

Chess: Child's play?

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Chess has been considered to be an intellectual game. But this is not true at all. Here are some clear reasons to explain that:

Nowadays chess is a child's game. They learn it from their 5 or less. Teenagers with no life experience become Grand Masters. How on earth children and raw teenagers can be considered as intellectuals? May be more years after they would be, or not? Let's see.

It seems chess deals with primitive parts of brain not complicated ones. As a person ages various and numerous experiences of life (enormous amount of memories, sensual & sensuous perception, encountering deep moral & logical problems, etc.) amplify brain abilities and make much more complicated networks of neural connection in order to improve transmission and finally perception. It is disappointing that chess is against this age-dependent brain progression. In fact aging makes the ability of playing chess worse. You can find no chess player at their 50s better than their 30s but mostly people with average 50 years are much deep-thinker than around 30 ones; Like any other physical sport. Isn't it? So why chess is wrongly considered as a field of deep thinking in all aspects of life? Isn't it better to downsize this huge credit to some geo-mathematical calculating skills in young ones?

Not enough? Majority of chess legends have significant evidence of serious personality disorders and worse condition like autism, bipolar, schizophrenia, etc. Murphy, Steinitz, Alekhine, Tal, and Fischer and... (Let me avoid more trouble for myself by the livings). You can easily feel some serious mental violence and misbehavior in chess if you play it whether online or on the board that rarely can be seen in other sports

even those totally fleshly ones. Arrogance and repulsive behavior are main characteristics of most great chess players. As Einstein said chess gives a hellish suffering to its masters. Chess even at highest level strongly has been linked with childish attitude that roots in the nature of this game. It is a full time job and leaves no time for players to get rid of being a plain 1 dimensional person.

Gary kasparov (who I admire as a chess legend) is a very good example to describe chess in various aspects. He has not been friendly to anyone. Have done too many unfair things in his games like weird distracting gestures or punching the clock, etc. He couldn't accept his defeats in peace (see his really bad reaction after his loss to Teimour Radjabov). He also has a history of humiliating statements against female chess players. Today Kasparov loves to be known as a gentle political activist. A brief looking at his political career shows he is far from independent thinking and totally is under dominance of a political wing (radical leftists) with no sign of difference from stupid politicians. He roots in a country with dark history of corrupt totalitarian communism and now contributes with those who are willing to establish a modified western model of communism at the United States making a monster like China ruler of the earth. Yeah, chess never makes you intellectual enough (intelligent may be!!!). You can be always on the wrong side even proudly.

I love chess and it is a great fun for me. Chess has too many good features but it doesn't make a person smarter nor more respectful. Forget that cheap fiction about chess. You can easily play online chess and enjoy it and experience some bad aspects of that personally but be aware that you'll be shocked by what you will encounter.

This brief inspired by recent huge attention to chess made by Queen's Gambit mini-series. I love chess but can't help to ignore its dark side. A

video from Fischer that can be found easily on YouTube is a great evidence for what I said about childish manner of chess players. The genius Bobby Fischer makes a clear statement that hardly can be ignored. It is from his last years but we know that in his youth he also was as he described the others. Sad story.

P.S: Frankly Queen's Gambit mini-series was horrible. Full of cheap clichés and nothing new or innovative as a drama. Somebody who knows just a little about chess probably gets surprised by such amount of stupidity shown in the series.