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The Psychological Cost of Learning to Kill in War and Society

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The good news is that the vast majority of soldiers are loath to kill in battle. Unfortunately, modern armies, using Pavlovian and operant conditioning have developed sophisticated ways of overcoming this instinctive aversion. The psychological cost for soldiers, as witnessed by the increase in post-traumatic stress, is devastating. The psychological cost for the rest of us is even more so: contemporary civilian society, particularly the media, replicates the army's conditioning techniques and, according to Lt. Col. Dave Grossman's thesis, is responsible for 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. Now, Grossman has updated this classic work to include information on 21st-century military conflicts, recent crime rates, suicide bombings, school shootings, and much more. The result is a work that is sure to be relevant and important for decades to come.

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这本书结合了许多老兵的回忆以及许多杂志和著作对战争中士兵心理的论述,从杀戮的定义原因以及类型以及如何避免不必要的杀戮提出了许多独到的见解,当作者提到克劳塞维兹的名言:因为恐惧就排斥,而从心里上拒绝研究,这不仅无益,而且有害"时,我深深的认同这一点。生育和杀...

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