

BOYCOTT WAR TOYS

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- killing is acceptable, even fun.
- violence or the threat of violence is the only way to resolve conflicts.
- the world is divided into "goodies" and "baddies" where the bad guys are devoid of human qualities and their destruction is desirable

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Please boycott these toys:

Plastic soldiers
Transformers
Toy guns
Star wars legos
Bionicle
True Heroes rocket hauler
Fighter plane
Army roll play
S.W.A.T. action hero suit
Zabuza sword
Military headquarters
Combat tank
Violent DVD's
Violent computer games
Freedom helicopter
Space blaster
PIT mobile headquarters
Avatar missile launcher
Terminator
Fighting robots
x-men supermen
Dragon ballz
Nerf weapons

Alternatives to war toys:

Instruments
Books
Non-violent CD's and DVD's
Non-violent computer games
Lego blocks
DJ Heroes
Simulated skate board
Dolls
Dinosaurs
Trains
K'nex construction toys
Trucks
Planes
Action figures
Spiderman
Bakugan
Tools
Sports equipment
Match box cars
Riding toys
Stuffed animals
Puzzles
Non-combat games

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