Youth Violence

Tap...tap...tap... tap. The sound of an innocent boy walking home. He can hear the same sound behind, but faster. BANG! One clean shot and just like his murderer he’s gone. You don’t know what youth violence is? Well that was just a brief example of the broad leaf that is youth violence. Guns, stealing, cheating, gangs they are all violent behaviors or lead to violence. Youths are tomorrow’s future, but what would this future look like with so much violence? There is violence all around us in the schools, on the streets and even in our very homes. When is it going to stop?

What could cause such things to happen to these poor innocent people? One answer that stands out the most is pure ignorance! Blindly doing things without even an ounce of thought of what could happen. Not only ignorance, but some arguments cause these tragedies. For example when a person says something to somebody and they try to retaliate without knowing what the other person might have on them to hurt them. There are many deaths because of retaliation from a family member, gangs or even the person who sits next to you in the classroom.

There are so many affects that youth violence has on communities, and families. Within seconds a child is gone without a families knowledge until that
faithful call beginning with "I'm so sorry to tell you..." The sad part is most of the murders/deaths aren't on purpose. But that still won't change the fact that that child is gone; that the child will not be with his or her family ever again. The pain of losing a love one is never ended. As the bereaved think about the clothes the person wore, or the things they ate. As the family members remember special occasions like birthday, thanksgiving and Christmas the pain intensifies. Sometimes revenge is the only thing that may appear to bring peace to that family but of course this is not the right thing to do. Violence should fuel more violence.

I see a lot of youth violence on television, and hear a lot about it from people but I can't say that it personally affects me in a big way. Although that maybe true sometimes it hurt's my heart to hear a child is dead and they never even reached 20 yet. I think that youth violence takes way precious and innocent people that could've been someone someday but nobody got the chance to find out. Sometimes no one cares about the other person's feelings, or the family that they will hurt. All that other person care about to fulfill their own selfish, ignorant ego is to hurt someone.

We can all do something to stop or at least progress in lowering the rate of youth violence. But what I can do is try to inform people close to me that I feel might be getting into trouble and possibly youth violence about the stupid and dangerous things they're doing that can hurt them, others, and their families. I may not be able to save a whole community but I can probably save a life.

LET'S STOP YOUTH VIOLENCE!