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Although violence has not affected my life or anybody that I know of, it has a clear effect on our society today. If it did not I probably wouldn't be writing this essay right now. In truth everybody is affected by violence. Most likely someone i know has been affected by violence but I probably don't know the story. Or if I do I probably don't consider it violence. It affects most of us because it changes simple things like how late at night to be outside walking/ going to buy something. Violence that is mostly the reason why some people don't like to be out walking while it's dark. It also affects attitudes towards certain races. Like if there is a lot of youth violence done by a certain race some people might be stereotypical and show dislike towards that race and treat them more rudely than others. Even if a person of that they are treating rudely is a person of integrity they still take them accountable for what other members or their race have done and treat them unfairly and rude. Violence really has a negative effect on the world and people.

There are many causes to youth violence. Some causes to youth violence are the media, violent movies, and bad influences or parentage. There is something else you must be thinking and what you are probably thinking is violent video games. I personally don't think that they are a cause of youth violence although they can be violent they are digital worlds and digital characters that are doing the violence. Video games are made to entertain you and so you can do stuff you can't do in real life. But on the other hand violent movies and t.v. shows can be a cause of youth violence. They are real actual people acting out violent things. I find these are more of an

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influence because mostly they are funny and sometimes people will copy things from t.v. to be funny. Sometimes people might be doing violence unintentionally like sometimes bullying. The media is also a cause of youth violence because of all those young celebrities doing drugs and sometimes being depressed. All that pressure can cause the celebrities to do violence maybe not intentionally. Bad influences are basically things like parents who care nothing for their child or maybe a family member that encourages violence. Sometimes a family member who does not encourage violence has a gun legally for self protection. Sometimes a youth who has gone through bad times might steal their family members gun and use it to do violence and kill people. There are many ways through which violence can be made like bullying or bad influences.

We as a country can stop youth violence if we actually try to lessen the sources of violence. What we can do is make parents more responsible. If someone in a kids family might be a bad influence you should make your child spend less time with them. I personally think the media is a really stupid thing but no one is going to probably remove it. What we can do about violent t.v. shows is make them a little less violent. I mean you could have a narrator voice at the beginning say, "Don't try this at home," or he could say " Do not repeat the actions you are about to watch. There will probably be consequences if you do. What we can do about youth's stealing the firearms of family member's is make people that have guns keep them in a secure place. There are many things we can do to stop youth violence.