

EIR's Record on Video-Game Violence

1996: Lt. Col. David Grossman publishes *On Killing—The Psychological Cost of Learning To Kill in War and Society* (Boston: Little Brown). (Reviewed in *EIR*, July 2, 1999.)

Dec. 1, 1997: Michael Carneal, a 14-year-old student and violent-video-game player in Paducah, Kentucky, kills three students and wounds five.

April 20, 1999: Massacre at Littleton, Colorado's Columbine High School. Two students kill 12 students and a teacher, wounding 24, before committing suicide.

May 14, 1999: *EIR* publishes an article by Anton Chaitkin and Jeffrey Steinberg, "Unnatural Born Killers: Video Brainwashing and Littleton," accompanied by an interview with Colonel Grossman, "Video Games Teach Children To Kill."

June 4, 1999: *EIR* publishes "Who Are the Video Game Brainwashers," by Anton Chaitkin, and "Families of Victims Sue Video Producers."

July 2, 1999: *EIR* cover story leads with Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., "Star Wars and Littleton," in which he emphasizes that "this murderous rampage will persist . . . whether or not the producers and distributors of cult-films and Nintendo-style video games intend that specific effect." Other articles include "Army, Hollywood Plan Joint 'Virtual Reality' Institute," by Anton Chaitkin; "Tofflers' 21st-Century Strategic Insanity," by Jeffrey Steinberg; "Satanic Subversion of the U.S. Military," by Jeffrey Steinberg; "The Games Utopians Play," by Michael Minnicino; "The Genocidalist Who Built Video Games" (on Jay Forrester); "Drugs, Sex, Cybernetics, and the Josiah Macy, Jr. Foundation," by Michael Minnicino; and "John von Neumann: 'Automaton,'" by Michael Minnicino.

Feb. 20, 2000: Helga Zepp-LaRouche gives a speech on "The Mark of the Beast: American's Children Are in Mortal Danger," to a conference of the Schiller Institute and International Caucus of Labor Committees. Published in *EIR*, March 17, 2000. She reviews the influence of Pokémon and Animé videos, as well as violent movies, on young minds, pre-teen as well as teen.

March 10, 2000: *EIR* publishes a review of *Stop Teaching Our Kids To Kill: A Call To Action Against TV, Movie & Video Game Violence*, by Lt. Col. David Grossman and Gloria DeGaetano (New York: Crown Publishers, 1999).

March 17, 2000: Interview with Colonel Grossman published in *EIR*, "Media Violence: Giving Children 'the Skill and the Will To Kill.'"

April 8, 2000: At a town meeting in New York City, Lyndon LaRouche urges the formation of a National Commission Against the "New Violence." *EIR*, May 5, 2000 prints speeches by LaRouche, Dennis Speed of LaRouche's 2000 Presidential campaign; Minister Charles Quinn Muhammad, the former head of the Nation of Islam in Jackson, Mississippi, and his wife Esther Quinn Muhammad; Dr. Kildare Clark, assistant medical director of King's County Hospital in Brooklyn, New York; Matthew Fogg, chief inspector deputy, U.S. Marshal, and founder of the Congress Against Racism and Corruption in Law Enforcement; and Pennsylvania State Rep. Harold James (D).

April 26, 2000: LaRouche issues a policy memorandum for his Presidential campaign, "What Is the New Violence?" (reprinted in this issue).

May 5, 2000: Anton Chaitkin writes in *EIR*, "Video-Game Companies 'Are Making a Killing'"; the article is accompanied by short profiles of the top ten companies in killer video games. Jeffrey Steinberg writes "From Cybernetics to Littleton: Techniques of Mind Control," tracing the mindset behind killer video games to Lord Bertrand Russell, Aldous Huxley, John von Neumann, and the immediate aftermath of World War II, including notably the work of the Frankfurt School and the London Tavistock Institute. He profiles the MK-ULTRA mind-controllers and the influence of the Cybernetics Group.

May 20, 2000: Formation of the National Commission Against the New Violence in New York City. Speeches by Lyndon LaRouche and Lt. Col. David Grossman, originally published in *EIR*, June 2, 2000, are reprinted in this issue.

April 26, 2002: An expelled student from a school in Erfurt, Germany, shoots and kills 16 people and himself at his former school. He had trained for a year on violent video games, notably "Counterstrike."

April 29, 2002: Helga Zepp-LaRouche, chairman of the Civil Rights Solidarity Movement (BüSo) party in Germany, issues a statement on the Erfurt killing, which is published in *EIR*, May 17, 2002 (reprinted in this issue). Alexander Hartmann provides accompanying documentation on "Media, Arms Producers Make Killer Video Games" (also in this issue).

May 24, 2002: *EIR* publishes interview with Colonel Grossman, "Violent Video Games Reward Children for Killing People." Helga Zepp-LaRouche is the interviewer in a wide-ranging discussion, reprinted in this issue.

June 13, 2002: Helga Zepp-LaRouche, during a visit to São Paulo, Brazil, gives a presentation to the São Paulo State Appellate Criminal Court titled "Stop the 'New Violence,' Create a New Renaissance." It appears in *EIR*, July 5, 2002.

Oct. 2, 2006: An adult gunman kills five girls and himself at an Amish school in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

April 16, 2007: Mass killing at Virginia Tech. Cho Seung-Hui, a student and violent-video-game aficionado, kills 32 people, before taking his own life.