

LOVE IS ONE STEP AWAY FROM HATE

Rezumat: *In this paper the author tries to look at the psychological roots of bullying and point to some of the concepts that psychoanalysis may be able to bring to the general debate on the subject. It concentrates on children and adolescents but mentions the manifold forms it takes. It tries to look at bullying from a developmental point of view, from the standpoint of the personal history that unites everyone with his own past. Because bullying involves aggression and bullies love their aggressive activity, and derive some gratification from it, this paper is concerned with the vicissitudes of love as well as hate. Since love and hate are no way peculiar to bullies, the question arises of whether or not bullies are motivated by something that is part of the human condition. Is there a potential bully inside everyone and, if there is, to what extent and by what means has that bully been brought under control in the civilizing process of growing up? The forces of love and hate and, in particular, their expression through sadism and masochism, both conscious and unconscious, are central to any understanding of the problem.*

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