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Do The Write Thing!

How has violence affected my life?

Violence has impacted on my life in a good way. I know it might not be the case for many, but it is for me. I knew since I was little that violence was bad, but now that I recall my childhood, I didn't always make the right choices back then because I remember calling other students mean names that would upset them. However, I've gotten older now so I know that what I used to do wasn't right. The fact that mostly wherever I turned I saw violence got me thinking how violence is a lot worse than I thought. I mean think about it, violence is mostly everywhere! On television, mainly anything can be watched and what people choose to watch the most, is violence. Well at least that's what I would choose to mainly watch, thinking it's the "only good thing on." However, I was wrong. There were other things on; I just didn't find them as interesting. That ended up changing once I realized what the types of violence in this world are. There is a lot self-directed violence, interpersonal violence, collective violence, non-physical violence, child maltreatment, youth violence, intimate partner violence, sexual violence, elder maltreatment and target violence. That is a lot of violence! Therefore, knowing that there's a lot of violence in this world, helped me realize how wrong violence is and that it should be stopped. "If violence can't stop all at once in this world, than it should be stopped step by step so I don't want anything to do with violence unless what's being done with violence is a good thing." That's what I thought of violence growing up because violence impacted on my life in a good

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way by helping me understand it's a horrible thing.

What are the causes of Youth violence?

The causes of youth violence are a child's environment, what they watch and the wanting of attention. If a child's home environment is violent, abusive and doesn't make a child feel at home than that's a bad home environment. A child's home should make them feel at home but if a child's home is violent than the child will grow up to be violent. The same goes for a home that is abusive because violence and abuse aren't a child's favorite. Violence and abuse cause a child to grow up with fear they don't want.

Also, what children watch causes youth violence because children learn from what they see and experience. When a child sees violence they want to try it out after and since they're young, they don't exactly know it's a bad thing. They grow up thinking its good and enjoy it when it should be the other way around. A child learns from what they see and experience.

Lastly, there are children that don't get much attention when they're little so they grow up without attention. This causes children to want the attention they see others get or just any attention where they'll be noticed more. Many bullies gain attention when they're rude to others because those scared of them will do what the bullies want them to do in order to not get beat up. Therefore, the cause of youth violence is a child's home environment, what they watch and the wanting of attention.

What can I do about youth violence?

What I can do about youth violence is speak up, lead and not follow, and surround myself

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with positive people. If I see bullying going on or if I see that something's not right, than I can continue to speak up like I usually do. Speaking up would include telling others that what's being done isn't right. I can also lead and not follow by doing what's right such as speaking up so that others will look at me as a leader and will speak up as well. Surrounding myself with positive people will keep me positive a lot more and being positive is really important. Therefore, what I can do about youth violence is speak up, lead and not follow, and surround myself with the positive people around me.