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Violence Essay

Violence is an every 24'7 thing. The word "violence" has many meanings, but the meaning i'm referring to is, that violence is a physical force exerted for the purpose of violating, damaging or abusing and bullying. It affected my life, there are many causes of youth violence, and there is a limited amount of what i could do about it.

Bullying is made of violence, it affects our lives because it includes physical force. You can get pushed around and beaten up. It could come between friendships, and this is how i know that. Me and my good friend were on the bus talking, and a guy that we both knew came and sat down. She had a crush on him, so i stood back and let them do their thing. They weren't really talking much, so i stepped up and started a conversation. Me and him were interacting more than he was with her, so she got a little jealous and upset. Out of the blue, she started yelling at me and swung at me. I swung back, knowing nothing of what i did wrong. So it became physical. We had a good amount of hits till' i said, "what are we doing, did i do something wrong?" she told me that i knew she had a crush on him and here i am, "flirting" with him. It took some time to get over it, we both apologized, knowing that we didn't want to ruin our friendship. Friendship is a strong bond, neither both of us would want to be apart.

Violence affected many people in my life. My cousin had died from this cause. He was in his car, these guys in black shot the windows, glass flew everywhere. He bend low to the ground of the car, while they circled around the car. He thought it was safe enough to start the incision, so he was adjusting himself in a position so his hands could reach the key. As they circled around him, he got up quickly but was too late. One of the guys gunshot came from the back, went through the chair and into my cousin's eye, and another gunshot went through his head. The guys in black ran, while my cousin sat there in the drivers seat, as his soul moved on to the next stage of life, death. This a serious matter, it could kill innocent people.

The causes of youth violence are suicide, murder, kidnapping, fist fighting, these things are dangerous and that is how most people die. Children aren't born violent, nor do they behave perfectly outside of school. The causes of violence in school or life are many and varied. Here are also some of the causes we run into everyday: Home environment, kids learn what they see. If home is a frightening, violent, abusive, neglectful environment, then thats how the children will grow to learn and expect. Some believe that children exposed to violence through movies, television, video games, the internet, etc...are desensitized to violence, which means that children



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are less likely to feel shock or distress at scenes of cruelty and to such violent images, so therefore, they'll commit it and accept it more easily.

Children are influenced by those around them, not just at home, but in school, and in the community as well. They can learn and accept violent behavior as the norm from friends. The people around you is sometimes the reason why violence is caused. Followers think its cool, so they go ahead and do what they do, follow. Without adult supervision and positive role models, students don't learn to distinguish right from wrong - acceptable from unsuitable behavior. They can also struggle without the ability to resolve conflicts peacefully.

I really don't know if violence can be stopped, but i have some ideas about what to do about it. We can get a professional to mentor kids about this matter, get a city counselor. I don't comprehend on the fact that Martin Luther King Jr. made a speech about non-violence and here we are today. People on every corner with weapons, gang members hustling children and teens. How would he feel, if he saw what i see today. It seems to me that know one exactly understood what Dr. King was saying about non-violence. I thought his speech would make a difference, but i guess it didn't.

In conclusion, violence has affected my life by coming in between my friendship, and has killed one of my beloved cousins: in other words it has kill innocent people. I believe the causes of youth violence is the home environment, school, people, television, video games, and bad role models. I don't know if there is much i can do because i'm young myself and i'm still learning, but i can talk to kids, mentor them, i can be a positive role model, i can show leadership then kids would learn what's acceptable behavior, right from wrong and eventually they'll "do the write things."

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