

On bullying

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Addressing bullying:

When Trump had dissenters at his rallies he raised the cry: ‘kick um out’, ‘hit um in the face’, and his followers obeyed. When he did not like his TV contestants efforts he said: ‘You’re fired.’ When he won the election he appointed a staff from his closest supporters—his clique. Those are the marks of a bully. When someone has a really good idea about how to prevent bullying she writes a book. The idea is accepted by the Department of Education and mandated to all schools. That too is bullying. We all resist it when someone else tells us what to do, especially when it is the government.

But there are elements of any bullying program that need addressing; they need to be picked up by principles at every school, at every level of education, and built into their own program. They include:

- Monitoring the children by someone without distractive devices.
- Talking to the children about bullying and the environment that creates it.
- Talking to the bullies in small groups to help them find ways to better cope with their insecurities.