

# On Bullycide

Children bullies and children victims of bullies are symptoms. Parents who either neglect or bully their children are symptoms. Teachers who bully children are symptoms. Bureaucrats who bully taxvictims are symptoms. And the problem? *The willingness and acceptability of using force against those unwilling to do what they're told to do by others.* It's unfortunate that Rebecca Sedwick killed yourself as a result of bullying, but it's a symptom of this much larger issue in society. Her bullies were no doubt themselves victims of bullying. They learned it, internalized it, from someone, probably their parents or guardians, and maybe even their teachers at school. Their independence has been denied them their entire lives, so the moment they feel a little power over someone else, they explode. Bullies are not born, they are made; made by other bullies who themselves were made by bullies. It's a cycle of abuse that I'm proud to say I am no longer perpetuating. I don't bully my neighbors *nor* my kids. Respect the personal choices of everyone. To each his own. Live and let live. And that's today's two cents.

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