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### Tales of Two Childhoods

Why do some people who've had traumatic childhoods grow up &, somehow, NOT become serial killers or another strain of "monster"? Rarely do those making careers from condemning people genuinely ask that question (the answer threatens their careers.)

Reading the article in the Sept. 2019 issue of Esquire about Woody Harrelson showed a good example of what I'm talking about. Woody's dad was a hitman who died in the joint doing two life bits; his dad was a coke head, abandoned Woody at a young age, & may have been part of the JFK assassination. But Woody, who was a problem child, had a mom who was dedicated to her son's success as a human. She put Woody in a great school, which, as Woody said,

"The idea there was to educate & simultaneously give love to the child,...it worked. I'd do something that was wrong or violent,

& they'd treat me with love."

You can see the effect of his rearing, that school in Woody's personality: he's a weirdo w/ a sick imagination & sense of humor (like me:)), but it stays within his movies, isn't demonstrated in his interactions w/ people; he has restraint, empathy, apparently learned from his loving rearing.

While love may not save every troubled kid, it can save some. Unfortunately, those holding the systems reins don't see this, or don't want to....