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The constantly changing landscape surrounding violence within today’s societies makes it challenging for experts and practitioners to stay informed of the field’s most up-to-date research. That is why IGI Global is pleased to offer this two-volume comprehensive reference collection that will empower students, researchers, and academicians with a strong understanding of these critical issues by providing both broad and detailed perspectives on cutting-edge theories and developments. This compilation is designed to act as a single reference source on conceptual, methodological, and technical aspects, as well as to provide insight into emerging trends and future opportunities within the discipline.

*Violence and Society: Breakthroughs in Research and Practice* is organized into six sections that provide comprehensive coverage of important topics. The sections are:

1. Cyberbullying
2. Domestic Violence
3. Peace Sustainability
4. Terrorism and Mass Casualty Events
5. Violence in Entertainment and the Mass Media
6. Youth, School, and Gang Violence

The following paragraphs provide a summary of what to expect from this invaluable reference source:

Section 1, “Cyberbullying,” opens this extensive reference source by highlighting the shifting landscape of human interactions through technological interfaces. Through perspectives on cyberbullying awareness, victimization, and social media, this section demonstrates how online environments are transforming the various uses of threats and intimidation in cyberspace. The presented research facilitates a better understanding of the prevalence of bullying in digital forums.

Section 2, “Domestic Violence,” includes chapters on the various social and economic perspectives on aggressive or abusive behavior within home environments. Including discussions on childhood trauma, gender perspectives, and violence prevention, this section presents research on the occurrence of violent behavior in domestic settings. This inclusive information assists in raising the awareness of domestic violence and its contributing causes.

Section 3, “Peace Sustainability,” presents extensive coverage of the latest strategies and methods for conflict resolution on a global scale. By identifying educational initiatives and issues in human rights advocacy, this section highlights the best practices for dealing with adversity and disagreements through non-violent means. These inclusive perspectives contribute to the promotion of knowledge for peacebuilding and cultural understanding.
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Section 4, “Terrorism and Mass Casualty Events,” discusses coverage of academic and research perspectives on the expanding realm of terrorist attacks and violent extremism across cultures. Through analyses on cyber warfare, media coverage and responsibility, as well as modern law enforcement, this section contains pivotal information on the shifting state of terrorism and mass casualty events. The presented research facilitates a comprehensive understanding of criminal activities in large-scale settings.

Section 5, “Violence in Entertainment and the Mass Media,” includes scholarly perspectives on the role of technological tools in the portrayal of violence in modern culture. Highlighting trends in video gaming, various mass entertainment mediums, and psychological considerations, this section presents critical examples of how violent acts are presented to society through media platforms.

Section 6, “Youth, School, and Gang Violence,” concludes this reference book with the presentation of research on violent behaviors and trends predominantly within the youth population. Through perspectives on gang behavior, incarceration and institutionalization, as well as weapons within schools, this section illustrates the complexity of understanding the occurrence of violence amongst children and young adults. This section provides a comprehensive examination of social issues surrounding youth violence and behavior.

Although the primary organization of the contents in this work is based on its six sections, offering a progression of coverage of the important concepts, methodologies, technologies, applications, social issues, and emerging trends, the reader can also identify specific contents by utilizing the extensive indexing system listed at the end.

As a comprehensive collection of research on the latest findings related to Violence and Society: Breakthroughs in Research and Practice, this publication provides researchers, administrators, and all audiences with a complete understanding of the development of applications and concepts surrounding these critical issues.