

On Violence

Why do people act? Ultimately, to remove felt uneasiness. This is the basic need behind every other need that human life (at least) entails. When the means to achieve this end aren't available for peaceful acquisition, people will employ violence. *People* will employ violence. I repeat that for effect. Ideas and ideologies are not and cannot be violent. Only people, and individual people at that, are violent or can be violent. The cause of violence is the desire to remove felt uneasiness that it is currently believed can only be achieved through the use of violence. What sorts of things cause felt uneasiness of which most people are likely to judge can only be removed with violent action? Think about it, and let me know. And that's today's two cents.

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