Subject: Another School Shooting
Posted by PageantDirector on Sat, 14 Dec 2013 16:33:37 GMT
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On the eve of the one year anniversary of the Sandy Hook school shooting there was yet another school shooting. This one was just a few miles away from Columbine. What do you think causes these terrible tragedies? What can make a person decide to kill another, much less shoot up a school full of children?

I don't think it has anything to do with violence on television or video games. I do think that these kids are troubled and somehow it is getting missed by those who are supposed to be helping them. How can we (as parents and teachers) help our kids so that these kinds of things don't happen?

Subject: Re: Another School Shooting
Posted by Azuri on Mon, 16 Dec 2013 23:15:28 GMT
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You may not like my answer, but try to curb, or all out stop, the viewing of violence. Whatever it is that a person watches or does, if they do it constantly then they become desensitized to it. It starts to lose meaning.

If all I did was watch love stories and listen to love songs for years on end, I would stop being a romantic and start treating love in a blase' manner because it would lose it's luster from over-viewing. The same with violence. I don't think the kids who do this really see it as something that is wrong. They don't really see it as anything at all anymore because they grew up with it on T.V. and video games.

Just my opinion of course.

Subject: Re: Another School Shooting
Posted by PageantDirector on Wed, 18 Dec 2013 05:16:59 GMT
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Posted by Azuri on Wed, 18 Dec 2013 16:54:17 GMT
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This is why, in my opinion, kids weren't nearly as violent back in the day. The Road Runner for example wasn't graphic, he was never actually killed and the kind of animation back then left no doubt that it was a cartoon. Now, "cartoons" are much more realistic looking, weapons are being used and the images can be very graphic. It's all much more realistic, blurring the lines between fantasy and reality.