

## TEENAGERS' VIOLENCE

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Violence is a feature of a person, which includes indifference to people's sufferings or the aim to make people suffer. The conception of violence cannot be separated from the conception of morality.

That is enough to watch any criminal round-up to understand that the problem of teenager's violence is actual, without any doubts. That is true, that for this decade the number of children's and teenager's criminal acts has increased. This aggression cannot be hidden and everyone who has ever seen that or watches news should think about it at least sometimes. Teenagers have often to explain why they did this crime in a police office when it is really late to change something.

What is happening with modern young people? Why is their behavior so aggressive?

To answer these questions, we should return to the origin of this problem. Fashion on "happy slapping" appeared in the West 4-5 years ago. The end of 2006 and beginning of 2007 were like a flash of teen's violence.

According to statistics, every year there are thousands of violent crimes committed by teenagers, for example:

- mockery at homeless. Children threw bottles with water on the heads of tramps, spitted on their faces and beat them;
- violation of classmates' dignity. Sometimes it can lead to a suicide.;
- teenagers were recording the scene of massacre of a girl and spread it between their friends;
- boys go to the streets in order to realize some kind of violent scenes from their favourite computer and video games. They also record these scenes.

According to scientific research teenager's violence can be caused by lots of factors.

The main influence on child's mind and behavior is made by their surrounding. It could be friends, family and so on. If a child is affected by someone's opinion and if he is weak and does not have his own opinion or cannot follow his own rules it will be impossible for him to escape from this surrounding. The effect of a crowd works inside a big wicked company. A crowd does not have any "face" and it means that nobody will be responsible for the actions. The fact is that a person who does not feel any punishment after any illegal action can continue to rely on his beast instinct. And because of that the majority of criminal acts are committed by the company, but not by one person. For example, a 16-years -old boy is confessing that he does not like beating people, but only his surrounding forced him to do it.

A doctor of medicine science Mark Sandomirskiy points out that "every member of a group wants to gain a foothold and show everyone that he is "cool". If a teenager wishes to be a participant of the group he must do something violent and show an evidence of violence. A video on a mobile phone or some photos can be an excellent argument. And it is better to have a lot of provements in order to join this gang.

Another reason of teenagers' violence is a drug addiction. In affect of drugs or in order to have another dose a person could do everything without any doubts.

Mass media also makes its negative contribution. Every day you could watch or hear a lot of reports about violence. And it is hard to deal with such kind of information even for an adult.

Inauspicious situation in a child's family forms a negative attitude to the world and cause a lot of negative emotions, and consequently this child wants to avenge of all this offences.

Different researches show that 60% of children from 8 to 17 ages agree to take a part in a scene of violence, constraint or even rape. 6% of teenagers could even kill a person if they were paid. It seems that these young people have not ever heard about such notion as the value of human's life.

Before the majority of criminals were from poor families, but the situation has changed. Now teenagers from middle class families play a role of tormentor. "Nowadays children of poor families are even less aggressive than those who are rich" – explains the head of the sociological research centre "Phoenix" Alexander Tarasov. An explanation could be the following: rich feel themselves safer from judgment than poor. Furthermore, happy slapping became popular among those who lived in rich or middle class families, because poor people cannot afford to buy a photo or video camera, or sometimes even a mobile phone. In addition, it is hard to spread recording without internet which is not also available for poor.

However, there is one more problem. Video with blood, rape and so on can be sold like a common product. Experts highlight that such 'blood' business is prospering in developed cities. Very often older teenagers from 22 to 26 take younger ones under their wing in order to force them fight with each other. The records of these fights can be sold. Nowadays, you can buy such CDs or DVDs in every computers market. Experts say that, as a result, there is a new generation who is growing up without any sense of humanity. For them violence is becoming the norm of their life. The imitation of what they have seen is the main feature of the teenager's psychics.

From this point of view selling of violent video is a crime against future of a country. In Europe they realized it a long ago. For example, in Italy government has banned school students to use mobile phones. In France they have got a law according to which it is illegal to record violent video and spread it in internet or somewhere else. The punishment for this could be 5 years in a prison and money penalty equal to 75 thousand euro.

We can notice that actuality of teenagers' violence problem is enormous without any doubts and a lot of organizations, countries and statesmen are worried about that.

World health organization defined the coefficient of teenagers' violence in 35 European and Northern America countries. They organized a research where 161 000 teenagers participated. The research showed that in Hungary the most violent girls live, while in Czech Republic boys are. Of course, these two countries got the biggest rate of violence. Estonia, Lithuania and Belgium entered in the top of five most violent countries concerning to girls, while Latvia, Israel and also Lithuania concerning to boys. The most peaceful were Finland where 13% of girls and 37% of boys were participants of fighting in 2005.

One of research organizers from Edinburg University said that in countries they could not find any differences in causes of violence, so the results were so diverse. Moreover, it is very surprising that Russia did not take part in this research, however in our country there are so many cases of violence. Why is violence more and more associated with a normal style of behavior nowadays?

As it has been mentioned above, many people are interested and worried about the problem of children's cruelty. One of these people is Sir William Gerald Golding who was a laureate of the Nobel Prize in 1983. In his roman "Lord of the flies" Golding raises many social problems: ways of human development, relationships between the society and a person, imperfection of a human being's soul, evil in a person, violence, etc.

In the beginning of this story, because of plane crash some children appeared on inhabited island without parents or adults. Firstly everything was good, nothing special was happening. The children were trying to follow particular laws and morale, trying to build their own society together.

However, teenagers argued with each other. After this they divided into two groups. Inside one the teenagers wanted to save traditions, morale, law, while the second group behaved like savages. Without realizing what they were doing, they killed their former friend from another group, from true side. They suddenly pushed off a boulder on a helpless boy. Then these savages imagined that they were hunters and in a storm of madness they were beating another boy with the help of sticks.

All these cases happened because of the feeling of despair and at the same time because they feel unlimited freedom and impunity. A half of teenagers just stopped to follow any moral principles, relying on their beasts instincts and turning into some kind of a beast. Owing to their weakness and fear they let their dark side of soul reveal and forced their instincts, also chose the easiest way. It is materialization of fear, which boys were feeling because of their embarrassment and helpless not only in front of different forces, even between each other. At the same time, another group of children was trying to keep their beast inside themselves and did not let it go outside trying to make the situation on the island better. In the roman children can die at every moment without any reasons as we think. The tragedy is that boys can die from another boy's hand.

The opinion that violence is typical for this period of teenager's life is absolutely wrong! The habit to do different illegal actions without impunity is developing and becomes a part of every-day life. Therefore we should suppress any cruel action from young ages. Also we should teach child to be in another person's shoes. It could be an example of humanity.

In conclusion, it is necessary to add that if we do not want this kind of violence to turn into something more dangerous, we should not let the beast which lives inside us rush out. We have to keep it inside in any situation and in any situation stay a human being. It can help us to build our world of happiness in each sphere of life.