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**INQUIRY INTO BULLYING OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG
PEOPLE**

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Let's get real. Are we here to bully the bullies?

From the macrocosm to the microcosm; our failing market economy is enforced by armed forces. The biggest bullies there ever was. Are we to be hypocrites then?

I would like to add that it is my opinion that so much oppression in our society needs a release somewhere. Our youth are forced to display appropriate behaviours and not commit any acts of violence, whereas our governments can freely participate in global warfare.

Instead of controlling the behaviours of so called bullies, let's try and create a safe place for these young people to express these unaccepted, almost natural tendencies..

People involved in this venture should be able to hold a space for these young people rather than labelling them. Who knows, they may have something useful to offer.

This whole idea of how to deal with bullies runs along the lines of our pathetic medical model which only serves to suppress the symptoms and make sure that we don't waste too many resources on people.

I think it is time our government became a lot more progressive in the way it deals with people and their unwanted behaviours.

We need to look beyond the child to the family and ultimately to our societal leaders. I believe the system needs to change first, not the so called bullies. Young people follow the example, the actions, of our leaders, not just their pretentious talk.

If two young people agree to a punch on, whose business is it anyway? If one of the children is a 'victim' of a bully, we should also be asking, 'What is this person doing to attract such abuse?'

I am not even going to commend your inquiry because I am pretty sure it will be the same old responses. Namely suppression and complicity.