Violence in my Community

Hearing about your father walking in and out of jail as if that’s the only place he belongs. Finding out that your grandfather was arrested for consensual sex with a minor. Waking up and finding out that I have to go to my Uncles funeral because he was shot six times. Getting bullied to the point where you want to end your own life before anyone else can. They are all forms of violence that happens every day in my community. To some people it’s just something unbearable that they hear on the news, but to those few unlucky ones it’s an unbearable reality. I, for one, am one of those unlucky few. Violence now days, is getting way out of hand. Kids in college are getting hazed because they want to be a part of a certain fraternity or sorority. That’s another form of violence, not only can it physically scar the victims of hazing but it can also scar them emotionally. Part of the reason that we can’t start to fix this is because the victims are too ashamed to even talk about it to anybody so they keep it to themselves. If we try hard enough we can demolish violence. It won’t happen overnight, but you have to crawl before you can walk.

Violence affects everybody. Not only are the victims getting hurt but it also hurts all their loved ones. Violence doesn’t have an ally which means it will knock on anybody and everybody’s door, but it isn’t that simple to identify so you can’t just tell it to go away. It can disguise itself as pretty much anything. Violence has affected me in multiple ways. I’ve been a bully, but I’ve also been bullied. I’ve been molested and verbally abused. I have people that want me dead, and I have people who have actually tried. But all in all, life is like a play, violence just happens to have the leading role. Most people that bully have been bullied themselves and so they decide to turn the tables and give the bully a taste of their own medicine. Sometimes it is the right thing to do but other times it gets out of hand and created a bigger problem. Kids also believe that it’s their fault that they get bullied, sometimes it is. But eight times out of ten it’s because the bully is so
insecure about themselves they cause pain to others to make themselves have some self-content.

In my opinion, violence starts in your youth. I think this because in school they have little cliques. Those cliques out in the community would be considered gangs, and there are always those people who want to seem all cool and so they do whatever it takes to join. Once they join their little group is when it all turns to the worst because all they do is gossip, gossip, GOSSIP. That's a form of verbal abuse. Also because of a thing called the “SOCIAL NETWORK”. The social network is basically those websites like Facebook, Twitter, MySpace, etc. It is those same people in those cliques that decide to put subliminal statuses about people (statuses that are written for a specific person but their name isn’t mentioned). But not only are the cliques starting drama but the kids who aren’t in a clique are giving their fair share. My reasoning for that is because not only do the cliques write subliminal statuses but so does everybody else. The problem to that is not only will someone get the wrong message and think you’re talking about them, but also because then it will start more drama and more people will join in and then people get jumped. So basically I feel as though the youth takes little drama to a whole new extent in which it them turns into violence.

Everybody likes to believe that violence will never be abolished and it will just continue on forever. And it will if people do not take the first step. The first step in my opinion would be to just avoid it at all costs. If someone tries to get you to come with her to a fight and join in, walk away. Even if to avoid it you have to delete your social network account then do so. Also, you can help people who are being bullied. Like for instance, if you see someone getting bullied in the halls and getting pushed around and teased stand up for them, tell the bully to back off. But you don’t always have to stare the bully in the face to stand up for the victim, get an administrator immediately and they should be able to handle the issue. You can also ask a teacher or the principal if you can start a youth program afterschool or during a specialty to talk to kids about stopping violence and once the program is over then the kids who participated will be able to go and spread the word about stopping violence and sooner or later you will begin to see some progress.
In conclusion violence can come in many different ways, shapes, and forms; bullying, killing, fighting, verbal abuse and many more. But it’s not always easy to detect it because it can happen in person or it can happen over the internet (Cyber bullying). Most of violence starts off at the youth because everybody wants to be liked and everybody wants to fit in. Also if everybody comes and works together then we can actually abolish violence, just like we abolished slavery. You can start by avoiding it, helping others, and forming little support groups to get your school to start getting rid of violence. Violence didn’t start overnight so it can’t be stopped overnight. But if everybody pitches in then we can start to make a change. Nobody wants to be born in a world where nobody wants to get along and where everybody is trying to hurt each other even if they have no idea who they are. So if you don’t want to live in a world like this then don’t make your future generations have to deal with it as well.

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