorified. The harder the hits the more the crowd loves it. People pay lots of money and pay lots of attention to glorify the violence. It is extreme how much our society loves to glorify violence. But if suddenly one of the Steelers is down and motionless, the crowd goes quiet.

There is a strong instinct in normal humans against killing.

In one second a normal fan in the stands goes from screaming kill the bums at the other team; to Oh My God he might be dead. Everyone thinks OH WE HAVE GONE TOO FAR. Normal people are thrilled with violence but the death of a player goes too far. Normal people have an instinct against seeing death. Everyone in the audience will cheer when the motionless player gets up.

Over 500 boxers have died in the ring; over 60 football players have died from the game

Everyone but the psychopaths in the audience, who think kill him, Kill Him, KILL HIM, KILL HIM. One person in twenty is not wired normally. They have no appreciation of instinct to disdain killing. In the extreme they do not even disdain the killing of children. They are psychopaths. The crowd goes quiet. And the psychopath want to yell die, die, Die, DIE, DIE. But this instinct to not go against the crowd overcomes his love of violence and killing. The instinct to follow a crowd is strong, and many psychopaths are excellent in covering their lack of compassion and
follow the crowd. When the instinct to follow the crowd is gone with the instinct to disdain killing then this person is going to be a social outcast and probably spend his life in jail. Complete lack of internal instinctual respect for social moirés. Imagine a place with hundreds of these people, that place is prison. Long term Repression and Suppression of emotions make a psychopath, so Intolerance of Diversity can make people into psychopaths.

Both the Hero and Psychopath will use violence to accomplish goals.
There is a polarity on the instinct of violence ranging from the violent warrior to the complete pacifist.

*The Archetypal extremes of Warrior versus Pacifist*

This instinct ranges from obsession of watching, thinking, and practicing violence to the other extreme of hating and disdaining violence. Some people live and even work with violence every day. Some hate it and quiver at the sound of it. They even hate people to talk loud. But even they have instincts of self-defense and some tiny bit of violence. Violence is an instinct of self-preservation. The brain development and thus hormonal preferences determine the amount of violence a person likes. There does seem to a sexual component to this polarity of extreme archetypes. We need both types. To take away violence is to take away sport. We need warriors, we need pacifists, and we need all kinds. There is a time for all things under heaven.
It is OK to glorify violence but not to Glorify killing. In the football game, all grow quiet. None would want to step forward and yell die. But when a Palestinian shoots a bomb over at the Israelis and he says to all at a local hangout I killed 3 children, the people say “Great next time kill more”. The Israelis have psychopaths also and they bomb back and celebrate the killing of enemy children. There are psychopaths on both sides. When the killing is removed from our vision there is more openness for psychopaths. Who else would send the bomb in the first place, but a psychopath? When the people in the local hangout of psychopath reward his actions we get more and more bombs. People will increase behaviors that are rewarded. People decrease behaviors that are ignored. We must stop rewarding killing.

The problem in the Mideast and elsewhere is letting psychopaths reward killing. Or a worse problem is to elect a psychopath to important office. Some people reward killing of children to incite wars for money, for property, some just because they are psychopaths. We should not elect psychopaths to office. If a person could be honestly tested to see if he disdains killing of children it would help all of us to know. My movie on the War Crimes Trial of Harry S. Truman is such a test. If you think that the dropping of a nuclear bomb on a non-military target with no warning or ultimatum populated by just innocent women and children was OK, it is a sign that you have psychopathic tendencies.

If our society can reward the basic instinct to disdain killing of children and ignore the ranting rewards from psychopaths, we could end the killing, reduce the wars. Psychopaths are the problem. They can mask themselves and hide. We must find a way not to be effected by their efforts. Some people can become temporary psychopaths. They can become bitter from the senseless death of a loved one, or the loss of property. They can join the chant KILL, KILL, KILL. But if given a gun and a chance to end a child’s life, they human instinct comes out and they can’t do it. But the true psychopath can.

It is OK to Glorify Violence in Some Cases, But never to Glorify Killing
PACIFISM
It has many virtues. Solving problems isn't one of them.

Different views on the subject from famous people
The pacifist is as surely a traitor to his country and to humanity as is the most brutal wrongdoer.
(Theodore Roosevelt)

I am not only a pacifist but a militant pacifist. I am willing to fight for peace. Nothing will end war unless the people themselves refuse to go to war.
(Albert Einstein)

“Fighting for peace is like screwing for virginity…”
-George Carlin
The instinct for tribes is universal

“TOLERANCE OF INTOLERANCE IS COWARDICE.”

You do not have to violently confront Intolerance, but if you do nothing you reward it

Please confront Intolerance with Peaceful rejection of extremist bigotry

Ayaan Hirsi Ali