

## GUN CULTURE NOT THE PROBLEM "FATHERLESS AMERICA" IS

Conducting interviews on this topic is best-selling author and radio talk-show host Larry Elder. His latest book is "Dear Father, Dear Son: Two Lives ... Eight Hours."

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by Larry Elder

The problem in American is not the "gun culture". It's the fatherless culture, says New York Times best-selling Larry Elder, the author of the just released "Dear Father, Dear Son."

Appearing on WVON in Chicago, Elder said, "As tragic and horrific the Connecticut shooting was, the face of gun violence in America is not Sandy Hook. It is Chicago. It is Philadelphia. It is Newark. Most murders and murder victims are black--and live in urban areas."

In Chicago, there were 500 murders, the majority in black neighborhoods and the majority of that was gang-related.

In 1965, 25% of black children were born to unwed mothers. Today the number is nearly 70%, with 50% of Hispanics children and 25% of children born outside of wedlock.

Studies have long established the relationship between homes without an involved father with higher drop out rates, unwed parenthood, welfare dependency, drug abuse--and crime.

Jesse Jackson, Louis Farrakhan, and Al Sharpton all had issues with their fathers.

In Jackson's case, his teen-age mother got pregnant by the married man next door. As a child, Jackson was taunted, "Jesse ain't got no Daddy. Jess ain't got no Daddy."

In Farrakhan's case, his mother was estranged from her husband. She had a boyfriend, but had sex with her estranged husband. She got pregnant and did not want the boyfriend to find out. She attempted a self-abortion with a coat-hanger.

In Sharpton's case, his family led a comfortable middle-class lifestyle, until his father abandoned the family. At that point Sharpton's family fought poverty.

All three should know first hand what Barbara Bush said is true, "What happens in your house is more important than what happens in the White House."

Does the pain of growing up without fathers make them see the world through the lens of a victim? Does their relationship with their fathers explain why they act as if America remains as racist as it was before the modern civil rights movement? Do they want--even require-- an "enemy"?

Stunning ... a wonderful read ... a page-turner ... a handbook for life." Those words of advance praise from another celebrated author scarcely convey just how powerfully mesmerizing is the

latest book by New York Times best-selling author and nationally syndicated radio talk show host Larry Elder.

Released by WND Books, "Dear Father, Dear Son" is a personal memoir of Elder's troubled - one might even say tortured - relationship with his father, and the astonishing outcome that develops when Elder, at long last, confronts him.

Says Elder: "A man's relationship with his father - every boy, every man lucky enough to have a father in his life has to figure that out. My own father? I thought I knew him - even though he seldom talked about himself. And what I knew I hated - really, really hated. Cold, ill-tempered, thin-skinned, my father always seemed on the brink of erupting. Scared to death of him, I kept telling myself to find the courage to 'stand up to him.' When I was fifteen, I did." After that, said Elder, "We did not speak to each other for ten years."

"And then we did - for eight hours."

The result can't be described. It has to be experienced.

As reflected in the book's subtitle - "Two Lives ... Eight Hours" - one extraordinary, all-day conversation between Elder and his long-estranged father utterly transformed their relationship. It is no exaggeration to say the book will likewise transform readers. "Dear Father, Dear Son" is the story of one man discovering a son he never really knew. And of the son finding a man, a friend, a father who had really been there all along.

ABOUT YOUR GUEST: Larry Elder is a best-selling author and radio talk-show host. His latest book is "Dear Father, Dear Son: Two Lives ... Eight Hours." Larry Elder, a "firebrand libertarian" according to "Daily Variety," has been the subject of profiles by both CBS' "60 Minutes" and ABC's "20/20." His previous best-selling books - "The 10 Things You Can't Say in America," "Showdown: Confronting Bias, Lies and the Special Interests That Divide America" and "What's Race Got to Do with It? Why It's Time to Stop the Stupidest Argument in America" - all have met with critical acclaim.

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