

Violence, Stress, and Social Support

ANTH 309

THIS SEMINAR surveys theory and observations bearing on the nature, sources, consequences, and origins of (primarily, traumatic) stress in human populations, and explores the related human rights issues of violence prevention and self-defense.

YOUR GRADE will come from 3 sources:

- (1) 45% will come from 3 (15% each) 500 word (maximum) typed, single-spaced papers that identify and critically evaluate the assumptions used to formulate policy and programs bearing on violence prevention, identifies an alternative (set of) assumption(s), and outlines some of the policy and program implications of that alternative. All forms of violence are fair game, from war, genocide, and suicide terrorism, to domestic violence, drunk driving, street shootings, school yard bullying, and community disadvantage. Integrate these papers into a single term paper for class discussion during Week 12; revise this paper in light of our discussion and submit a final version by the last day of Finals Week.
- (2) 45% will come from 3 (15% each) 500 word (maximum) typed, single-spaced papers that identify and critically evaluate the assumptions on which rest specific arguments bearing on the questions for Weeks 4-11. Submit each paper the day we discuss the reading that you address.

NOTE: The length restrictions mean that you have to write very high density sentences and implies much re-writing; use Strunk & White's *The Elements of Style* as your guide to good writing. I will evaluate early drafts submitted electronically: (handwerker@uconn.edu).

- (3) 10% will reflect my personal evaluation of your progress (preparation, interest, and other contributions).

Week 0 (Jan 18). Orientation

Week 1 (Jan 24): Stress Mechanisms & Effects

Sapolsky, Robert M. *Why Zebras Don't Get Ulcers*. 3rd ed. NY: Henry Holt, 2004.

Classics:

Cannon, Walter *Bodily Changes in Pain, Hunger, Fear and Rage*, 1915
Selye, Hans *The Stress of Life*. NY: McGraw-Hill, 1956.

Weeks 2-3: Measuring Stress

Week 2 (Jan 31): Cohen, Sheldon, Kessler RC, and Gordon LU, editors. *Measuring Stress*. NY: Oxford, 1997.

Week 3 (Feb 7): See the scales for Assessing Violence & Assistance at <http://www.anth.uconn.edu/faculty/handwerker/Courses.html>

- Handwerker's short scales for interpersonal violence
- Dressler: Cultural consonance and structural violence
- Widom's Lifetime Trauma & Victimization History
- CDC compendium on youth violence

Widom CS, Dutton MA, Czaja SJ, and DuMont KA. Development and Validation of a New Instrument to Assess Lifetime Trauma and Victimization History. *Journal of Traumatic Stress* 2005;18:519-531.

Week 4 (Feb 14): What Do Classic Experiments Tell Us About Human Violence?

Milgram S. Behavioral Study of Obedience. *Journal of Abnormal and Social Psychology*. 1963;67:371-378.

Haney C, Banks C, Zimbardo P. A Study of Prisoners and Guards in a Simulated Prison. *Naval Research* 1973;1-17.

Zimbardo P. The Mind is a Formidable Jailer: A Pirandellian Prison. *New York Times Magazine* 1973;April 8:38-60.

Weeks 5-6 (Feb 21, 28): Are the Roots of Violence Evolved Properties of Human Minds?

Week 5:

Diagnostics (O'Connor): Antisocial Personality, Sociopath, and Psychopathy

Bandura A. Social Cognitive Theory. *Annual Review of Psychology* 2001;52:1-16.

de Quervain DF-J et al. The Neural Basis of Altruistic Punishment. *Science* 2004;305:1254-1258.

Henrich J et al. Costly Punishment Across Human Societies. *Science* 2006;312:1767-1770.

Henrich J, Henrich N. Culture, Evolution, and the Puzzle of Human Cooperation. *Cognitive Systems Research* 2006;7:220-245.

Nordstrom C. Deadly Myths of Aggression. *Aggressive Behavior* 1998;24:147-159.

Victoroff J. The Mind of the Terrorist. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 2005;29:3-42.

Week 6:

Belsky J, Steinberg L, and Draper P. Childhood Experience, Interpersonal Development, and Reproductive Strategy: An Evolutionary Theory of Socialization. *Child Development* 1991;62:647-70.

Widom CS. The Cycle of Violence. *Science* 1989; 244: 160-166.

Perry BD Incubated in Terror: Neurodevelopmental Factors in the 'Cycle of Violence.' In: *Children, Youth, and Violence*. (J Osofsky, Ed). Guilford Press, NY, pp. 124-148, 1997.

Week 7 (Mar 14): Do Guns Promote Violence?

Bingenheimer JB, Brenna RT, Earls FJ. Firearm Violence Exposure and Serious Violent Behavior. *Science* 2005;308:1323-1326.

- Miller M, Hemenway D, Azrael D. State-level homicide victimization rates in the US in relation to survey measures of household firearm ownership, 2001-2003. *Social Science & Medicine* 2007;64:656-664.
- Kates DB, Schaffer HE, Lattimer JK, Murray GB, Cassem EH. Guns and Public Health. *Tennessee Law Review* 1994;62:513-596.
- Kleck G, Gertz M. Armed Resistance to Crime. *The Journal of Criminal Law & Criminology* 1995;86:150-188.
- Cottrol RJ, Diamond RT. The Second Amendment: Toward an Afro-Americanist Reconsideration. *Georgetown Law Journal* 1991;80:309-361.
- Hahn RA, Bilukha OO, Crosby A, Fullilove MT, et al. First Reports Evaluating the Effectiveness of Strategies for Preventing Violence: Firearms Laws. Findings from the Task Force on Community Preventative Services, CDC, 2003.

Week 8 (Mar 21): Does Violence Come from Cultural Values, Norms, and Moral Beliefs?

- Atran S. Genesis of Suicide Terrorism. *Science* 2003; 299:1534-1539.
- Atran S. The Moral Logic and Growth of Suicide Terrorism. *The Washington Quarterly* 2006;29:127-147.
- Atran S. Global Network Terrorism. Unpublished powerpoint presentation for the National Security Council, USA, 2006.
- McFate M. Anthropology and Counterinsurgency. *Military Review* 2005; 38:24-38.
- Bagley W. Brigham Young's Culture of Violence. Conference paper, 2002.
- Figueredo AJ, Tal IR, McNeill P, Guillen A. Farmers, Herders, and Fishers: The Ecology of Revenge. *Evolution and Human Behavior* 2004;25: 336-353
- Vandello JA, Cohen D. Male Honor and Female Fidelity: Implicit Cultural Scripts That Perpetuate Domestic Violence. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology* 2003; 84:997-1010.

Week 9 (April 4): Does Religion Promote Violence?

- Kopel DB. The Scottish and English Religious Roots of the American Right to Arms. *Bridges* 2004;12:291-312.
- Kopel DB. The Torah and Self-Defense. *Penn State Law Review* 2004;109:17-42.
- Kopel DB. The Catholic Second Amendment. *Hamline Law Review*, 2006.
- Kopel DB. Self-Defense in Asian Religions. *Journal of Firearms and Public Policy* 2006; 18.
- Israeli R. A Manual of Islamic Fundamentalist Terrorism. *Terrorism and Political Violence* 2002;14:23-40
- Jihad Against Jews and Crusaders, World Islamic Front Statement, 1998
- Noor FA. We Should Not Fear Being Called Radical – interview with Abu Bakaar Bashir. *Al Jazeera* 2006, 18 August.
- Raphaeli N. Ayman Muhammad Rabi' Al-Zawahiri: The Making of an Arch Terrorist. *Terrorism and Political Violence*. 2002;14:1-22
- Sosis R, Alcorta CS. Militants and Martyrs: Evolutionary Perspectives on Religion and Terrorism. 2007, in press.

Week 10 (April 11): Does Violence Come from Unmet Expectations?

- Davies JC. Toward A Theory of Revolution. *American Sociological Review* 1962;27:5-19.
- Crosby F. Relative Deprivation Revisited. *The American Political Science Review* 1979;73:103-112.

- Brush SG. Dynamics of Theory Change in the Social Sciences: Relative Deprivation and Collective Violence. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 1996;40:523-545.
- Bellair PE, McNulty TL. Beyond the bell curve: Community disadvantage and the explanation of black-white differences in adolescent violence. *Criminology* 2005;43: 1135-1168
- Kilcullen DJ Countering Global Insurgency. *Journal of Strategic Studies* 2005;28:597-617.
- Kilcullen D. Twenty-eight Articles. *Military Review* 2006;38:103-108.

Week 11 (April 18): Does Violence Come from Relationship Inequalities?

Domestic:

- Handwerker WP Gender power differences between parents and high risk sexual behavior: AIDS/STD risk factors extend to a prior generation. *Journal of Women's Health* 1993c;2: 301-316.
- Handwerker WP Why violence? *Human Organization* 1998;57:200-208.
- Handwerker WP Child Abuse and the Balance of Power in Parental Relationships: An Evolved Domain-Independent Mental Mechanism that Accounts for Behavioral Variation. *American Journal of Human Biology* 2001;13: 679-689.
- Figueredo AJ, Corral-Verdugo V, Frias-Armenta M, et al. Blood, solidarity, status, and honor - The sexual balance of power and spousal abuse in Sonora, Mexico. *Evolution and Human Behavior* 2001; 22: 295-328

International:

- Krain M. International Intervention and the Severity of Genocides and Policides. *International Studies Quarterly* 2005;49:363-388.
- Rummel RJ. Democracy, Power, Genocide, and Mass Murder. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 1995;39:3-26.
- Marshall MG, Gurr TR. *Peace and Conflict, 2005*. Center for International Development and Conflict Management, Department of Government & Politics. University of Maryland.

Week 12 (April 25): Reflection – Freedom from Violence, Self-Defense, and Human Rights

- Renteln AD Relativism and the Search for Human Universals. *American Anthropologist* 1988; 90: 56-72.
- Universal Declaration of Human Rights (U.N., 1948)
- Frey B. Prevention of Human Rights Violations Committed with Small Arms and Light Weapons. Final Report to the General Assembly of the United Nations, 2006.
- Kates DB The Second Amendment and the Ideology of Self-Protection. *Constitutional Commentary* 1992; 9:87-104.
- Reynolds GH A Critical Guide to the Second Amendment. *Tennessee Law Review* 1994;62:461-512.
- Polsby DD, Kates DB Of Holocausts and Gun Control *Washington University Law Quarterly* 1997;75:1237.