



Bullet for bullet – Is it a right policy?

Description

Theme:

- The phrase “Bullet for bullet” means returning harm with harm. If someone hurts us, should we hurt them back in the same way? Some people believe this is the only way to teach a lesson. Others feel that forgiveness and understanding are better. Let’s look at both sides of this idea.

Arguments in favor of “Bullet for Bullet”:

- If someone is trying to kill us and we have no other way to survive, we have the right to protect ourselves—even if it means hurting them. Article 21 of the Indian Constitution gives us the right to life, which includes the right to defend ourselves.
- If wrongdoers are not punished, they may feel bold and commit more crimes. Strict action can stop this. Moreover, a strong response can stop others from doing the same thing.
- Forgiveness doesn’t always work. Some people take advantage of kindness and repeat the same mistakes.
- When someone hurts us, seeing them face consequences helps us feel better.

Arguments against “Bullet for Bullet”:

- If we respond with harm, it often starts a cycle. The other person may also take revenge, and the problem keeps growing.
- Mahatma Gandhi said, “An eye for an eye leaves the whole world blind.”
- People who do bad things may be poor, young, or influenced by others. Instead of hurting them, we can help them understand what’s right and wrong.
- Forgiving someone can sometimes change their life. It also brings peace to the person who forgives.
- Talking works better sometimes. If there is a chance to talk and solve the issue, that should be tried first.

Conclusion:

Whether “bullet for bullet” is right or wrong depends on the situation. If someone is a danger to us or to society, a strong response may be needed. But if there is a chance to forgive, educate, or solve the problem peacefully, that is often a better choice. Life is too short to be filled with hate. Whenever possible, choose peace and move on.

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