

## Article #3:

# “Why are bullies admired?”

### Before Reading

- Before you read the article, think about the title and the picture at the top of the page. How do these two things fit together? What is surprising about this point of view?

### After Reading

- According to this article, television, government, business, and sports all reward successful bullies. Make a list of all the examples the article cites of bullies or bullying behaviour that have been rewarded in each of these four categories. Then add as many additional examples as you can to each category.
- What does psychologist Peter Jaffe mean when he states, “What’s the matter with kids is what’s the matter with society.” Is he correct?
- A number of experts are quoted in this article.
  - Find five of these individuals and write their names in your notebook.
  - Beside each name, write what job the person does, or what makes this person an expert.
  - Write the key ideas stated by this person.
  - When you have finished collecting the information on all five individuals, suggest what effect the inclusion of these experts has on the reader of the article.
- **Application:** In your journal, explain your personal response to the assigned article. Do you agree with the writer’s opinion? Why or why not?