

To the Editor of the Times,

Regarding Bob Herbert's editorial, "Crisis of violence," in the August 14th Times: Thanks for speaking out about the vital importance of parenting, which conveys respect for the rights of others. Parents teach this first by the support and care extended to their children. They should also teach them respect for their elders and especially for other authoritative personnel.

That's a tall order, especially considering the many fatherless families.

I believe that young men have not been appropriately educated to hold a job enabling them to support a family. The old days of apprenticeships are gone and decent jobs for the minimally educated are few.

What do we do?

- How about enlisting business to offer paid part-time work related to high school academic work?
- How about encouraging young adults to continue education by offering training in skilled fields. For example, I needed a locksmith and found they charged \$75 to come and look at my broken lock.
- How about using job education for those in jail or on parole or probation?
- K-12 teaching of tolerance and conflict resolution and training teaching staff in most effective strategies.
- Encouraging school boards to study best methods of reducing school violence.
- Teach civics in schools and to those in jail, probation and parole.
- The League of Women Voters of New Jersey is now studying "Voting rights of those in prison and/or on parole."

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