

Towards A Terror-Free and Peaceful World ---Games and Sportsmanship

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Abstract

Games and sports are an important means of recreation. Sports inculcates discipline in students, teaches spirit of patience and courage. It develops a healthy attitude towards life. This paper brings out the importance and benefits of sports and games in one's life and how it can prevent one from becoming a terrorist and how it can eradicate terrorism.

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Games and Sports are an important means of recreation. "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," is a well known proverb. After their studies during the day , students require some rest and recreation in the evening. Games and sports, specially the outdoor ones, are most suitable for them they refresh them and enable them to regain their lost energy. Games and sports are also very useful from the point of view of health. They teach students the value of discipline. Every game has its own rules and regulations and all have to obey them. Every player has to bow down before the judgment of the referee. This teaches the players to respect the laws even if they do not like them. That is why we find that sportsmen are more disciplined persons than others. This papers aims to bring out the importance and benefits of sports and games in ones life and how it can prevent one from becoming a terrorist and how it can eradicate terrorism.

Games and Sports also teach students to lead a corporate life. They teach them the importance of team work .While playing , every player is the member of a team and he has to play not for his own good but for the good of the whole team. Thus he learns to co-operate with others for the common good. In this way when he enters life , he proves to be a good citizen. Games and sports have already taught him how to sacrifice his own desires and his own good for the good of society. Sportsmen are more social and more self-sacrificing than those who have never participated in sports.

"Health is Wealth ,”is an old saying . Games are very essential for a good health. Therefore , all young men and women should play games. People who play games regularly can maintain a good health .They can develop a muscular body . Games also teach us the spirit of sportsmanship . Because both the winner and looser enjoy playing the game. Games teach us the spirit of patience and courage. Discipline is very essential not only for the progress of an individual but also for the progress of the nation as a whole. Young boys and girls can also develop the quality of leadership through games. The captain of team learns to lead his players just learns to lead his players just like a general leads in the war. Games are very good source of recreation and enjoyment. Games refresh the body as well as the mind of the player. When a player is engrossed in the game, he forgets all his worries and anxieties. Thus games diverts attention from the worldly affairs and worries. Games are very essential for the students. Nobody can deny the importance of games for them. The students of today are the citizen of tomorrow . They develop their personality and sense of loyalty.

Terrorism is the deliberate and systematic use of violence and intimidation in anywhere the actions are intended to achieve or to influence a political result. Terrorist acts have been perpetrated for as long as there have been political disputes. The term was first employed by British statesman Edmund Burke (1729-1797) to describe the actions of the Jacobins during the French Revolution in the late 1790s. Notable terrorist actions in recent history include those of the Irish Republican Army against Britain at various times throughout the twentieth century, the efforts of various terrorist groups that have been directed against the state of Israel since its founding in 1948, and the coordinated attacks upon various American targets made by Al-Qaeda agents on September 11, 2001, the events collectively known as the 9/11 attacks.

Sporting events, particularly those with global appeal, are an obvious terrorist target, as such attacks will attract the attention of the world to the particular terrorist target, as such attacks will attract the attention of the world to the particular terrorist cause. The capture and the subsequent murder of 11 Israeli Olympic team members at the 1972 summer Olympic was such an act. Members of the Palestinian group "Black September" sought the release of 200 Palestinian prisoners held by Israel through these means. The death of Israeli athletes is regarded as one of the most significant terrorist acts ever committed prior to the 9/11 attacks. A related issue that remains controversial was -- that made by International Olympic Committee president Avery Brundage directed that the games would be continued as scheduled, after one day delay.

Prior to 1972, the Olympics had not previously been the target of any significant terrorist activity. The murder of Israeli athletes at Munich altered the nature and extent of sports events security forever. At every games held since the 1972 Olympics, security has been a significant and highly visible presence. In addition to on site protection, the police forces of the host nation seek and obtain information from the other nations with respect to any possible terrorist risk that might manifest itself at the Olympics.

While Terrorism on the level of the Munich killings has never been replicated at an International sporting event, a number of terrorist acts have been perpetrated with an indirect impact upon international sport. A notable example was the destruction of a Korean Airlines jet by a terrorist bomb in 1987. Subsequent investigation revealed that the perpetrators intended to disrupt the lead up to the 1988 summer Olympic that was ultimately hosted by South Korea. In 1996, a bomb planted by a domestic terrorist was detonated in the Atlanta Games Olympic stadium in Stockholm was severely damaged by a terrorist bomb planted by a group who were opposed to a Swedish bid for the 2004 Olympic Games that were ultimately awarded to Athens.

The 9/11 attacks served to further heighten security concerns, especially with respect to both the potential threat to American athletes competing abroad and the staging of events on American soil. Teams representing the United States in events as diverse as the Ryder Cup Golf championship and International Tennis Tournaments have been the subject of close security protection for this reason.

At the 2002 Winter Olympics at Salt Lake City, American organizers of the Games instituted two measures then unique to games security. A 52 mile no-fly zone was imposed around the entire games site, and sharpshooters were placed on various mountain top positions to protect specific competition venues.

Acts of terrorism have crossed all boundaries. The youth has been misled and misguided by the evil-minded leaders of terrorist groups. For attaining their selfish goals,

innocent children , men and women are targeted, both as victims and as trainees to terrorise the world. If only such gullible potential terrorist are given a proper direction in life, they cannot be lured by the camp leaders of the terrorist organizations. The society at large has to accept the responsibility of ensuring that the youth gets education and employment at the right time. Education in the real sense is the need of the hour. An educated youth realizes the importance of work and play in his life.

It is through games played as children and young adolescents that an individual learns to share ideas, experiment with the role of leader and follower and later utilize this experience real life situations. Co-operation and gamesmanship learnt while at play as young ones to tolerance in adulthood. Learning to win and lose becomes a part of life. Pluralism and acceptance of others view point are learnt while playing games. This really helps later in life.

Joy and honour in winning and grace and dignity while losing are learnt as kids on the playground. This is what the present day terrorist lack. They wish to force every one to accept their ideas and fail to reach the negotiation level as negative response is not tolerable to them . Here lies the major problem. The psyche of the terrorist is moulded by the one-sided training given to them .The lack of proper knowledge and several avenues open to a person in the form of games is not known to the terrorists. They should be made aware of such healthy, peaceful and fruitful options which will lead them away from the path of violence and destruction . Only then can the world breathe a sigh of relief and live peacefully.

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