# Bullies Lead and Leaders Bully

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# The Bully



# What is Bullying?

Intentional – Unwanted – Repeated - Imbalance of Power

Physical – Verbal – Relational - Cyberbullying

## Harassment

Race – Color - National Origin – Religion Disability – Sexual Orientation

# Bullies?



## Let's think about it...

Bullies and Leaders both use the *same* characteristics and traits during their need to be in charge and to receive the recognition for being in charge.

Some people prefer not to attract attention and have no desire to take on the responsibility of a leader.

## Not all people are built with the same...



#### Temperament – Tolerances – Environment – Parents

# **Today's Discussion**

- 1. How and why Bullying is a problem
- 1. Treating the symptoms of Bullying
- 2. The wide effects of Bullying
- 1. How we currently look at Bullying and deal with it
- 2. How a new approach can change the Bully's belief system
- 3. What to look forward to from Bullies in the future
- 4. Conclusion

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## How and why Bullying is a problem

Disconnects People

**Creates Hardships** 

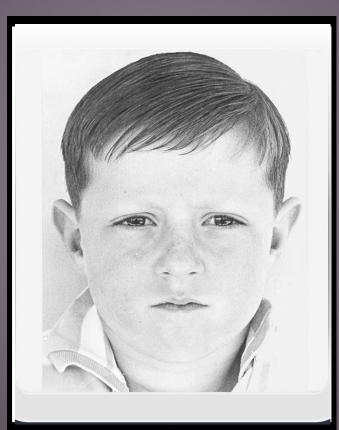
**Creates Imbalance** 

Denies Freedom

Is Overwhelming

Takes Lives

Appears Normal



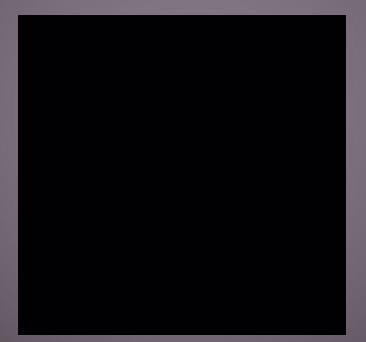
**Starts Young** Learned Behavior Not Challenged Destructive It Works It Feels Good It's Addictive

## Immeasurable resources are spent on treating the symptoms of Bullying ?

- 1. Domestic Violence
- 2. Custody Battles
- 3. Kidnapping
- 4. Divorce

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- 5. Poor Communication
- 6. Hostage Taking
- 7. Depression
- 8. Harassment
- 9. Rape
- 10. Foster Homes
- 11. Child Abuse
- 12. Elder Abuse
- 13. Employee Abuse
- 14. Human Trafficking



- 15. Restraining Orders
  16. Murder
  17. Jealousy
  18. Revenge
  19. Suicide
  20. Addiction
  21. Intervention
  22. Hate Crimes
  23. Racism
- 24. Jail
- 25. Power Struggles
- 26. Dishonesty
- 27. Poverty
- 28. Crime

## The wide and permanent effects of Bullying

Innocent people are sad, scared, discouraged, lonely, depressed, helpless, hopeless, embarrassed, excluded, shamed... and some just can't take it anymore!!!



One school kid's belief...

"As long as people live together in groups there will be bullying. You can't remove bullying from a society that runs on competition. Everyone wants to have a sense of belonging to a group. That means making outcasts of others."

#### How we currently deal with Bullying



- 1. We typically punish bullies, sometimes unjustly
- 2. We fear or admire toughness and control
- 3. We protect the weak and pity them
- 4. We blindly despise bullies
- 5. We don't give them the help that they need
- 6. We make them even madder
- 7. We teach victims how to be 'better' victims

#### Can a Bully change their belief system



- 1. Listen to Bullies who are usually angry for a good reason
- 2. Consider the Bully's communication capabilities
- 3. Support belief system changes for lasting transformation
- 4. Recognize and nurture leadership potential in Bullies
- 5. Empower Bullies to learn how to help themselves
- 6. Help Bullies to want lead others in a positive way
- 7. Turn Bullies into real role models to promote the process

### Where did we go wrong?

#### Perhaps by not ....

- 1. Taking Sufficient Time & Effort to Raise Kids Appropriately
- 2. Teaching Empathy by Example
- 3. Promoting Self Worth Early Enough
- 4. Mentoring and Transferring Important Skills
- 5. Redirecting Energy toward Accomplishing Goals
- 6. Providing Role Models to Admire and Emulate
- 7. Demonstrating Effective Self Regulation and Awareness

#### What to look forward to from Bullies

#### Let's Do it rather than, Do it!



- 1. They can understand their gifts
- 2. They can learn to use them wisely
- 3. They can learn empathy for others
- 4. They can become effective leaders
- 5. They can help others
- 6. They can reduce the number of victims
- 7. They can be tomorrow's role models

Take Criticism	Courage	Focus	Passion	Loyalty
Support	Vision	Trust		Acceptance
Hey Bully				

We were both born free. Then you were bullied, and learned to bully others, so you could bully me, beat me up, taunt and abuse me. You were always in control of me, but not of yourself. I was always scared of you at school and so was everyone else.

You really stole my life, robbing me of my potential, leaving me burdened with unmanageable issues that ruined my dreams of happiness and fulfillment. I am still pretty much living a sad and lonely life. You eventually disappeared...perhaps you are doing just fine, or not, perhaps in jail or already dead. Regardless, no matter how much I want to, I can't ever forget. You still affect me, daily!

Is that what you really had in mind?

"The Little Weirdo" from 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

Patience

Self-Discipline

P.S. I hope that you were able to find someone to care enough about you to get you some help.





Compassion

## Conclusion

- 1. We manage our kids' temperamental tendencies to adapt to *our* circumstances.
- 2. We teach our kids to become victims by exposing them to bullying.
- 3. We show our kids how to become bully's so they can survive.
- 4. We allow them to develop hard to break habits!
- 5. We pity victims and despise bullies neither plan is working!
- 6. Bullies have leadership choleric temperaments, found in most leaders.
- 7. We can use empathy to help bullies to help minimize the number of victims

#### According to some of my students, Anger Management is....

- 1. "Slows down rapid aggressive thinking."
- 2. "Helps me to care about other people's problems too."
- 3. "Keeps my emotions in perspective."
- 4. "Improves my communication skills."
- 5. "Helps me work on myself."
- 6. "Gives us what society needs."
- 7. "Is a positive blueprint for my life."

#### **Bullies PUSH - Leaders PULL**

# CHANGE THE WAY YOU SEE BULLIES SEE THE WAY BULLIES CHANGE!



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