

Violent video games and real violence: there's a link but it's not so simple

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Public debate on the effects of violent video games can become especially contentious in the wake of a rampage shooting, such as the recent killing of nine people in Munich.

If it is later discovered the perpetrator was a fan of violent video games, as was the Munich killer, it is tempting to think that perhaps violent games “caused” the rampage shooting.

But rampage shootings are rare and complex events caused by multiple factors acting together. One can't accurately predict a rampage shooting based on exposure to violent video games or any other single factor. But this doesn't mean there isn't a link between violent video games and aggression.

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