

Violence goes beyond guns and gun control. While the CT Legislature has become emotionally fixated on Newtown, and justifiably so, GUNS are merely an accessory to the cardinal underlying crux of the VIOLENCE issue. We live in a violent society which is perpetuated by **violence on television, violence on radio, violence in print, violence in movies violence in the social media and violent video games.** VIOLENCE has become the social fabric of America. Critically important to mitigating violence is **the elimination of the glorification of it.** VIDEOS are the primary culprit. 8 year olds are subjected to violent videos and become desensitized to the killing and maiming presented in the video and I would suspect, are incapable of differentiating reality from fiction. The difference is that once a person is dead, that person is dead and one can't rewind the video to bring the person back to life. This certainly doesn't bode well for the person who is emotionally or mentally unstable. If the Connecticut Legislature is serious about MENTAL HEALTH and the CONTROL of VIOLENCE, consider going to the route cause and not just the symptom.

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