

violence!



*advanced thematic discussion*

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## I want Guns!

- What's your weapon of choice in case there's a zombie attack? Why? Why not another?
  - Machete
  - Pistol
  - Bread knife
  - Machine gun
  - Automatic rifle
  - Scythe
  - Shotgun
  - Other (specify)
- How do you feel about owning guns? Keeping them at home? Living with neighbours who own guns?
- What's the point of having guns where there's police?
- Why do you think guns are outlawed in societies where knives (or at least small ones) are allowed?
- Do you think parents do any good by buying toy guns or war toys for their children?
- Do you think every member of the society, or at least every male member, requires military training at needs to serve a certain period as military service?



## Those Little Brats

- How do your friends and family usually learn that you are angry or frustrated? Do you:
  - Cry?
  - Punch the wall?
  - Punch people?
  - Break things?
  - Write angry letters (say, to yourself or the object of your anger)?
  - Talk?
- Do you think you or anyone you know need anger management training?
- What do you think of people who vent publicly, like in parties or at work? Do you sympathise with them or criticise them?



## The Social Consequences of Stress

- What are some of the factors which affect the stress patterns of a society?
- How can stress and frustration affect your family or social life? Can it possibly have any positive effects?
- What can governments or organisations do to decline the stress levels of citizens?



## Media Violence

- Do you agree with strict censorship of films and news bulletins on television to prevent children from copying violent incidents?
- Television cameras usually zoom into crowds during sports events to spot disturbances. How do you think this could affect TV audiences?
- In combat sports such as boxing, the aim is to injure your opponent. Do you think they should be banned? Do you believe they should still be part of the Olympic Games?
- What good or bad lessons do children's cartoons such as Tom & Jerry and Popeye, in which characters keep hurting each other, teach children?
- Some feminist advocates think products such as pornographic videos and rap music which give expression to violence against women should be withdrawn from sale. Do you agree?

