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Boxing in the 21st century - the paradoxical blindness of modern societies

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Pursuit for peaceful society

- Modern societies: zero tolerance on violence and high protection of human rights
- 21st century: the most peaceful time in human history
- Violence is a state problem
- Can someone consent to (physical) violence?



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CRIMINAL LAW ASPECT

- Consent in criminal law – *volenti non fit iniuria*
- Consent- exclusion of unlawfulness
- Rules:

1. Clear

2. Unambiguous

3. Given by a person who is able to understand the consequences of his consent



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CRIMINAL LAW ASPECT

4. Future event

5. Consent must not be given in error or under duress

6. You cannot consent to violation of every legal good!

- Consent to an physical injury in boxing – exception!
- Boxing has rules and a supervision – informed consent



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MEDICAL ASPECTS

- Brain damage, concussion, neurologic complications and negative cognitive symptoms
- However, positive effects include: succesful anger management, low anxiety and depression, high self esteem



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SOCIOLOGICAL ASPECTS

- Social responsibility theory
- Does watching box lead to an antisocial behavior?
- What about other sports?



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VIOLENCE AND BOXING

- Violence is not moral → Boxing is violent → Boxing is not moral
- 'Unjustified' violence
- Nobel or harmful?



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CONSLUSION

- Interdisciplinary approach
- No right scientific answer
- More research – new criminological topic

Thank you for your attention!

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