

Child Predators – Made not Born

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“Wasn’t there something else you could’ve done?” ask a man who just witnessed a police officer shooting a teenage girl, wielding a knife, to kill another girl. What a stupid question. Yes there was something else that could have been done.

In this particular shooting, there were more than six people standing around watching this girl and shouting to her to stop. But no one attempted to physically stop the attempt to kill the other girl. Why? More likely it was because they were afraid of being cut, or perhaps they didn’t want to get involved.

We see this drama play out daily where people just stand around waiting for the cops to do something. And when the cops respond, they are criticized for their actions.

Most “death by cop” incidents could have been avoided. Interviews of family and friends often paint the person killed as kind, innocent, did not deserve to be shot, or similar statements. This is denial that the person killed was nothing but a predator on society. Note that the media often, mistakenly, calls the person killed the victim.

The media and gun-grabbers rarely tell us the truth about these incidents where young people are shot by police. They don’t break down the statistics and reasons and put the blame on the police. They use terms such as child, teenager, or young adult to describe someone whose age can be 21 (or higher if organizations such as the American Academy of Pediatrics gets involved). The context in which these deaths happen is rarely discussed and often blamed on the police and pro-gun organizations such as the NRA.

These societal predators are not born but made as a result of family and society failing to take the responsibility to raise a contributing member of society. This is a family, social and community problem. Note the singular use of problem. This is very important because the issues of child rearing are not relegated to only the parents. After all, who is it that allows children to grow up parentless, rudderless, and amoral such that they turn to gangs and crime and murder?

It is not the police, the gun owners, the various firearm organizations or even the manufacturers. It is not a gun problem but a cultural problem that is systemically and pervasively spreading across our nation, communities, and families.

Ask yourself why it is that protests and condemnation occur ONLY after such incidents. Where is the outrage, intervention, guidance and life-shaping for these “children” to prevent these incidents?

No parent or moral person wants to witness the death of a child, and blaming of others will stop it. While it is difficult for many of us to accept or acknowledge failure for our responsibilities, we can and need to identify those things we can do to raise a child to become a good citizen. Most of us know what we need to do but few of us recognize those actions or inactions that often contribute to creating predators. Following is a list of common traits that many predators have:

- Not having a father figure in the family
- Not having solid religious background
- Not having been taught morals or ethics
- Not having boundaries set
- Not being taught to have respect for others
- Not receiving the love and affection that a child needs
- Not having a sense of self-worth
- Being taught manipulative behavior
- Being allowed to display improper behavior such as bullying
- Not having a good role model(s)

Stop blaming the cops and others for the problems you have created. Parents need to stop abdicating their responsibility and accept their moral duty to be parents!