

10 Most Violent Video Games

1. **[Manhunt](#)** Players advance by stalking and killing victims, all for the delight of a "director" who urges you to make the killings bloodier, more cunning, and ever more horrific. *[Manhunt 2](#) is more of the same, but now you've been injected with a drug to bring out your "homicidal tendencies."*
Alternative: [Mirror's Edge](#)
2. **[Resident Evil 5](#)** Using guns, swords, or a chainsaw, you shoot, hack, and slash oncoming enemies, producing copious amounts of blood. And the game's racial undertones are hard to ignore, as the white hero (accompanied by a light-skinned African American) has to kill mostly black victims infected by the zombie-causing virus.
Alternative: [Uncharted: Drake's Fortune](#)
3. **[Dead Rising](#)** Based on the 1978 *Dawn of the Dead* zombie splatter flick, this game combines gory imagery -- like shotgun blasts, chainsaw dismemberment, and hand-to-hand combat -- with images of nude women on various objects.
Alternative: [Prince of Persia](#)
4. **[Resident Evil 4](#)** Players must stab, shoot, and bomb their way through hundreds of realistic-looking humans and monsters. Cursing and sexual dialogue round out the mix.
Alternative: [Ghostbusters: The Video Game](#)
5. **[Grand Theft Auto](#)** (specifically [Grand Theft Auto IV](#) and [Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas](#)) Players can kill other humans, including police officers, or drive into pedestrians on sidewalks and in parks. Gang warfare, beatings, drive-by shootings, and bloody deaths are all shown in gory detail.
Alternative: [InFAMOUS](#)
6. **[God of War II](#)** Players can do everything from ripping the eye out of a Cyclops to twisting the head off of Medusa to slicing off enemies' arms with chains strapped to their wrists. There's also a sex mini-game.
Alternative: [Batman: Arkham Asylum](#)
7. **[Mortal Kombat: Deception](#)** The goal of this game is the same as other *Mortal Kombats*: Kill or be killed, and make it as horrific as you can.
Alternative: [Mortal Kombat vs. DC Universe](#)
8. **[MadWorld](#)** With the Wii remote and Nunchuk in your hands, you simulate the motions used to split someone open with a chainsaw, punch opponents with your fists, or pick up and use assorted objects scattered throughout the levels to dismember, bludgeon, and impale your foes.
Alternative: [Punchout](#)
9. **[Gears of War](#)** You can use a chainsaw to rip apart enemies or machine guns to spray them down. Characters and world are photorealistic, making bloody battles seem even gorier.
Alternative: [Halo Wars](#)
10. **[Saints Row 2](#)** The protagonist never shows hesitation or remorse, often deliberately choosing the most violent means possible of carrying out missions -- declaring such methods

"more fun" at least once -- and taking pleasure in homicide.

Alternative: [Battlefield Heroes](#)

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