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*Abkürzungen:*

- DE = Darmstädter Echo  
FR = Frankfurter Rundschau  
SZ = Süddeutsche Zeitung  
taz = Die Tageszeitung

*English Summary*

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The essay discusses the eruptive violence of adolescents not merely along the lines of prevalent theories that establish a causal link with the social structure, but proceeds to address this phenomenon from the perspective of an "anthropological gaze". It suggests that violence is a form of cultural expression offering adolescents what they cannot get elsewhere: fun, thrills, adventure, experience, intoxication, the "gang", and its social bonding – the social psychologist Csikszentmihalyi talks of a "flow-experience", of being totally absorbed in doing. Also, the public as well as politicians respond to adolescent violence with a high degree of recognition. They are unnecessarily attentive to the actions adolescents per form on the "stages" of streets and squares and further reinforce them by way of a frightened disavowal that sometimes carries hidden undertones of approval. However, the essay intends no "anthropologizing" of the rise of violence in our society. Rather, it attempts to contribute to an understanding of why particularly adolescent "Skinheads" easily fall into the trap of rightwing radicalism.