How Serious is the Problem?

1,588 [illegible]
[illegible]30
[illegible]1,306
(82.2%) [illegible]
[illegible]10 [illegible]
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Dan Olweus found in his studies of bullying in Norwegian schools that “approximately 60 percent of boys who were categorized as bullies in grades 6-9 had at least one conviction by the age 24”. Moreover, “35-40 percent of the former bullies had three or more convictions by this age” (Olweus, 1993).

Loeber and Stouthamer-Loeber (1998) argue that aggression is highly stable over the life course, and regard minor aggression like bullying as a pathway to delinquency and adult criminality. According to their research, over 60 percent of boys (74 percent, in one study) who were later convicted of a violent criminal offence

Future Criminals

The Data Set

- 950 [illegible] 475 [illegible] (1991, 2002), [illegible] 475 [illegible] (2000, 2006).
- [illegible] 475 [illegible]
- [illegible] 475 [illegible]

	-475	-950	
(12	105 22.5%	179 39.1%	284 30.7%
(13			

Gender of Site Participants

- [illegible] (Fischer, 2005; [illegible] 2006).
- [illegible] (Fischer, 2008) [illegible] 63% [illegible] (Fischer, 2007) [illegible].

	[illegible] -475	[illegible] 476 - 950	[illegible]
[illegible]	188 40.3%	86 18.8%	274 29.6%
[illegible]	266 57.0%	340 74.2%	606 65.5%
[illegible]	13 2.8%	32 7.0%	45 4.9%
[illegible]	467 100.0%	458 100.0%	925 100.0%

[illegible] 57% to
74.2% [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] 40.3% to
18.8% ($F^2(2, N = 925) = 54.95$, $p < .01$).

		%
	436	45.9
	126	13.3
	87	9.2
	35	3.7
	30	3.2
	26	2.7
	7	.7
	178	18.7
	25	2.6
	950	100.0

Bullying as Commonplace

	420	44.2
	354	37.3
	75	7.9
	27	2.8
	74	7.8
	950	100.0

- Winnie, a high school student from Uganda says in message 474: “our world is full of bullies”.
- Message 180 by Michelina from BC, says that “bullies are all over the place”.
- Message 414 by Lindsay from PEI says: “I've seen lots of bullying in my life”.
- 24 year-old Jonny from Northern Ireland begins message 283 by announcing: “Like all you guys I was bullied in High s iis is i
bullied in High ”.

[illegible]

	[illegible]	%
[illegible]	400	54.9
[illegible]	191	26.2
[illegible]	67	9.2
[illegible]	58	8.0
[illegible]	13	1.7
[illegible]	729	100.0

316 [illegible]
[illegible]

67 [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

58 [illegible]
[illegible]

Female Bullying

- [illegible] (e.g. [illegible] 2006; [illegible] 2007; [illegible] 2008; [illegible] 2004).
- [illegible] See Jane Hit, [illegible] (2006) [illegible]
- [illegible] (e.g. [illegible] 2007; [illegible] 2006;

	361	49.5
	142	19.5
	132	18.1
	94	12.9
	729	100.0

	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	80 57.6%	13 14.1%	56 43.8%	149 41.5%
[illegible]	59 42.4%	79 85.9%	72 56.3%	210 58.5%
[illegible]	139 100.0%	92 100.0%	128 100.0%	359 100.0%

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible]
[illegible] is [illegible]
[illegible] $\chi^2(2, N = 359) = 43.41, p < .01$).

Cyber-Bullying

Suicidality

- 94 messages on www.bullying.org concerned suicidal ideation, self-harm, attempted suicide and completed suicide.
- 48 (over half) concerned suicidal ideation, but no evidence that individual posting message had made suicide plans or attempted suicide.
- 30 site participants said that they had actually attempted to commit suicide.
- 7 had engaged in self-harm, but did not (ostensibly) intend to commit suicide.
- 9 messages talked about completed acts of suicide (submitted by cousins, parents, etc).