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ON KILLING

The Psychological Cost of Learning to Kill in War and Society

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The good news is that almost all soldiers are loath to kill in battle. Sadly, modern armies, using Pavlovian and operant conditioning are suffering from sophisticated ways of overcoming this instinctive aversion. The psychological price for soldiers, as witnessed by the upsurge in post-traumatic tension, is certainly devastating. Dave Grossman's thesis, is in charge of our rising rate of murder among the young. Upon its first publication, ON KILLING was hailed as a landmark study of the techniques the military uses to overcome the powerful reluctance to kill, of how killing affects the soldier, and of the societal implications of escalating violence. The mental cost for ordinary people is a lot more so: modern civilian society, specially the mass media, replicates the army's conditioning techniques and, relating to Lt. Col. Right now, Grossman has up to date this classic work to add information on 21st-century armed service conflicts, recent crime rates, suicide bombings,



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He Understands And Makes It OK As a officer I just experienced a major shooting incident. As I read this book, Col. Grossman experienced it with me. General, it's a thought-provoking examine. Reading this book was extremely useful. An important book, especially at this time in our nation. Required reading in armed service leadership schools This is required reading in military leadership courses and intensely insightful. Col. an excellent read An interesting research on killing during battle, from the Civil War to the present. His evaluation on the part of conditioning on overcoming the natural resistance to killing another person provides useful insight into how and just why American society is becoming increasingly violent in recent decades. The last few chapters, which takes the lessons learned in all of those other publication and applies them to American society, ought to be required reading for those who insist on blaming the various tools of violence for the existence of violence. Thanks a lot, Lt. Frankly, I wasn't totally sure I wasn't, at least to some extent. Grossman, for studying this topic with such rigor and for explaining your work so cogently. Grossman's systematic and thoughtful research of why people destroy -- and why they don't -- is important. Contrary to what one sees through Hollywood's eyes, there's an severe reluctance for one human being to kill another, even in time of war. Further, the author's results help describe PTSD, a regular result within our combat veterans. Then applied to your society's current ills, he identifies the logical description for random mass murders and additional mayhem. He defined to a tee every emotion I experienced. The Opinion of a Vietnam Veteran and Retired Cop In 1969 I enlisted to do my Patriotic Duty, and thought we would be an MP while performing that duty. I was in Vietnam (25th Inf Div for the initial 14 weeks) from January 1970 to March 1972. Following the first few months I certainly had a monster case of PTSD because that was about when everything started to seem "normal", but there wasn't a term for this back then. When I came back from Vietnam my enlistment was up. I acquired off the plane (Flying Tiger airline), received a meal involving a very tough steak, and was essentially informed to "go home and be normal". My brother, today a retired Marine, acquired carried out his tour in Vietnam. I am not going to pick the book aside because, as Jesus warned, "while you are pulling the weeds, you may root up the wheat with them". Other employees were also Vietnam vets but we hardly ever talked about it. Enjoyed the book As a fight veteran from RVN and a career Infantry Officer I came across this browse to be interesting and really should be reading for teenagers and women thinking about entering the service, especially one of the combat hands and for the spouses and partners of military members. Following a year . 5 I applied at several local law enforcement organizations and was hired by one with Civil Program. While working regular I also returned to college and got my degree in Criminal Justice. The picture of the Vietnam Vet in the past was of a deranged one who climbed onto a rooftop and began shooting

people. I didn't discuss Vietnam, or my recurring "Vietnam Fantasy", with anybody. I required the job, I liked the work, and I didn't want people to believe that I was crazy. Col. After about twenty years on the dept, and I was a Lt. David Grossman and I read it, several times. Every period I read the reserve I learn something new, or relearn something I acquired forgotten. I suddenly recognized that after my return from Vietnam I experienced fit the profile flawlessly. After retirement I was a Government Courthouse Security Officer for eleven years. Another CSO had a copy of "On Killing" by Lt. There's so much info in this publication that it is difficult to grasp how Mr. by then, I was designated to attend a seminar on Deadly Pressure and Pursuit Plans. Since that time I have purchased my own duplicate, twice. Explains a whole lot about what can be occurring in our nation. I got employment where he worked well (he later re-enlisted and finished his 20 for pension). I would strongly recommend this book for any service members (I'm a retired Soldier), police, or psychologists and clinical social workers (my partner is an LCSW) who work with military or police. Among the instructors was a Psychologist who protected the symptoms of PTSD. I would recommend this reserve most extremely to every fight veteran and law enforcement officer! Accurate book Spot on. It really is frightening as he clarifies the Pavlovian conditioning directed at modern soldiers and police. Pavlovian Kills by the Armed service and the Police An excellent explanation about the psychology killing. Lt. Also, I possibly could be in error about that other 10%. I examine this reserve after my second fight deployment when I experienced a lot weighing on my brain and it really put things into prospective for me personally. My job involved hard labor and was precisely what I needed because I must say i wasn't fit for polite society for the first year. His references provided the reserve credibility. Enjoyed the book. Accurate content My fiance got this reserve because he is thinking about joining the navy, he reads it and reads it over and over. I want to thank them for wasting my time. I am thinking about reading it myself and then I will keep coming back for a better review Someone recommended this publication if you ask me. MAYBE the bibliography is worth while. Given the obvious agenda / bias of the the author, I have to wonder. Great book Great insight. I believe that Grossman first got it about 90+% right. Grossman managed to get so easy to comprehend. - - - - Book Book Important read Very fascinating and sometimes disturbing reading material. Informative and engaging I came across this book to supply interesting and unpredicted data on the subject of warriors in combat. Necessary reading for all sheepdogs Item was in excellent condition, just as described. Great quality and provider! A fantastic read in addition to a reference. Col. Appreciated the book. Although I am not convinced that Grossman's opinions of video games still hold up, twenty years on.



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