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## Why Violence?

People always focus on revenge that they don't think how it's going to affect others? On an early morning July 2014 I was in my house in Dorchester, Franklin Field when I heard several gunshots. There was a six year old playing outside alone when four men in two motorcycles came and shot him and ran away leaving him all alone. I ran to the window desperately to see what had happened in my backyard. When I looked there was the boy laying on the floor bleeding to death.

My grandmothers eyes filled with tear when she saw the boy, I had to calm her otherwise her blood pressure would go up. I called my parents telling them what happened; he told my siblings and me to stay in lock down in the house. My curiosity made me stay looking outside the window. Now it was twelve o' clock and for the first time hearing the police made me feel better.

I still didn't see any sign of any family members. My neighborhood and friend were looking outside their window to take picture to put it in the social media, soon that became popular news in my neighborhood, everyone knew about it. Three hours later the mother came like crazy running to see her child that was covered with a white blanket. The police tried to calm that crying women because she only kept bring in more attention. The ambulance couldn't go in because it was a closed area cars couldn't go in only motorcycles etc. the ambulance people came and toke him slowly to the ambulance. I could hear the police asking her questions like if she was a suspect, she gave no answer and only cried.

Myths say it was his older brother dropped out of a drug business other that he had to pay money that he barrowed. But, I didn't believe none of those lies I had a feeling it had to do with revenge, I felt so bad for the mother because she had lost her young one who had to pay the consequences of someone else with his own life. After that tragedy the backyard of my house was like a desert, quite every day, Seemed like parents were scared to let their children play outside.

Why do people always focus on revenge? Not knowing what damage they could cause to the people. Public conflict can cause harm to the people and themselves

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they could end up in jail or even dead! A conflict can turn place where it was safe for kids play into becoming a jail. These things happen because people usually choose the wrong thing and they stop it the wrong way. I know people mainly die in their neighborhoods because of these causes. One person can't take all the negativity away but if we make an effort we can make a change